



APRIL 2023

HARVEST TABLE

Our wonderful offering of food items were delivered to Cottage by the Sea thanks this year to Judith Way, who is a volunteer there. Everyone expressed their delight at the donation. Judith reported that the chef is reasonably new, and hadn't experienced such a large donation of food before and was excited by what he could do with some things. There was 18 kg rice, 15 kg oranges, 10 kg weet bix, 4 kg other cereals, 6 kg carrots, lots of other fruits and vegetables and other items. Thank you all. The Cottage has been operating since 1890 providing opportunities for children to holiday and learn with peers and adult role models.



LENT/EASTER

This is the most important time for the church when we remember the stories of concern as Jesus journeys to Jerusalem for the last time and get to celebrate the resurrection story. We hope that you will join with us in some of our activities:

Palm Sunday 2 April 10.30 am—that fateful ride on a common donkey when everyone celebrates his arrival.

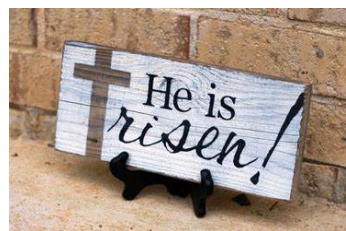
Maundy Thursday 7 April 6.30 pm—we remember the Last Supper when Jesus asked the disciples to remember him through the breaking of bread and drinking of wine. Our service will be for the Linked Congregations and will include a dinner.

Good Friday 8 April 10.00 am—Rev Karen will lead this service that remembers the crucifixion.

Walk of Witness 10.45 am starting at Christian College and finishing at our church for buns and cuppa. The theme is the last words from the cross.

Holy Saturday—Easter Stall 9.00 am –12.00 pm

Easter Day 10.30 am



MONTHLY FOOD ITEMS FOR DRYSDALE FOOD BANK

We have received a thank you certificate for our donations in 2022. Ian McLaverty recently reported how on one day when he had delivered our items the cupboard was bare and so they were received with great pleasure. It only takes little amounts to make a big difference.

LOOSE CHANGE



We have raised \$498 so far for The Smith Family organisation. This will cover 8 months of support for a child. Our target by 30 June is \$1000 being 18 months support. Last year, 159,753 disadvantaged children and young people received support through Smith Family programs.

EASTER SATURDAY STALL

Goods and help are needed and will be appreciated.

EASTER DAY FLOWERS

On Easter Day we will be decorating a cross. If you are able, please bring along some flowers to add to it. At the end of the service the cross will be placed outside the front door for the rest of the day, to show that Christ has risen.



This months' services

2 Apr—10.30 am Palm Sunday
Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
6 Apr—6.30 pm Maundy Thursday
service & dinner
7 Apr—10.00 am Good Friday
service—Rev Karen
9 Apr—10.30 am Wayne's Team
16 Apr—10.30 am Porters' Team
23 Apr—10.30 am Denise's Team
30 Apr—10.15 am Combined at
Portarlington
Rev Karen Eller



Happy birthday!

APRIL

Ian Cook
Pat Handley
Piper Colley
Mervyn Jacobs
Win Baker
Belinda McLaverty

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING FLOWERS
APR 2	Glenice & Kelvin	Val	Pat	Jean	Marie	Val
9	Alma & Win	Lynda	Val	Wayne's Team	Jenni	Andrea
16	Melva & Brenda	Ken	Marie	Marie	Sue	Margaret
23	Marg & Dianne	Carol	John	Denise's Team	Jonnie	Colleen
30	Combined at Portarlington					

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Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care

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