

St Patrick's Catholic Church

PALM SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025

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PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Holy Monday

7.30am - Holy Mass

Exposition between Masses

9.30am - Holy Mass

6pm - Stations of the Cross

6.30pm - Divine Mercy in Mortuary

Holy Tuesday

7.30am - Holy Mass

Exposition between Masses

9.30am - Holy Mass

Holy (Spy) Wednesday

7.30am - Holy Mass

6pm - Exposition & Confessions

7pm - Holy Mass

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

7pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8-11pm - Watch at the altar of repose (hall)

10.45pm - Night Prayer (hall)

GOOD FRIDAY

Fasting & Abstinence

9am - Morning Prayer (church)

3pm - SOLEMN

COMMEMORATION OF LORD'S PASSION

4.30pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

4.30pm - Confessions

7pm - Stations & Veneration

7.30-8pm - Confessions

HOLY SATURDAY

9am - Morning Prayer

9.15am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

**8.30pm - THE EASTER VIGIL
IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

No Teas or Coffee today in the hall.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into the Holy City. Make sure you have a palm, which will be blessed at the beginning of Mass, and one of the booklets to guide you through the liturgy. At the 11.30am Mass, weather permitting, we will begin in the garden in front of the hall and process into the church with our palms. The reading of the passion happens on this day too at all the Masses - see page 8 in your booklet.

Wee boxes Today is the day to return 'Wee Boxes.' Any donations after today should be made directly to the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. Thanks to our counters for getting all the loose change counted!

No teas and coffees this Monday or next. The Women's Guild are having a fortnight's break and will return on 28 April. There will be no Wednesday Group during Holy Week.

Servers' practices: Servers for Holy Thursday should be in the church at 6.15pm before the Mass of the Lord's Supper. There will be a practice at 11.00am on Good Friday for the Liturgy of the Passion and a practice at 11.00am on Holy Saturday for the Easter Vigil. We appreciate the time and dedication our servers give to making liturgy prayerful for everyone.

The Chrism Mass The minibus will leave on Tuesday at 5.15pm from the chapel house. £5 donation towards fuel for the minibus would be appreciated.

'Could you not watch with me one hour?' After the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to the altar of repose in the hall. During the evening, come to spend some time in the quiet with the

Lord while He remains in Gethsemane. There will be Compline, which is the night prayer of the Church, at 10.45pm on Holy Thursday Night at the altar of repose in the hall.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence when all Catholics, age and health permitting, are obliged to fast and abstain from meat.

Confessions will be available on Good Friday 4.30-5.30pm & 7.30-8pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Begins on Good Friday, after the 3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and then every morning until Saturday 26 April (excl. Sunday) at 10am. This is a good way to commit to the Novena of Prayer leading up to Low Sunday, also known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' Novenas are available in the porch.

The Cheese & Wine Reception in the hall will follow the Easter Vigil on Saturday. Come and enjoy all the nice treats that you have missed. Was anyone actually off cheese for Lent?

Later Mass times on Easter Monday and Tuesday, Mass will be at 12 noon.

Flowers you are invited to donate white lilies in memory of loved ones for Easter. This is a lovely and very generous thing to do. The donations are appreciated by everyone. Pails of water will be at the back of the chapel from Wednesday of this week, if you care to pop them in.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Mr James McGachey RIP of Kingston Road who has died aged 81 years. His remains will be received into the church on Wednesday, 23 April at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 24 April at 9.30am. ✠*Requiescat in pace*✠

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: £1599 and Fabric £311 God bless you for the support of His Church.

Parish Draw Winners

Week 33

Week 34

£300 M Mungall 1707 C Bolan 1277
£100 J Gribbin 1473 G Hughes 1221
£50 MA Fitzgerald 1559 McAtee 1406

Week 35

Week 36

£300 I Pollock 1329 B McKnight 1271
£100 R Paterson 1468 M Docherty 1872
£50 C Pollock 1797 A Carlin 1678

Parish Draw Promotors There will be an important meeting for the promotors on Monday, 19 May at 6.30pm, please try to keep this day free. Thank you.

Save the Date! The Archbishop has asked us to host this year's Archdiocesan *Corpus Christi* procession in Kilsyth. Faithful from all around the Archdiocese and beyond will be invited to our parish on Sunday, 22 June. The procession to set off from the church at 3pm. We are expecting many visitors from around the Archdiocese.

Not Dead Yet UK is a network of disabled and terminally ill people who fear that the End-of-Life Bill, about to have its third reading on 25 April, will be end lives prematurely due to errors and abuse. As you have done before, fill in the postcard on the back table. Our MP has assured Father Deeley that she will be voting against this terrible legislation.

Do you pay tax in the UK? If so, the parish can claim back 25p for every £1 that you give if you choose to Gift Aid your offerings. This is a very important source of income to our parish which we receive at no extra cost to the donor. Gift Aiding is easy, very flexible, and confidential. Please consider Gift Aiding if you don't do so already. Thanks to those who've already signed up!

Parish Day Out For those still to pay for the day trip to North Berwick in June, **hand the money in to the chapel house this week** to guarantee your seat on the coach. Thank you.

PALM SUNDAY

SACRED SCRIPTURE

All of the antiphons and readings are in today's special booklet. Make sure you have one of these and a palm before the start of Holy Mass

The liturgy today: At the Vigil Mass and 9.30am Masses we will have the Solemn Entrance as per **page 5 of the booklet**. At the beginning, the priest will process to the balcony, and all should turn and face him for the blessing of the palms and the reading of the Gospel.

After the Gospel we will sing *All Glory Laud and Honour* as the priest processes to the sanctuary.

At the 11.30am Mass will begin with the Procession that begins on **page 2 of the booklet**. Gather in the hall garden and make sure you have a booklet, a palm and a hymn sheet to take outside.

After the blessing of the palms the priest will say 'Let us go forth in peace' and the people **reply 'In the name of Christ. Amen.'**

We then sing the following as we process. **Children should wave their palms during the processional hymn.**

Palm Sunday Reflection The Passion speaks for itself, so this is a Sunday when the Church permits there to be no homily. Here instead is a good reflection on one of the meanings of today:

Historians tell us two parades took place that particular spring day in Jerusalem. Two "kings" entered the city representing two very different kingdoms: The Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world. Jesus isn't entering the Holy City as a pilgrim, but as a prophet challenging the unholy union between the religious authorities and State power. He arrives on the scene from the east just as Pilate and his cadre of Roman soldiers enter the city from the west. The two processions couldn't be more starkly contrasting. Jesus, a peasant from Galilee, rides a lowly donkey and is greeted by the people as a prophet, liberator, a political revolutionary. His unarmed, but entirely dangerous. Pilate on the other hand, representing the imperial

power of the Roman Empire, bursts into Jerusalem in high military fashion, with a column of cavalry, marching soldiers, and a cache of weapons reminding everyone who was really in charge. Historian John Dominic Crossan writes, "Pilate's procession displayed not only imperial power, but also Roman imperial theology. Reminding everyone Caesar was not just the emperor of Rome, but the Son of God."

Two kings. Two kingdoms. Two radically different visions for the world.

The clash between these two kingdoms has only just begun. The remainder of Holy Week pits the Kingdom of God against the kingdoms of this world, ultimately culminating in Jesus' death at the hands of the religious leaders and the Roman Empire. Still to this day, the kingdoms of this world trust the power of the sword while the Kingdom of God rests in the power of the cross.

By G.A. Taylor



**HOSANNA
FILIO DAVID!**