

Parish of Newry

Sunday 25 March 2018
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

M. Kaeler described the gospels as "accounts of the death of Jesus, preceded by long introductions." The essential Christian proclamation is, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." The primary interest was the manner of his death, and that God raised him from death, giving us hope of rising with him.

The Cross of Christ has been a potent symbol throughout the ages. Its vertical axis, it has been said, joins heaven and earth, and its horizontal axis joins all ages and races of humankind; everything meets in the broken body of Christ.

The Christian faith without the Cross is nothing. The Cross tells us that our goodness is not good enough. We cannot 'achieve' God by our own efforts: that would be to try to possess God as a sort of ornament on a life of achievement. Our ego would indeed love to do this, and is always ready to imagine that it has done so in fact. A popular writer of spiritual books that never mention the Cross of Christ said in an interview that for him the Cross was like a question-mark, or a giant hook, reaching up to heaven for an answer. Christ is not necessary to such a spirituality. It is well to explore the aesthetic aspects of the faith, but "we preach Christ crucified," wrote St Paul (1 Cor 1:23).

The grave is a narrow place, and to suffer is distressing. But this is the narrow road that leads to life. First of all, the Scriptures, and then the saints and mystics, vouch for this. First the narrow way, then the opening out. Here are a few of the many texts that could be quoted to illustrate this:

- "The gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life" (Mt 7:14).
- Meister Eckhart said, "The more the soul is collected [focused], the narrower she is, and the narrower, the wider."
- Mde Guyon, the 18th-century French mystic, wrote, "How very narrow is the gate which leads to a life in God! - and how little one must be to pass through it; it is nothing else but death to self! But when we have passed through it, what enlargement we find! David said, (Ps 18:19) 'He brought me forth into a large place.'"
- Her mentor, Bishop Fénelon, wrote, "When we are faithful in instantly dropping all superfluous and restless reflections, which arise from a self-love that is totally different from charity, we shall be set in a large place even in the midst of the strait and narrow path." He also wrote, "We are in a narrow place, indeed, when we are enclosed in self, but when we emerge from that prison, and enter into the immensity of God and the liberty of his children, we are set at large."

A Christianity without the Cross has never worked, and it is never likely to do so. It takes a crucified Church to bring a crucified Christ before the eyes of the world.

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Mass Times

The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Sunday Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 6.00pm
Sunday : 8.30am, 10.00am,
12 noon, & 5.30pm
Weekday Mass Times :
Monday to Friday 8.30am,
Monday to Saturday
10.30am.

St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Saturday Evening
(Vigil Mass) : 7.00pm
Sunday : 9.30am
(Po Polsku)
Friday : 7.00pm

St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Sunday : 9.00am
(Latin Mass) & 11.00am
Tuesday : 7.00pm

St. Catherine's Church, Dominican Priory, Dominic Street

Saturday Vigil : 7.30pm
Sunday : 8.00am, 9.30am,
11.00am & 12.15pm
Weekday Mass Times :
Monday to Saturday 7.30am,
11.00am & 7.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
9.00am – 11.00am.
Thursday 9.00am – 9.00pm
Sunday 1.00pm – 5.15pm.
St. Catherine's: Blessed
Sacrament Chapel each day
8.00am to 8.00pm.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

Priest: Dear Brothers and Sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

The Palms are then blessed.

Priest: Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

11:1-10

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly".' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

All: The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet 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.

All: The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20 23-24. R v.2

(R) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. 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)**
2. 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)**
3. 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)**
4. 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)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God*Congregation stands*

ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

**All: 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.Priest: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark 14:1 – 15:47**All: Glory to you, O Lord.****N - Narrator. + - Jesus. O - Other single speaker.****C - Crowd, or more than one other speaker.**

- N** It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,
- C** It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.
- N** Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,
- C** Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;
- N** and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,
- +** Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.
- N** Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciple said to him,
- C** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?
- N** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,
- +** Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.
- N** The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

