

Parish of Newry

Sunday 9 April 2017
Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

The crowd that cheered him on were soon yelling 'Crucify him!' That's the way a crowd, "that numerous piece of monstrosity," tends to behave. "Who do people say I am?" he once asked. How could they know who he was? They didn't know who they themselves were. A crowd are not a community; they have no lasting purpose, they hardly even know one another; but somehow they are able to energise one another for the worse. At his birth the angels sang, "Peace on earth!" Here he is, near the end of his life, at the mercy of a mindless mob screaming for his blood.

His life has been called "the greatest story ever told." It is not only the story of Jesus, it is the story of the world. It is the two together forming a single story. He is one of us, he was born here, he walked our streets. This is how our world deals with such a person. The death of Jesus reveals many things: the incorruptibility of his spirit, the depth of his love and forgiveness, the reality of his relationship with the Father; it also reveals the barbarity, legal and illegal, that ordinary human beings are capable of. It shows us "the light of God's glory shining in the face of Christ" (2 Cor 4:7); it also reveals the ugly face of humanity. It is a double revelation.

Is there any hope for our world? Look again. He is one of us. He called us brothers and sisters. We know we are capable of the worst, but by being one of us he makes us capable of integrity, love, forgiveness.... We are a crowd, but we can be a new community. It is a double revelation.

He revealed the weakness hidden in power – and the power hidden in weakness.

His resurrection will reveal that the Father is indeed like the Prodigal Father in his parable. It will also reveal that we too are mysteriously raised up with him – because he is one of us.

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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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All Baptisms, Marriages and appointments may be arranged by calling the Parish Office. A Priest is available in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm and in the evening by appointment.

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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 Matthew

21: 1-11

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly".' This took place to fulfil the prophecy:

Say to the daughter of Zion:
Look, your king comes to you:
he is humble, he rides on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of
the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

N - Narrator. + - Jesus. O - Other single speaker.

C - Crowd, or more than one other speaker.

- N** **One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said:**
- O** **What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?**
- N** **They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.**
Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

- C** **Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**
- N** **He replied:**
- +** **Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples'.**
- N** **The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When the evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:**
- +** **I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.**
- N** **They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,**
- C** **Not I, Lord, surely?**
- N** **He answered:**
- +** **Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. 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** **Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,**
- O** **Not I, Rabbi, surely?**
- N** **Jesus answered:**
- +** **They are your own words.**
- N** **Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:**
- +** **Take it and eat; this is my body.**
- N** **Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:**
- +** **Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.**
- N** **After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,**
- +** **You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.**
- N** **At this, Peter said:**
- O** **Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.**
- N** **Jesus answered him,**
- +** **I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.**

- N Peter said to him,
O Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.
- N And all the disciples said the same. Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,
+ Stay here while I go over there to pray.
- N He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them:
+ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.
- N And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:
+ My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.
- N He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:
+ So you had not the strength to keep awake with me 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, a second time, he went away and prayed:
+ My father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!
- N And he came again back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,
+ You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.
- N He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said:
O 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'
- N So he went straight up to Jesus and said:
O Greetings Rabbi,
N and kissed him. Jesus said to him,
+ My friend, do what you are here for.
- N Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:
+ Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?
- N It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:
+ Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.
- N Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away. The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,
O This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up'.
N The high priest then stood up and said to him:
O Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?
N But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him:
O I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.
N Jesus answered:
+ The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- N At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:
O He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?
N They answered:
C He deserves to die.
N Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him:
C Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?
N Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:
O You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

- N But he denied it in front of them all, saying:
 O I do not know what you are talking about.
 N When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:
 O This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.
 N And again, with an oath, he denied it,
 O I do not know the man.
 N A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:
 C You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.
 N Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:
 O I do not know the man.
 N At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:
 O I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.
 N They replied:
 C What is that to us? That is your concern.
 N And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:
 C It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.
 N So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:
 O Are you the king of the Jews?
 N Jesus replied:
 + It is you who say it.
 N But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:
 O Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?
 N But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,
 O Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?
 N For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,
 O Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.
 N The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:
 O Which of the two do you want me to release for you?
 N They said:
 C Barabbas.
 N Pilate said to them:
 O What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
 N They all said:
 C Let him be crucified!
 N Pilate asked:
 O Why? What harm has he done?
 N But they shouted all the louder,
 C Let him be crucified!
 N Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:
 O I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.
 N And the people, to a man, shouted back:
 C His blood be on us and on our children:
 N Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified. The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:
 C Hail, king of the Jews!
 N And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it.

