

### Pomegranate and Holy Week

The pomegranate is reddish in colour. It is a little bigger than an apple in size. It has a rounded shape with a thick and hard outer husk. Within the fruit there are five chambers made of a spongy white pulp. Within these chambers there are hundreds of red seeds containing a red juice which can cause an indelible stain on fabrics. The seedy contents of a mature pomegranate are ready to be eaten between September and February. They are used in baking, cooking, juice blends, meal garnishes, smoothies, and alcoholic beverages.

The word Granada is the Spanish for pomegranate and the name of the city that uses the pomegranate as its symbol. In almost every religion the pomegranate has been used as a symbol of humanity's most fundamental beliefs and desires – life and death, birth and eternal life, fertility and marriage, abundance and prosperity. To Jews the pomegranate represents virtue; to Christians it means life and hope of eternal life.

It is mentioned specifically in the Old Testament in the instructions God gave on how to make the robes the high priest Aaron should wear when he entered the Holy of Holies: "Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them." (Ex 28:35) From the time of the early Church, the pomegranate was understood as signifying the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. When the deep red shell bursts open, the seeds bleed forth a deep red juice, a symbol of Christ's Precious Blood. He offered His last drop of blood for our salvation. The burst-open rind or husk of the pomegranate is the open tomb on Easter morning, the proof of Christ's triumph over death. St. John of the Cross used this imagery in his preaching.

The pomegranate's association with Christ's Resurrection is a common symbol in art in the Middle Ages. Often the Christ Child, seated on His Holy Mother's lap, is shown holding a pomegranate, the symbol that prefigures Christ's Passion and Resurrection. The bursting fruit expresses the need for love to expand, and the cross reminds us that there can be no charity without sacrifice.

The many seeds contained in its five chambers made the fruit a symbol of the unity of the Church, the many peoples coming together as one body in Christ. It graphically shows that

Catholic souls are safely contained and bound together in the community of the one Church.

### Recently deceased our sincere sympathies to the families of

Michael John Butler Ballinagarde, Donal (Toggy) Treacy Ballybricken, Grange Kilmallock. Noreen England, Borris-in-Ossory sister of Esther Walsh. Emma McGuire, Cahercorney, Grange, Kilmallock. May they rest in Peace

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are available in our churches if you wish to have some.

**Thank you for supporting Trocaire** this year, the box can be dropped into any of our churches in the next few weeks.



**The Parish Accounts for 2022** have been audited by our accountant and are submitted to the Diocese, we thank Caroline our secretary for compiling same.

**On-line Donations system** An alternative facility to allow parishioners make financial contributions to the church and clergy. Use the camera on your smartphone to scan this QR



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**Chrism Mass**, this Wed. 5th April, St John's Cathedral 7.30pm, a great Diocesan event where the priests of the diocese and representatives of the whole community of the diocese gather with Bishop Leahy who blesses the Holy Oils for the coming year. The Priests renew their promises and this year their will be a 'sending forth' ceremony of lay pastoral leaders who have completed a two year programme of formation and studies course. All are welcome

**Holy Week** Holy Thursday Knockea 7pm  
Donoughmore Good Friday 3pm  
Holy Sat. Donoughmore 7pm  
Knockea 8.30pm Easter Sunday Knockea 11am



### Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



<b>Sat.1st April Palm Sunday</b>	7pm	Teresa Hayes (10) Josephine Quinn (1st) Fr David Kennedy (3rd)
Mon.3rd	10m	
Tues 4th	10am	No Mass
<b>Fri 7th Good Friday</b>	3pm	
Sat.8th	7pm	John & Bridie McManus
<b>Knockea</b>		
<b>Sun 2nd Palm Sunday</b>	11am	Willie, John Joe & Christine O'Malley. William Donnelly Denis O'Riordan
Wed.5th	10am	
<b>Thurs 6th Holy Thursday</b>	7pm	
<b>Sun 9th Easter Sunday</b>	11am	Thomas & Frances Tuite. Michael Nash. Willie Aherne

**DKR Community Assoc.** extend an open invite to the community to call into the Court-house on Good Friday for a Cuppa from 10.30, thirsty work after the TLC8 clean-up – no charge! All are welcome Naomi Cleary Graham Rathard/**Donoughmore Residents Association.** Registration for TLC 8, will take place at the church house on Good Friday at 9.30 am. Please bring any equipment you might have since last year. Thank You. Mary Hurley

**Knock Pilgrimage:** Thursday 17th August 2023 Contact Bridget 061 351023. Naomi 086

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**Knockea N.S** "Cash for Clobber"  
April 17th– 21st School fundraiser  
Accepted items; All clothing –even with holes , bags & shoes (pairs) hats & belts, towels & curtains, bed linen (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers) ties. Unacceptable items ;no bric a brac, no dirty /wet clothing, no single shoes, no duvets or cushions, no mats/carpets, Drop off point ; back gate of school. Mon– Thurs 9am – 3pm, Thurs. eve.6.30-8pm Friday 9.30am

**Weekly Lotto** €3,900 no winner, winning No.1,12,14,20 Lucky dips.1.Marie Hogan 2. Pauline Fitzgerald 3. Eoin Fitzgerald 4. Francis O'Brien 5. Sinead Gunning 6. Brid Kennedy Next Jackpot €4, 000 Draw Tues 4th April 9.30pm Four Elms