- When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,
- +** I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.
- N** They were distressed and asked him, one after another,
- O** Not I, surely?
- N** He said to them,
- +** It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!
- N** And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
- +** Take it; this is my body.
- N** Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,
- +** This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.
- N** After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,
- +** You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered'. However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.
- N** Peter said,
- O** Even if all lose faith, I will not.
- N** And Jesus said to him,
- +** I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.
- N** But he repeated still more earnestly.
- O** If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.
- N** And they all said the same.
- They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,
- +** Stay here while I pray.
- N** Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,
- +** My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.
- N** And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,
- +** Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.
- N** He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,
- +** Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.
- N** Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,
- +** You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go!
- N** My betrayer is close at hand already.
- N** Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,
- O** 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'
- N** So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,
- O** Rabbi!
- N** and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus spoke,
- +** Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.
- N** And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked. They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were

- looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,
- C** We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands'.
- N** But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,
- O** Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?
- N** But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,
- O** Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?
- N** Jesus said,
- +** I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.
- N** The high priest tore his robes, and said,
- O** What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?
- N** And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die. Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,
- C** Play the prophet!
- N** And the attendants rained blows on him. While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,
- O** You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.
- N** But he denied it, saying:
- O** I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.
- N** And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,
- O** This fellow is one of them.
- N** But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,
- C** You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.
- N** But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,
- O** I do not know the man you speak of.
- N** At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times'. And he burst into tears. First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,
- O** Are you the king of the Jews?
- N** He answered,
- +** It is you who say it.
- N** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,
- O** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!
- N** But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.
- At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,
- O** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?
- N** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.
- O** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?
- N** They shouted back,
- C** Crucify him!
- N** Pilate asked them,
- O** Why? What harm has he done?
- N** But they shouted all the louder,
- C** Crucify him!
- N** So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,
- C** Hail, king of the Jews!

N They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

+ *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*

N This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C Listen, he is calling on Elijah,

N Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,

O Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O In truth this man was a son of God.

N There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him. It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: **I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body
and blood are brought to the altar.*

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the
chalice, saying quietly:*

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar
and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God, the
almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son,
O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near
at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by
our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once
for all, we may feel already the effects of your
mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (Passion of the Lord)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our
salvation, always and everywhere to give you
thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal
God, through Christ our Lord.

For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for
sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to
save the guilty. His Death has washed away our
sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our
justification.

And so, with all the Angels,
we praise you, as in joyful celebration
we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the
dewfall, so that they may become for us
the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the
resurrection, and all who have died in your
mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of
God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages, we may merit to be
coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and
glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant may add these or similar words.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All make a sign of peace, according to local custom.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
Nourished with these sacred gifts,

we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Priest: Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen**

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Message from the Administrator

We begin Holy Week on Sunday 25th March with Palm Sunday. It is a very important week in the life of the Church and in the life of our Parish, known as **THE GREAT WEEK**. One way we could celebrate this, in a very meaningful way, is by attending the Mass of the **Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday** evening AT 7.30pm in the Cathedral. **The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion** on Good Friday evening at 7.30pm and the **Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord** at 7.00PM IN St. Brigid's Church and 9.00pm on Holy Saturday evening in the Cathedral. I appeal to all parishioners to attend these wonderful ceremonies in gratitude for all the graces we have received and also to pray for blessings in our parish.

I encourage parishioners involved in the various parish ministries to come along to the Easter Ceremonies. The Mass of the Holy Thursday evening speaks to us very clearly of service. Christ is the supreme example of service and from his example at the Last Supper; we are reminded of our call as baptised to be of service to each other. Make every effort to attend so that we will have a full worshipping community at 7.30pm on **Holy Thursday**, 7.30pm on **Good Friday** and 9.00pm on **Holy Saturday**.

Canon Francis Brown

LENTEN DEVOTIONS – Cathedral – 7.00pm Sunday 25th March

St. Colman's College will sing Evening Prayer of the Church.

Trócaire Boxes

As we approach the final week of Lent you are reminded that your Trócaire Collection box should be returned to the Parish either by putting it in the collection baskets at Masses or by leaving it in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Please do not leave your Trócaire box in the churches.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Monday 26th March

St. Catherine's: Penitential Service – 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th March

Cathedral: 11.30am – 12.30pm

St. Catherine's: After the 11.00am Mass

Wednesday 28th March

Cathedral: 11.30am – 12.30pm

St. Catherine's: After 11.00am Mass

Good Friday 30th March

St. Catherine's: After 3pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 31st March

Cathedral: 11.00am – 1.00pm

St. Catherine's: 11.00am – 1.00pm & 3.00pm – 4.30pm

EASTER HOLY WATER

During the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses the blessing of Holy Water takes place. A limited supply of bottles of water will be blessed and distributed. To ensure that everyone has access to a supply of Easter Holy Water you are advised to bring your own bottle of water which will also be blessed during each Mass.