And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way. From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

+ **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?**

N That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me? When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C The man is calling on Elijah,
N and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C In truth this was a son of God.

N And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him.

Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea call Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N Pilate said to them:

O You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

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 III

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, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread 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, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice 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: **Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse,

with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and N our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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

Mt 26:42

**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

Congregation kneels

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

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

Priest: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Message from the Administrator

We begin Holy Week on Sunday 9th April 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 9.00pm on Holy Saturday evening. 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

PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

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

Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 10.30am
St. Colman's College Choir will sing.

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 5.00pm & 7.30pm quiet prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane after 7.30pm Mass

(The Liturgy will be led by the Children at 5.00pm).

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

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

YOUTH LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You can't truly appreciate the joy of the Resurrection and Easter unless you have experienced the dramatic and harrowing story of Jesus' last hours. Written by young people on the GIFT and JPII programmes the Good Friday Stations told via thought provoking reflections, questions, symbols and music at 1pm in the Cathedral, Good Friday. All welcome.

Recently Baptised – We welcome into our community

Natalie Szymanski,9 Carlinn Green, Dundalk
Sarah Mary McParland, 11 Bridle Loanan, Warrenpoint
Elle Josephine Lane-McCourt, 19 Cherrywood Grove
Ethan Michael Maggioni, 47 Cherrywood Grove

Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday in Glenvale Chapel

There will be a special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday which will take place in the Chapel of St. Clare Sisters, (former Carmelite Monastery), 42 Glenvale Road, Newry on Sunday 23rd April 2017.

The Holy Mass and the Divine Mercy Devotions with the blessing of St. Faustina relic will start at 3.00pm.
All welcome.

Devotions during Lent in the Cathedral

9th April - St. Colman's College Choir will sing Evening Prayer of the Church 7.00pm

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 11th April

Cathedral: 12 noon – 1.00pm

St. Catherine's: After the 11.00am Mass

Wednesday 12th April

Cathedral: 12 noon – 1.00pm

St. Catherine's: After 11.00am Mass

Good Friday 14th April

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

Saturday 15th April

Cathedral: 11.00am – 1.00pm

St. Catherine's: 11.00am – 5.00pm

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.

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.

OFFERTORY PROMISE ENVELOPES 2017/2018

During the year 2016/2017 there has been a reduction in the use of the Offertory Promise Envelopes. Consequently, fewer boxes of envelopes have been ordered and these will be renumbered and issued for use, with effect from the 9th April 2017.

Newry Parish Offertory Promise Committee

A Word of Thanks

We wish to thank all those parishioners who gave of their time so willingly to label and sort the boxes of parish envelopes on Monday 20th March 2017. In addition, we wish to thank those who delivered the parish envelopes during the week commencing 2nd April 2017.

FEAST OF MERCY

In preparation for the Feast of Mercy on Sunday, 23rd April 2017, a 9 day Novena in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Cathedral commencing on Good Friday.

Good Friday, 14th April at 2.45pm before the Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 15th April at 8.45pm before the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 16th April after 10.00am Mass

Monday 17th – Saturday 22nd April after 10.30am Mass.

Sunday 23rd April Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm.

All welcome

Holy Hour in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady

in St. Catherine's Church Sunday 2nd April at 3.00pm.

Come spend one hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 8 April	10.30am 6.00pm	Anne & Patrick Rooney & Thomas Crilly, Dora Avenue Michael O'Hanlon, London Hugh & Mollie Boyle, River Street & Frank, Bridget & Gerry McArdle, Hilltown Road Kevin McShane, Carlingford Park Michael McCaughey, O'Neill Avenue Yvonne Charnock, Chapel Street & deceased members of the Reilly Family, Ardee Ethan Rodgers, Daragh Park Margaret & John Mallon & Patrick Shields, Erskine Place Michael Watters & deceased family members, Sligo & Michael & Mary Frances Smith & Deceased family members, Hilltown Tony Lenaghan, Main Avenue, Derrybeg Patsy, Rose & John Keenan, Ballyholland Road John & Brigid Casey, Mourneview Park Edward McAteer & Roisin Doran, Mountainview House, Ballyholland Arthur Hollywood, Dublin Road Joe & Patsy Farrell, Mountainview Drive Brian Carr, Lisgullion Park Rose & Johnny O'Hare, Drumcashel Villas Lily McCaul, High Street Fr. Jack Keenan, San Diego Phil & Gene Farrell, Church Street The O'Hanlon Family, Pool Lane Mary Alsbury, St. Patrick's Avenue Rev. Edward James McAteer
Sunday 9 April	8.30am 10.00am	Josephine O'Boyle, Belleek (M.M) Russell Boyd, John Mitchel Place Marian McAllister (nee Rooney), Cole Court Peter Murray, Mourneview Park John Declan Bennett, Barley Lane Patricia Mulholland, High Street Sean Burke, Sandy Hill Joe Campbell, Greenfield Park Patrick Joseph & Mary Anastasia Quinn, Dora Avenue Lily Heatherington, Mourneview Park Sarah Quinn, Cherrywood Grove
Monday 10 April	12 noon 8.30am 10.30am	
Wednesday 12 April	8.30am 10.30am	
Sunday 16 April	10.00am 12 noon	

