

# St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – Sunday 2nd April 2023

*GLORY IN THE HIGHEST*  
LUKE 19:38

Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday as it is more popularly known, begins Holy Week. On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. All four evangelists (Gospel writers) record this event and underline its importance. Jesus is presented as the Messiah-King, entering and taking possession of his city. He comes, however, not as a warrior-king advancing with a great army, but as a humble and gentle Messiah. He fulfils the prophecy of Zechariah: 'Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious he is, humble and riding on an ass' (Zc.9: 9.). The blessing of the palms at the beginning of Mass heralds the victory of Easter Sunday, but the readings, which follow, plunge us into the atmosphere of Good Friday. Christ will indeed conquer, but it will be through his passion and death. The gospels of Holy Week provide an insightful backdrop

### Monday (Jn.12:1-11)

Irony according to the dictionary is 'the use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning'. In today's gospel by St. John, words and events are presented with irony. Christ has given Lazarus back his life, raised him from the dead, and his opponents want to end Jesus' life. They want to kill the one who gives and restores life! What irony! His enemies may not have seen it that way, but John expects us his readers to see the irony. As a reflection for ourselves we should be mindful that at times our actions and words are so opposed to what we claim to hold dear.

### Tuesday (Jn.13:21-33, 36-38)

Judas and Peter reflect tendencies and actions within ourselves. Both show us disloyalty and response to failure.

**A Reflective Sentence** O God, to turn away from you is to fall. To turn to you is to stand up. To remain in you is to have a sure support— St. Augustine (354-430)

We may not go the whole way with Judas in betraying the Lord, but like Peter we may let Jesus down when faced with the demands of discipleship. Very often we are not generous enough. But as Jesus says to Peter, "you will follow later" (Jn.13:36). Discipleship has its ups and downs, very often it is one step forward and two back. Lent has been a journey to prepare us to reaffirm our choice and renew our baptismal commitment to the Lord. How often we are like Peter in that we promise to follow the Lord and then the next day (or the next hour!) go completely against that promise.

### Wednesday (Mt.26:14-25)

Matthew says that Judas, after being paid thirty pieces of silver for the betrayal, "looked for an opportunity to hand him over". (Mt.26:16). Today, 2011 years later we can't say that Judas and a group of chief priests and Pharisees killed the Christ. The rejection and the crucifixion continue daily. In so far as we hurt others through gossip and slander and ride roughshod over people for our own purposes, we have a hand in Jesus' death. Jesus is crucified every time a human being is degraded, treated unjustly and deprived of freedom. The final week of Lent is a great opportunity to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord in a way that will change our lives.

I would like to thank in advance all the hard work and preparation by the choir, ministry teams, volunteers, sacristans and secretary as we journey this week towards the Easter Triduum. I hope that you find the Liturgies beautiful and prayerful.

### Divine Mercy

An individual can receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment due to sin if they receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter), and confession within the octave. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and Divine Mercy leaflets are available at the doors of the church. Divine Mercy devotions will be held in St Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview starting at 2 pm on Divine Mercy Sunday. At exactly 3 pm, the Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass. We encourage everyone to take part.



### The Easter Triduum

#### Holy Thursday: *No Morning Mass*

(6<sup>th</sup> April) 7.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Holy Hour

#### Good Friday: (7<sup>th</sup> April)

10.00 am – Morning Prayer  
12 noon – Children's Stations of the Cross



3.00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7.30 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Prayer around the Cross

#### Holy Saturday: (8<sup>th</sup> April)

10.00am Morning Prayer  
11.00am

TRADYCYJNE ŚWIĘCENIE POKARMÓW  
TRADITIONAL FOOD BLESSING

#### 9.00pm—EASTER VIGIL

#### Easter Sunday: 9th April

Mass at 10.30 am

6.00pm – Evening Prayer/Vespers

NO EVENING MASS



### St. Brigid's Pastoral Centre – Royal Canal Park

**Holy Thursday:** 6.30 pm - Prayer and Reflection

**Good Friday:** 7.30 pm – Prayer around the Cross

### Confessions - during Holy Week

Good Friday: 10.30 am – 11.30 am

Holy Saturday: 11.00 – 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

#### HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES



The dates and times of the Holy Week ceremonies including confessions are on the Easter cards distributed to your homes and on the notice boards in the churches. As we enter Holy Week, I invite you to participate as much as possible in the Parish Ceremonies, especially the Triduum, which begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. **The readings and liturgies are powerful, so please do come along.**

On Good Friday, if for work or other reason you cannot make the 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, please make sure to visit some church and venerate the cross. You then have the option of the Solemn Vigil or the Easter Sunday Mass.