St. Patrick's Novena

The Novena to St. Patrick this year was a great success. Congratulations and thanks to the staff and pupils of the six primary schools in the Parish. The work done by each of the schools was outstanding. The pupils gave parishioners a great reason to be proud of them in the way they read, sang, brought up the gifts and elaborated and presented the theme given to them for their evening of the Novena. Sincere thanks to the parents, grandparents, family members and parishioners for supporting their Novena. I wish to acknowledge also the great work done by Fr. Damien Nejad and Rev. John McClelland in visiting the schools and encouraging participation. The Novena was recorded each evening and you may view it by logging on to churchservicestv.ie

Join in the Singing of the Processional & Recessional Hymns

Words of hymns will be available in all Churches for Sunday 8th April so that the congregation can participate more fully in the celebration of Mass by joining the choir in singing the processional and recessional hymns. We have been impressed by the participation of the congregation at the 10.30am Mass each day in the Cathedral and hope that this can now happen at all Masses at the weekend. St. Augustine said, "The person who sings, prays twice".

BAPTISMS

Grace Marie Havern, 6c Temple Hill Road
Keeva Morgan Kearns, Western Australia
Riley George Dunlop, 11 Harmony Heights
Tyler Patrick Dunlop, 11 Harmony Heights
Kacey-May Dunlop, 11 Harmony Heights

PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY 25 MARCH

Blessing of Palm will take place before all Masses in the Parish for **Palm Sunday**. **The Solemn Procession** will take place at the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral. Members of various parish organisations will take part in the procession.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

NO MASS OF THE CHRISM in the Cathedral at 10.30am this year. The Mass of **Chrism** is an occasion for the **Bishop of the Diocese** to celebrate Mass with his **Priests and Deacons** expressing the **fraternity of the diaconate and priesthood**. As our **Bishop** has resigned we are not in a position to celebrate this unity of **Deacon, Priest and Bishop**.

EVENING MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER

Cathedral: 7.30pm

Please note for Holy Thursday, Parish Clergy will celebrate together in the Cathedral only.

St. Catherine's: Children's Mass 5.30pm & 7.30pm Mass

8.30pm – 9.30pm Hour of silent prayer in garden of gethsemane

A Hour of Adoration at the Altar of Repose will be led by members of the Bethany House Prayer Group in the Cathedral 11.00pm-12midnight

GOOD FRIDAY (A Day of Fast and Abstinence)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Children's Stations of the Cross 12 noon St. Catherine's
Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral led by the youth at 1.00pm
Cathedral, St. Mary's, St. Brigid's & St. Catherine's - 3.00pm
7.30pm – St. Catherine's – Veneration of the Cross
8.30pm – St. Catherine's – Prayer Around the Cross

Please note: There will be a Church Door collection for the Holy Land after the Stations of the Cross in all churches.

EVENING COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Cathedral – 7.30pm

St. Catherine's – 7.30pm

St. Colman's College at 7.30pm for **Polish Community**

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Brigid's at 7.00pm, Cathedral & St. Catherine's – 9.00pm

In preparation for the Feast of Mercy on Sunday 18th April a 9 Day Novena in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in Newry Cathedral commencing on Good Friday. 1st day of Novena (Good Friday 30th March) at 2.45pm before the Stations of the Cross. - 2nd Day (Holy Saturday 31st March) at 8.45pm before the Easter Vigil. - 3rd Day (Easter Sunday 1st April) after 10.00am Holy Mass. 4th – 9th Day (Monday 2nd April – Saturday 7th April) after 10.30am Holy Mass. All welcome.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated on Mercy Sunday (8th April) at 3.00pm in the Cathedral.

