



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 10th April, 2022

Throughout Holy Week, we reflect on the events of Jesus' Passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.

Loving God, give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna, welcoming Jesus our King with palms. Then as the journey of Jesus turns towards Good Friday, help us to know that you are with us when celebration turns to sadness. Give us the faith we need to follow You on the Way of the Cross, which leads to life. Amen.



The Holy Hour will continue 6pm–7.00pm after Easter starting on Thursday 28th April. The hour will begin with SVP Rosary at 6.00pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00pm. All welcome.





I SAW HIM . . . Thank you to the parishioner who sent the following to be included on the bulletin.

I saw Him, I heard Him preach, I followed him, I watched Him teach. I saw Him cure the sick, the lame, I heard the people cry His name, I heard Him talk, that last time; He took a cup, filled it with wine. He raised the cup above His head, I drank the wine and ate the bread. He went alone that night to pray, I saw them dragging Him away. They lashed and whipped Him, drew His blood. They threw His body in the mud. I saw them place upon His head a crown of thorns, 'The King' they said. I saw His fear, I felt His pain, I saw the drops of blood, sweat, rain. They strapped the tree across His back, He fell, they beat; a wounded track. I saw the cross, I saw the nails, I saw His mother, cold and frail. I saw the sign above His head; 'This is the King of the Jews' I read. Darkness tore across the land, His words, "Father, into your hands." He raised His eyes up to the sky. He dropped His head, I watched Him die.

(By Susie Coreth, 15 year old daughter of the Corpus sculptor, Mark Coreth.)

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the 'Encountering the Son' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and our Diocesan Synodal Reflection. The booklet can be read by visiting the Diocesan website, select Menu and then Year of the Eucharist. The Reflection Booklet is available for download, along with 'Year of the Father.'



| Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | | | |
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| 10 | Sunday | 9.00am | People of our Parish |
| 11 | Monday | 9.15am | Special Intention |
| 12 | Tuesday | | |
| 13 | Wednesday | 6pm-8pm | Sacrament of Confession |
| 14 | Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper |  | 6.00pm ~ St. Mary's Watching at the Altar of Repose at St. Patrick's until 10.00am |
| 15 | Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 11.00am | Stations of the Cross for Children and adults 3.00pm St. Cuthbert's Sacrament of Confession after The Lord's Passion |
| 16 | Holy Saturday Easter Vigil | 8.00pm | Pat Jackson |
| Easter Sunday  | | | |
| 17 | Sunday | 9.00am | People of our Parish  |
| Recently Deceased: | | Sheila Lindo ~ May she rest in peace. Amen | |
| Anniversaries: | | Veronica Conway, Matthew Wilson (Snr), Catherine McIntosh | |
|  | | Billy McGuinness, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Dave, Pauline Davies | |



Thank you to parish groups and St Patrick's school children for leading Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Easter Vigil ~ Readers, Welcomers and someone to light the fire are needed for the Easter Vigil. If you are available to take part please add your name to the list at the back of Church.

The Northern Cross is on sale at the back of church, price £1.50

Easter cards are on sale in the Parish Shop after Mass.

The next Pro Life Holy Hour will take place at St Mary's RC Church on Wednesday 20th April, 11am-12noon before Mass. Please come and join us to pray for the Sanctity of life and the unborn.

Pilgrimage . . . If anybody is interested in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, 18th September to 25th September 2022, please see Fr. Cooper.

HOLY ISLAND VINNIE CAMP 2022 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY . . . Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff that would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in term time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. Camp 2022 will run for the first two separate weeks of the Summer Holiday and the last two. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website : <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>