

Parish of Blaris

Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday

'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.'

Luke 23:46

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Masses Monday – Friday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

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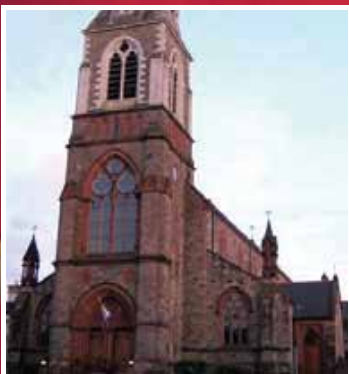
All Star Tribute Show

Featuring Jersey Boys: Bay City Rollers: Freddie Mercury: Garth Brooks: Showwaddy: Shania Twain: Abba: Cher. Saturday 10th May 2025. Tickets £15 each. BYO. Doors open 8pm.

A MESSAGE FROM FR EAMON

This is a little "thank you" note to mark my 25 happy years in this Parish. I thank God for his goodness to me and for giving me these 25 good years in the midst of very good people. I thank Fr Dermot, and you, the people of the Parish for all your kindness and generosity to me – the wee reception you gave me in the Pastoral Centre warmed my heart. I hope God gives me some more happy years with you. Thank you and God bless you all. *Fr. Eamon.*

ALL ANNIVERSARIES NOTICES FOR **SUNDAYS 20TH & 27TH APRIL SHOULD BE WITH THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12 NOON, MONDAY 14TH APRIL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**



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THE 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 Luke

19:28-40

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

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! 'And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **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 have shown us the way to the Father:
All: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
All: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
All: 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

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.

The word of the Lord

All: **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?**

- 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)**
- 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)**
- 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)**
- 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

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!

Phil 2:8-9

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He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place he said to them,
Pray not to be put to the test.

+

N

Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

+

Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.

N

Then an angel appeared to him coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,

+

Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.

N

He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,

+

Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

N

His followers, seeing what was happening, said,

C

Lord, shall we use our swords?

N

And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this

+

Jesus spoke,

+

Leave off! That will do!

N

And touching the man's ear he healed him. Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,

+

Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the

N

Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.

N

They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the court yard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said,

O

This person was with him too.

N

But he denied it, saying,

O

Woman, I do not know him.

N

Shortly afterwards, someone else saw him and said,

O

You are another of them.

N

But Peter replied,

O

I am not, my friend.

N

About an hour later, another man insisted, saying,

O

This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.

N

Peter said,

O

My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.

N

At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked

straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

C

Play the prophet. Who hit you then?

N

And they continued heaping insults on him.

When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,

C

If you are the Christ, tell us.

N

He replied,

+

If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.

N

Then they all said,

C

So you are the Son of God then?

N

He answered,

+

It is you who say I am.

N

They said,

C

What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.

N

The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying,

C

We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

22:14 – 23:56

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

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

C - Crowd, or more than one other speaker.

N When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

+ I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

N Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

+ Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes,

N Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

+ This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.

N He did the same with the cup after supper, and said,

+ This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you. And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!

N And they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing.

A dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them.

+ Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves!

You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers.

N He answered,

O Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death.

N Jesus replied,

+ I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.

N He said to them,

+ When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything?

N They answered,

C No

N He said to them,

+ But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.

N They said,

C Lord, there are two swords here now.

N He said to them,

+ That is enough!

N Pilate put to him this question,
 O Are you the king of the Jews?
 N He replied,
 + **It is you who say it.**
 N Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,
 O I find no case against this man.
 N But they persisted,
 C He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over
 Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he
 started, down to here.

N When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a
 Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's
 jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in
 Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see
 Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for
 a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping
 to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned
 him at some length; but without getting any reply.
 Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there,
 violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod,
 together with his guards, treated him with contempt and
 made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him
 back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been
 enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.
 Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading
 men and the people. He said,

O You brought this man before me as a political agitator.
 Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence
 and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either,
 since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the
 man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall
 have him flogged and then let him go.

N But as one man they howled,
 C Away with him! Give us Barabbas!
 N This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot
 in the city and for murder.
 Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them
 again, but they shouted back.

C Crucify him! Crucify him!
 N And for the third time he spoke to them,
 O Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no
 case against him that deserves death, so
 I shall have him punished and let him go.