We pray as a Community for the Recently Deceased

Mary Little, Greenfield Park
Joe Drummond, Dominic Street

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 24 March	10.30am 6.00pm	Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Doherty Harry McAteer, Greenfield Park Tony & Teddy McAllister, Hennessy Park & Keith & Grace Holman, Adelaide, Australia Winnie & John Reilly & deceased family members, Glen Hill Pat Craven, Mountpleasant Marian McAllister (née Rooney), Cole Court. Michael & Margaret Hollywood, The Manse Kathleen McDermott, Drumgullion Avenue Joseph McDermott, Belfast & deceased family members Leontia & Michael O'Gorman, Cowan Street
Sunday 25 March	12 noon	Pat Burke, Springhill Drive William & Made Hannigan, Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg Benny & Rosaleen Hughes, High Street Paddy & Margaret Duffy, High Street Jonas & Antanina Antanas & Eugenija Valerjonas Nan & Bob Fegan, Stream Street
Monday 26 March	10.30am	Robert & Anne Fegan, Stream Street
Wednesday 28 March	10.30am	Margaret & John Collins, Violet Hill Avenue Canon Pat McAnuff John Declan Bennett, Barley Lane John & Kathleen Higgins, Belfast
Sunday 1 April	10.00am 12 noon	Maud Patterson, Ballyholland (M.M.) Leo & Michael Barry, Church Avenue Catherine Corrigan, Willow Grove Patrick J & Mary A Quinn, Dora Avenue

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 25 March	11.00am	Kathleen McAvoy, Sean O'Neill Park (M.M.) Eddie Campbell, Oaklands Edward, Jim & Elizabeth Lavelle, Rostrevor Teresa Bannon, Barley Lane Ann Niblock, Ashtree Cottages James & Margaret Robinson, Mourneview Park
Tuesday 27 March	7.00pm	Mary Donnelly, Priory Crescent, Kevin & Marie Donnelly, College Gardens, Dan & Lily Donnelly Sinclair Street & Peter & Mary McCann, John Mitchel Street
Sunday 1 April	11.00am	Patsy Hughes, Mountainview Drive & Mary Catherine & Patrick Hughes, Boat Street Michael & Margaret Keenan, Orior Road & deceased family members Robert Carr, Carnagh Pk Jean O'Flaherty, Hennessy Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 24 March	7.00pm	Edward & Bernadette McLoughlin, Derrybeg Drive May Maguire, Priory Crescent & Patrick Lawlor, Dublin Mary & John Henry Conway, Lurgan & deceased members of the McAlinden Family Sally & John Pearce, Second Avenue, Derrybeg & deceased members of the Pearce & Bagnall Families, Newry & Glenn Noel Hadden, Plunkett Street Maureen & Francis McDonald, Third Avenue, Derrybeg & deceased members of the Fearon Family, Davis Street. Frances Magee, Slievegullion Road Dominic Casey, Mountainview Drive
Saturday 31 March	7.00pm	James Craven, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Eileen, Patrick & Michel McCullagh & Kathleen Lagan (nee McCullagh), Slievegullion Road Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street Marie Marks, Drumgullion Avenue

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 24 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Jan Canavan Michael Clarke Oliver Tremmer Philomena O'Neill
Sunday 25 March	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm	The Moan Family Joseph Dougan Seamus Maguire Benefactors of Church & Priory Mary Fegan Liam Hollywood Mary Mason
Monday 26 March	11.00am	Maggie & Paddy O'Neill 7.30pm Dessie Quinn Freddie Isaac
Tuesday 27 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Austin Fitzpatrick Pauline & Frank McConville Jerome McAteer Kathleen Campbell Eugene Markey & deceased family members Jimmy & Doreen Forsythe Desmond & Mary McAveney
Wednesday 28 March	7.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Martina Quigley Bridget, Patrick & Thomas Rooney William McCaul (M.M.) Lila McCormack John Hillen Maureen McNeill
Sunday 1 April	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm	Martina Rafferty Michael Watters Patsy Haughian Ronnie Tremmer (M.M.) Michael & Magdeline Matthews & deceased family members Rose & Patrick Morgan & Marie McClorey John Campbell Kathleen Dodds Alice McKay Patrick Fegan Benefactors of the Church & Priory Michael McElherron Mooney & McDonald family Mary Donaghy

CALLED AND GIFTED

Parishioners are invited to take part in a Called and Gifted Programme on Saturday 7th April in the Parish Centre, The Mall. The Programme begins at 9.30am and concludes with Mass at 6.00pm. Registration from 9.00am. Application forms are available from the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 18 March

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Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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