#### Easter Cards

We order 3000 Easter Cards and dues envelopes, which have to be put together and batched into bundles of 25 and 50 and THEN allocated into the different estates, streets and roads in the Parish. So there is a bit of work involved. I thank the helpers: Jean and Christine in the Parish Office and many who come to the Thursday tea/coffee morning who sometimes get a 'little job' to do. This year a large group of children helped with was excellent.

Thanks to George and Anne Maybury and Larry Kelly who prepared and labelled the bundles and finally thank you to the 'Post People' who deliver them around the Parish.

Fr Michael Carey PP

#### The altar of repose

The altar of repose is a temporary altar where the Communion hosts consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday are placed, or "reserved", for use on the following day, Good Friday.

*(As Good Friday is the day on which the death of Christ is observed, while the Resurrection of Jesus is observed on Easter Sunday and the anticipatory Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, Mass, may not be celebrated between these days. Communion hosts thus cannot be consecrated, and any hosts used on Good Friday or for viaticum for the dying must have been consecrated beforehand).*

The Blessed Sacrament remains in the altar or repose until Holy Communion on Good Friday.

At the Good Friday liturgy – The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, the Blessed Sacrament is available for Communion. After this Liturgy the altar of repose is dismantled and the Blessed Sacrament is kept in a safe and suitable place in the Sacristy with the red lamp or candle is kept continuously burning before it.

## Children's Corner

### In The Gospel

The crowds welcome Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem. But everything changes this week. Jesus is let down by two of his friends. He is sentenced to death, mocked and beaten by the Roman soldiers. As he dies on the cross, Jesus is mocked by the crowds. This is a sad story... but it's not over yet!

### Which celebration?

Use the code to find the name of the festival which Jesus and his disciples celebrated.



A = [red square] E = [green plus] O = [purple diamond] P = [green asterisk] R = [pink triangle] S = [blue square] V = [yellow cross]

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me how much you love me by choosing to die on the cross. You always put other people first. Help me to be brave and put other people first too. Amen.

THIS IS HOLY WEEK!

**Caretaker** sought for part time position in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní.

Hours are flexible / morning and evening. 20-25 hours per week.

Please contact Scoil Bhríde Cailíní on 01-8201717 or office@scoilbhrídecailini.ie for more details.

#### Mass intentions for the week

Sat 6pm Pat Dixon  
Eileen McGee  
Brid McGinn  
Anne Carberry (MM)

Sun 1030am Sandra McGill  
John & Ellie Killeen  
Diarmuid O'Keeffe  
Teresa O'Neill  
Aileen Canning  
Anna & Patrick Murray

Tues Bessie McCabe

#### We welcome our recently baptised

Joseph Dylan  
Maddison Archie



#### CURRENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30  
Church closes at 5pm

**Monday:** Area Mass at 7.30pm  
**Wednesday:** Liturgy of the Word at 10am  
**Saturday:** Church opens at 10am  
**Vigil Mass** at 6pm  
**Sunday Mass** at 10.30am\*

Last Sunday of each month will also have a midday Family Mass \*

**1st Saturday of the month**– 10am Mass followed by confessions

**Last Tuesday of the month**–Prayer Group Mass 8pm, all welcome

**Bank Holidays:** Mass 11am only  
All services available on

[www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam](http://www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam)

Also on Phoenix Radio– 92.5FM

**Eucharistic Adoration** Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

#### Blanchardstown Area evening Mass

**Mon:** Blanchardstown 7.30pm

**Tues & Thurs:** Castleknock

**Wed:** Mulhuddart **Fri:** Corduff

#### We pray for our recently deceased:

Mary Briody  
David Panergo  
Anne McDonald  
Frances Kelly



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