N But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices,
 demanding that he should be crucified, and
 their shouts were growing louder.
 Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be
 granted. He released the man they asked for, who had
 been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed
 Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.
 As they were leading him away they seized on a man,
 Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the
 country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it
 behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him,
 and of women too who mourned and lamented for him.
 But Jesus turned to them and said,

+ Daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for me; weep rather
 for yourselves and for your children. For the days will
 surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who
 are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the
 breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to
 say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!'
 For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen
 when it is dry?

N Now with him they were also leading out two other
 criminals to be executed. When they reached the place
 called The Skull, they crucified him there and the
 criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left.
 Jesus said,

+ Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are
 doing.

N Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people
 stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they
 jeered at him, saying,

C He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of
 God, the Chosen One.

N The soldiers mocked him too, and when they
 approached to offer him vinegar they said,
 C If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.
 N Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of
 the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused
 him, saying,

O Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.
 N But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same
 sentence as he did, but in our case we
 deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man
 has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you
 come into your kingdom.

N He replied,
 + **Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in
 paradise.**

N It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun
 eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole
 land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn
 right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a
 loud voice, he said,

+ **Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**
 N With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave
 praise to God and said,
 O This was a great and good man.
 N And when all the people who had gathered for the
 spectacle saw what had happened, they went home
 beating their breasts.
 All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women
 who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all
 this happen. Then a member of the council arrived, an
 upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not
 consented to what the others had planned and carried
 out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he
 lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man
 went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then
 took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a
 tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet
 been laid. It was Preparation Day and the sabbath was
 imminent. Meanwhile the women who had come from
 Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note
 of the tomb and of the position of the body. Then they
 returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the
 sabbath day they rested, as the law required.

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 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.

PRAYER 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, 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: **My Lord and my God.**

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

THE 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:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

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**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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**

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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We warmly invite you to be with us as we celebrate Holy Week in our Parish.

EASTER PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 3.00PM PALM SUNDAY

We invite you to come this afternoon and encounter the Compassionate, Forgiving Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). We aim to make your meeting with Christ as joy-filled and liberating as we possibly can. We will use the same format as previous Penitential Services. Visiting priests will be present. "Confession must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best" – Pope Francis

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: Mass at 10.00am **each** morning.
MASS **7.30PM** WEDNESDAY evening preceded by Stations of the Cross 7.15pm.
There will be an opportunity for **Confessions after all Masses this week.**

MASS OF THE CHRISM will be celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral on **Spy Wednesday, 16 April at 12 noon.**

HOLY THURSDAY: EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 7.30PM

INCLUDES: Washing of Feet: Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned/re-commissioned at this Mass.
Solemn Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 12 NOON

The Rev. John Davey, retired Minister from Hillsborough Presbyterian Church has kindly agreed to share our Way of The Cross on Good Friday at 12 noon. We warmly welcome him, and as always on this occasion, visitors of all Christian Faiths and traditions. Afterwards we will join in the annual Good Friday procession with the Cross to the City Centre.

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD: 3.00PM.

At the request of the Holy See a collection for the HOLY LAND will be taken up at the Good Friday ceremonies to help in supporting the Christian Community through Education, Development and the preservation of the Sacred places. Your support will continue to give a future to the small Christian presence in the Holy Land.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

PALM SUNDAY: Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Mass at 2.30pm in St. Patrick's Church

EASTER SATURDAY: Annual Easter Blessing for Polish Community 10.00am.

EASTER VIGIL: VIGIL COMMENCES AT 9.00PM SATURDAY.

INCLUDES: Blessing of Pascal Fire: Blessing of Pascal Candle: Blessing of Easter Water: Renewal of Baptismal Promises. The Easter Vigil is the most important of all the Liturgical events in the Christian Calendar. All the faithful are encouraged to attend the Vigil. Candles for use at the Vigil will be available in porch.

EASTER SUNDAY: RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - Masses at 10.00am & 12 noon

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 27 April at 3.00pm

ALTAR SERVERS: All servers are asked to attend a meeting in the Church this afternoon (Palm Sunday) from 4.30-5.45pm. All servers are asked to serve the ceremonies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

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PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from sin,
Show me how I can honour you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus.
Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go,
and wisdom to trust you in all things.
Your love brings light and life to all who seek it.
May I seek you ever more as I walk with you through this Holy Week.



We pray for our beloved dead:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Geraldine Davey

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Seamus Duffy

ANNIVERSARIES: Alison McCartney: Francis Nelson: Andrew Furey: Helen Russell: Minnie Catney:

Anne McGurnaghan: Paddy Loughran: Emily Hays: Paula Gorman: Bernadette Fahy:

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