

Parish of Newry

Sunday 28 March 2021
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 was 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 doesn't do justice to the awesome depths of human life and death. It takes a crucified Church to bring a crucified Christ before the eyes of the world.

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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 Arimathaea, 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 N our
Bishop, 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

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

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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The opening reading from St. Mark's Gospel this weekend captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! But their hope and loyalty are short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told "they all deserted him and ran away". While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify Him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!' and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The story of discipleship is just beginning.

Canon Francis Brown

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed at all Masses – Palms will not be available in the Church this year. Those attending Mass are asked to bring their own.

Evening Prayer of the Church for Palm Sunday, sung by the students of St. Colman's Choir at 7.30pm. You will find the link for this service on the parish website.

Confessions in the Cathedral

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 11.00am – 12 noon & 8.00pm – 9.00pm (to facilitate people working during the day)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the evening confessions.

Stations of The Cross

The Stations of the Cross will not be prayed in public this year in any of the Churches because of COVID 19 restrictions. They will be broadcast at 3.00pm from the Cathedral. You will find the link on the parish website. Make your Stations privately on any day during Holy Week.

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Remembering our loved ones who have died during the Pandemic. On Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm there will be a special online service for all our loved ones who have died during the pandemic.

It will be led by the Sisters of St. Clare, Glenvale Convent and will be available on the Parish Facebook page. Those who would like to participate are invited, if they wish, to light a candle at home in memory of their loved one.

PARISH FINANCES

Please post your parish envelopes either in one of the boxes in the Cathedral or through the letterbox in the green door or in the box at the door in No. 38. Your generosity is needed at this time to support the parish. If anyone wishes to pay by direct debit, please telephone the Parish Office (028 302 62586) and it will be set up for you. It might be easier for you at this time as it is difficult for some people to deliver their envelopes.

Trocáire Lenten Campaign 2021

Trocáire Boxes are available for collection at the main entrance of the Cathedral or if you prefer, you could put your donation in an envelope marked Trócaire and put it in the letterbox at the green door of the Parochial House or in the letterbox on the wall beside the black door of the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jimmy O'Hanlon, Forest Hills
Muredach Dynan, Crieve Road
Rita Johnston, Main Avenue, Derrybeg
Maura Rice, Commons School Road
Sean Donaghy, Carnagh Park
Tom Murphy, Birmingham, formerly Downshire Road
Grace Havern, Crieve Road

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday.

Chrism Mass 10.30am in the Cathedral

St. Colman's College students will sing.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Martin and a small number of priests of the diocese. This Mass is **NOT** open to the public; however, people are encouraged to join via the webcam.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Cathedral: 7.30pm

St. Catherine's: 5.30pm & 7.30pm

St. Colman's Shinn: 7.30pm

The Cathedral will close at 10.00pm

Good Friday (a day of Fast and Abstinence)

The Stations of the Cross will not be prayed in public this year in any of the churches because of COVID – 19 restrictions. They will be broadcast at 3.00pm from the Cathedral.

You will find the link on the parish website.

St. Catherine's: Veneration of the Cross – 7.30pm

Evening Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Cathedral: 7.30pm

St. Colman's Shinn: 7.30pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

Cathedral: 9.00pm

St. Catherine's: 9.00pm

St. Colman's Shinn: 9.00pm

All Easter ceremonies will require to be booked in St. Catherine's and booking will be available by contacting the Lectio Centre 028 302 62178

Easter Services/Masses

Please be aware that there is no obligation on anyone to attend Services/Masses over Easter. Stewards will be present at all Masses on Easter Sunday and the Cathedral will be sanitised between each of the Masses. People are encouraged to come early to Mass as there are a limited number of seats in the Cathedral and doors will have to be closed when all seats have been taken. People may choose not to attend Mass on Easter Sunday but at some other point during easter Week or during the Easter Season. People are always welcome to join with us virtually for Services/Masses via parish webcam!