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 9 April	11.00am	Eddie Campbell, Oaklands Ivy, John & Gabrielle McEvoy, O'Neill Avenue & James & Catherine McEvoy, Abbey Yard, Neil Fretwell & Nicola Carroll, Newry Sean O'Hare, Rockfield Heights Ballyholland Dan & Rita Madden, The Commons Tony Carr, Toragh Park John McAteer, Ballyholland Road & John & Sally Keenan, School Road, The Commons Paul Hughes, Mourneview Park Oliver Plunkett Rowntree & Catrina Campbell, Chapel Rd The O'Hare Family, Pound Road
Tuesday 11 April	7.00pm	Rose McManus, Crown Crescent, Crieve Mary Keenan, Priory Crescent Francis Curran, Hennessy Park Michael & Margaret Fearon, Chapel Street, Stephen & Elizabeth Fearon & Brigid Curran, The Locks Lillie & Patrick Campbell, McAteer Villas Maura Slevin, Loughview Park Briege Campbell, Commons Way Nora & Johnnie Keeley, Windmill Road Philip & Stephen Craven, Barcroft Park Dan & May McCann, O'Neill Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High Street & May O'Hanlon, Chapel Street George & Mary McAteer, Ballyholland Rd
Sunday 16 April	11.00am	

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 8 April	7.00pm	Elizabeth Quinn, Main Avenue
Saturday 15 April	7.00pm	Kathleen Finnegan, Helen's Terrace Francis, Elizabeth & William Spencer, St. Patrick's Avenue & Madge Smyth, Dublin Frank Cole, First Avenue, Derrybeg Eugene Powell, & Elaine Hainsworth, Bradford & Elizabeth Powell, Killeavy Road

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 8 April	7.30pm	Brendan McParland Molly Hillen Mary, Patrick & Michael McGuigan
Sunday 9 April	11.00am 12.15pm	Vincent Kelly William Brady & Family Teresa Mulholland Benefactors of Church & Priory Francis Lynch Margaret Crimmins
Monday 10 April	11.00am 7.30pm	Bridie Rice Paddy & Bernadette Blair
Tuesday 11 April	11.00am 7.30pm	Paul Toner Bernadette Murray John, Nora & Jim McShane Josie Duffy
Wednesday 12 April	11.00am 7.30pm	Patrick Fearon Rebecca Cregan (M.M) Kevin Byrne Margaret, Peter & Gerald O'Rourke Ritchie & May Hollywood Paul Murray
Sunday 16 April	11.00am 12.15pm	Rose & Patrick Morgan & Mary McClorey John McLoughlin Ena Marron Michael & Magdalene Matthews Rose O'Hanlon Bernadette O'Hanlon James Savage, Breige & Ted Daly Geraldine Stokes Darren Loughran

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Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
17th-22nd May 2017. Price: £595.00

Bookings are now being taken for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Application forms are available from the Parish Office, Hill Street.

Newry Parish Paschal Meal

Come and join in celebrating our Parish Paschal (Passover) Meal

When: Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Where: Newry Parish Conference & Banqueting Centre.

Tickets are available from Parish Office,
Newry Conference & Banqueting Centre & VERITAS.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 2 April

Parish Collection	£ 4322.00
Loose Plate Collection	£ 2037.00
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DROMORE DIOCESAN LOURDES EXECUTIVE

The Dromore Diocesan Lourdes Executive are seeking Doctors to travel on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 17th – 22nd May 2017.

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