



## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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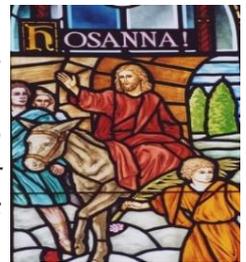
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Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday is significant because it marks the beginning of Holy Week, the day when Jesus began His journey toward the cross. Suffering is part and parcel of being human and, while we must readily acknowledge this fact, it is also true that we usually do all in our power to avoid it. The readings for today are an invitation to reflect on how it is that the Passion of Jesus can change our outlook on suffering. Our Saviour may be seen in as a model of patient endurance and of faithfulness. We are not asked to believe that suffering is good in itself but to see that good can come of it and to recognise in Jesus God's solidarity with all those who endure suffering for doing what is right.

*Lord God, as we sing our 'Hosannas' today may we remember you were riding towards the suffering and rejection, pain and humiliation, the cruel Cross. Let us look forward to the joy of Easter Day when you rose from death to reign forever. Help us, as we daily lay our lives before you, to live the resurrection life that acknowledges Jesus as Lord and King over our lives. Amen*



We pray for all those who like Jesus carry a heavy cross because of poverty, homelessness, illness and bereavement. We pray also for those, who like Simon of Cyrene, help them in their moment of need.

**Lord hear our prayer**

As we reflect on the sacrifice which Jesus suffered on behalf of humanity, we pray that our society display that same love and commitment as we struggle to overcome the Corona Virus and restore the lives of so many to good health and normality.

**Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are approaching death and ask you to welcome them into paradise to be reunited with all who have left this world before them.

**Lord hear our prayer**



### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES** – Tickets are needed for every Liturgy except the Easter Vigil

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St. Cuthbert's ~ 6.00pm
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St. Mary's ~ 3.00pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	St. Patrick's ~ 8.00pm There will be no Mass at 4pm
Easter Sunday		St. Patrick's ~ 9.00am

<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> 			
28	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
29	Monday	9.15am	Mary Douglas
30	Tuesday		
31	Wednesday	6 – 7.00pm	Sacrament of Confession
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<b>Anniversaries:</b>			
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



During Holy Week we especially pray for Pope Francis, bishops, priests, deacons and religious and all those who have particular responsibility for leading your people and proclaiming your Word. Through them we experience Your presence in the Sacraments. Help them to be strong in their vocation and grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Amen

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .**

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 50:4-7**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20**
- **Second Reading ~ Philippians 2:6-11**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 14:1-15:47**



**Deacon Mick Wood will be leading the Stations of the Cross in St Patrick's Church on Good Friday at 12 noon.** Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**Sacrament of Confession on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00pm to 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church**

*God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. Amen*

**The Parish will be making a donation** in lieu of the second collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places) which would have been taken on Palm Sunday.



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

**DIY HOME ABORTIONS . . . Please join us in lighting a candle on Tuesday, 30th March**, in remembrance of the unborn lives lost and the women hurt from DIY home abortions as we commemorate the first anniversary in Britain of this tragic situation. For the first time in medical history, as a result of Covid regulations, women are receiving abortion pills through the post and experiencing this trauma without any medical supervision or assistance. *"A great prayer for life is urgently needed" St John Paul II*



The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins the Triduum, the great Three Days that celebrate the central mystery of our faith. Triduum rituals invite us all to baptismal renewal.

**Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper** – The evening Mass of the Lord's



Supper includes the washing of feet. We watch as Jesus shares his last Passover meal with his friends. Jesus gives us the Sacrament of the Eucharist, He tells us, "Do this in Remembrance of Me." The washing of feet left us an example that we are to love each other through humble service.



*Tender God, give us the grace to let You wash us and to find your face in the turbulent waters of our lives. Amen.*

**Good Friday** ~ It is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Cross speaks of God's eternal love for every human person. We listen to the Passion of Jesus and remember how He suffered and died for our sins.

*Crucified God, You suffer with and for your people. In lonely times of deep distress sharpen our senses of Your accompanying presence. Amen.*

**Holy Saturday ~ The Easter Vigil** - Holy Saturday is the third day of the Sacred



Paschal Triduum. This night's vigil is the greatest and most holy of all solemnities in the Catholic Church. On this holy night the Church keeps watch, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ in the Sacraments and awaiting his return in glory.

*Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of Your one true light, set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of Your heavenly glory. Amen*

**During Holy Week** we follow Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his death and Resurrection. If you visit the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales website, choose 'What's On' and then select 'Vatican Live' you can take part in all the key Papal events and liturgies. These will be broadcast live by the Vatican and will have an English language audio. Sign language streaming is also available.

[www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**The new church envelopes for 2021/22** are at the back of the church ready for collection. The box numbers have been adjusted, you might not have the same number as last year. If anybody would like a set of envelopes or to set up a standing order or to Gift Aid, please email or phone parish office on 01642 580171. Thank you



**VICARIATE FOR FAITH AND MISSION . . . Marriage &**

**Family Life:** On the 19<sup>th</sup> March Pope Francis launched the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family" which will conclude on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022, on the occasion of the tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father (22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022).

**Pope Francis has decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, which will be held beginning this year on the fourth Sunday in July (25 July 2021), near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus (26 July 2021).

**LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS' COURSE . . .** This is organised by the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Over the last year it has been attended by people across the world who are passionate about Laudato Si' and answering Pope Francis' call to hear the cry of the earth and the poor. The next Animators' (online) course begins on 14<sup>th</sup> April and runs for six weeks, with a commitment of 2-3 hours each week. For more information and to register please visit: <https://laudatosianimators.org/> or contact Chris Myers ([chrisj.myers57@gmail.com](mailto:chrisj.myers57@gmail.com)) if you would like to discuss the course further.

**Thank You** to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

**Please forward any prayers**, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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