




# St Patrick's Catholic Church

## Palm Sunday of Lent – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

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### PALM SUNDAY

- 6pm - Vigil Mass
- 9:30am - Holy Mass
- 11.30am - Holy Mass
- 4pm - Lectio Divina

### Monday in Holy Week

- 8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
- 9.30am - Holy Mass
- 6pm - Stations of the Cross

### Tuesday in Holy Week

- 8.30 - 9.25am - Exposition
- 9.30am - Holy Mass

### Wednesday in Holy Week

- 6pm - Exposit & Confession
- 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

- 9.30am - Morning Prayer (Church)
- 3pm - **SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
- 4pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4.30 - 5.30pm - Confessions
- 7pm - Stations & Veneration
- 7.30 - 8pm - Confessions

#### HOLY SATURDAY

- 9.30am - Morning Prayer
- 9.45am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8.30PM - **THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Prayers are requested for all our sick, elderly, and housebound.

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 9 in your booklet. The congregation should read out aloud the part marked 'C.'

Confessions will be available during all the Sunday Masses this weekend as well as on:

Holy Wednesday 6 - 7pm.

Good Friday 4.30 - 5.30pm & 7.30 - 8pm.

Chrism Mass the minibus will leave from the chapel house at **5.15pm** on **Tuesday**. Each year at the Chrism Mass the priests of the Archdiocese renew their promises before the Archbishop and His Grace blesses the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens and the oil of chrism for distribution to the parishes. It is a very beautiful liturgy.

'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.

Walk of Witness starts at St Patrick's after morning prayer on Good Friday. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena This popular devotion begins on Good Friday, after the 3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and then every morning (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.'

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 off cheese for Lent?

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 and the donations are appreciated by everyone. Pails of water will be at the back of the chapel if you care to pop them in.

SCIAF Wee Boxes today is the last chance to return 'Wee Boxes.' Any donations after today should be made directly to the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. Thank you and thanks to our counters for getting all the loose change counted!

Altar Servers' Sign-up please remember to sign up for the different liturgies over the Triduum and Easter. Practices are on:

Holy Thursday at 6.30pm to 7pm.

Good Friday at 11am - 12noon.

Holy Saturday at 12noon - 1pm.

Easter Cards are on sale in the piety stall.

Of Your Charity, pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mr Thomas Reynolds RIP. His remains will be received into Holy Cross, Croy on Monday, **10<sup>th</sup> April** at 6.30pm and the Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday at **10am**. +Requiescat in pace+

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1,536** and fabric fund **£358**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

**Church Opening Times** we revert now to summer hours, the church will close at **6pm**, except for Wednesdays and Saturdays when it will be open until after Holy Mass.

### **Parish Events this Week**

**Sun** 10.30am - Tea / coffee in hall

**Mon** 10.30am - Men's Group  
6.30pm - Choir Practice

**Tue** 10am - Visitation

**Wed** 12pm - Welcome Group

**Please Note** no teas on Monday because it is Holy Week.

**Youth Group Outing** the bus will depart from the Chapel House today at 4.15pm and return 8.15pm.

**Youth Group** will start back on **20<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Parish Draw** will take place this week. Hopefully, it will be a nice Easter present for you!

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Apr 20<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation Workshop

**Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Sacrament of Confirmation

**Apr 24<sup>th</sup>** - Fabric Meeting

**Apr 29<sup>th</sup>** - Post Vigil Supper

**Apr 30<sup>th</sup>** - Presentation of the Gospel

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Baptism Meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - First Holy Communion Workshop

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** - Coronation Tea in hall

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - First Holy Communion

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Bereavement Meeting

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Family Quiz Night

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** - **Solemnity of the Ascension**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** - Forty Hours Adoration

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Day Out

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Parish BBQ & Bingo

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** - Blessing of the Graves

**Post Vigil Supper** takes place on Saturday, **29<sup>th</sup> April**. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and select fish/sausage or pudding supper. Please pay at the door and remember to bring your own refreshments!

### **Parish Day Out to Pitlochry and Perth**

Saturday, **17<sup>th</sup> June**. Bus leaves at 10am and arrives in Pitlochry at 11.20am. After a couple of hours there, the bus departs at 1.20pm to travel to Perth, arriving at 2pm. The Royal George Hotel is reserved for High Tea at 4pm.

Although prices have increased, we have decided to keep the cost the same as last year: **£20 per adult and £10 for children**. There is a good selection on the food menu as you will see at the back of the church. Kindly add your name to the list and hand the money into the sacristy or chapel house at the time of booking.

### **PALM SUNDAY SACRED SCRIPTURE**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out.

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 21**

**R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips;  
they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord,  
let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'  
**R. My God, my God...**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands  
and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones.

#### **R. My God, my God...**

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!  
**R. My God, my God...**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.

**R. My God, my God...**

#### **Second Reading      Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory**

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory**

#### **Gospel**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (see page 9 in your booklet). The congregation should read the parts marked 'C'.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.