Recently Baptised

Aoife Catherine Syddall, 22 Lisdrum Avenue
Jack Brian Savage, 10 Ashgrove Park
Finn McEvoy, 92 Mournview Park
Darragh Matthew McManus, 7 Dora Avenue

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 27 March	6.00pm	William McCabe, Mourneview Park (M.M) Helen Campbell, Commons Way (M.M) Joleene Gilleece, Rathfriland Road Noel, John & Mary Madden, Ravensdale Villas Mary Catherine & Edward Lyons, Innisfree Park & deceased family members
Sunday 28 March	9.00am	William Kearney, John Mitchel Street & deceased members of the Kearney Family Canon Pat McAnuff
Wednesday 31 March	12 noon 10.30am	Mary Dympna Flinnighin, the Glen Jonas, Antanina, Regina & Adele, Lithuania Martin McCabe, Davis Street (M.M) Leo Barry, Church Avenue Catherine Corrigan, Willow Grove
Sunday 4 April	9.00am 12 noon	Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street Edward McAteer & Roisin Doran, Mountainview Drive Deceased members of the O'Connor Family Deceased members of the Pearce Family Eileen Crinion, Fairlawns way Ellen Lambe, High Street John & Margaret Collins, Violet Hill Avenue, Doreen Keenan, Burford & deceased Members of Burford & Keenan Families, Newry & Leamington Spa

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 28 March	10.30am	Patrick Sweeney, St. Mary's Villas, The Commons (M.M) Edward, Jim, Elizabeth & Thomas Lavelle, Rostrevor Tom McVey & deceased family members
Sunday 4 April	10.30am	Sadie Johnston, Greenfield Park Michael & Margaret Keenan & deceased Family members, Orior Road Eddie Campbell, Oaklands Sean O'Hare, Rockfield Heights Ethan Rodgers, Daragh Park Mary Catherine & Patrick Hughes, Boat Street & Patsy Hughes, Mountainview Drive

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 27 March	7.30pm	Eileen & Patrick, Michael & Kathleen McCullagh, Slievegullion Road Ethel & Robert McDonald, Derrybeg Drive Sally & John Pearce, Second Avenue, Derrybeg & deceased members of the Pearce & Bagnall Families, Newry & Glenn
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St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 27 March	7.30pm	Eugene Markey & deceased family members
Sunday 28 March	11.00am 12.30pm	Fr. Tom Mooney Benefactors of the Church & Priory
Monday 29 March	7.30am 7.30pm	Rose & Stephen Murphy Michael Clarke
Tuesday 30 March	7.30am	Francis & Gerry Murphy
Wednesday 21 March	7.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Frank Murphy Paddy Fegan Jackie Rodgers Patrick & Elizabeth Donnelly Lilia McCormack Philomena O'Neill Joe, Kathleen & Karl Heaney Barney & Margaret Curran
Sunday 4 April	9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	Seamus Crossey (M.M) Mary Margaret McKeivitt Mickey Duffy (M.M) Raymond Byrne Rose & Patrick Morgan & Marie McCloyre Ann Andrews Sean Murphy Michael & Magdalene Matthews Benefactors of the Church & Priory Mary Donaghy & the McDonald Family

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Proposed Council Development PLEASE TAKE ACTION: we are asking you to please take a few minutes to complete Newry Mourne and Down District Council's consultation survey relating to their proposed 'Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme'

This plan to create a Public Square etc at Abbey Way and the plan to create a Civic Hub/Council Offices, where the multistorey car park currently is, will both lead to the removal of crucial parking facilities behind the Cathedral. This will effectively leave the Cathedral without a congregation and deprive the businesses on Hill Street of their customers. It will also negatively impact on disabled and less mobile people who will have severely reduced facilities to park close to the Cathedral and Hill Street.

We ask you to please complete the survey here: [https:// www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NewryCCR](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NewryCCR)

We encourage you also to book a free place at their upcoming on-line consultation workshops here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/newry-city-centre-regeneration-online-consultation-workshop-tickets-142895994767>

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