



St Patrick's Catholic Church

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PALM SUNDAY – 5th APRIL 2020 Year A

Saturday	04 Apr	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP); Jim Dodds (RIP)
Sunday	05 Apr	10.30am	Michael and Catherine Gibbons (RIP)
Monday	06 Apr	10.30am	Max Gorman (RIP)
Tuesday	07 Apr	10.30am	Barry Leedham
Wednesday	08 Apr	10.30am	
Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	09 Apr	7.00pm	John Worsley (RIP)
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10 Apr	3.00pm	
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	11 Apr	8.00pm	Ray Todd (RIP)
Easter Sunday	12 Apr	10.30am	
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): No Confessions until further notice			
Devotional Candles:			
Sacred Heart:		Our Lady:	
Divine Mercy:		St Joseph: Special Intention (BK)	
St Anthony:			

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

ASSISTANCE

If any of our parishioners are in need of help with shopping, please let us know by calling the parish phone number: **07706400871**. We have a few volunteers who are more than happy to assist you.

THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

Tom Ruddy	Rosemary Doherty
Eileen Connolly	Annie Neville
Veronica Griffin	Maureen Noone
Breda Somers	Maureen Bird
Noreen Hegarty	Rita Keogh
Bridie Guilfoyle	Hazel Hancock
Theresa Smith	

May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain.

If anybody is sick at present and would like their name included, please phone the parish number.

MISSIO

Thank you to all our Red Box holders. We raised the princely sum of **£1,133.91** during 2019. Well done and thank you all. Chris Sugrue

MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

If you would like to submit any Mass Intentions and devotional candles, please do so by calling the parish phone number.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.
Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely.

Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word.
Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.

Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome.
Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.

We make our prayer through
Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 26:14-66

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

We have a vision of Jesus entering Jerusalem in the certain knowledge that he is in total control of what is to happen in the next few days that lead to the cross. That, in fact, is far from true. From the Garden of Gethsemane he fears what is in store for him, so when Peter reproaches Jesus saying that this journey to Jerusalem can be avoided, Jesus is swift to remind everyone that this journey must be. In spite of fearing what may be in store, Jesus embraces fully the completion of his ministry.

The welcome he receives as he enters Jerusalem must have been a strange experience. The people gathered to rejoice at his coming, a sign of the hope they feel that from now things are to change, and indeed they are. The hope and confidence expressed in the crowd a testament to the fulfilment of that ministry. Jesus comes to Jerusalem expecting a poor reception from the authorities, but he receives the hopes and fears of all who gather to celebrate the Passover - that great reminder of God's living presence with his people.

Our approach to this year's celebrations do not allow us to gather in the same way, yet our hopes and fears are just as urgent as they were all those years ago. Christ's entry into Jerusalem calls us together in the same way - to unite as a hopeful people with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We too may not be entirely sure what the next days will bring so we unite in prayerful hope, dedicating our individual journeys in the footsteps of Jesus to the cross. As we look to the crosses we have in our homes, let each act as a symbol and reminder to us of our unity with Jesus as he makes that solitary journey to his cross, to take to himself all our hopes and fears. Let us unite with the people of Jerusalem as they offer their palms and prayers to Christ and trust that Christ takes them to his cross returning to us the fulfilment of redemption. May this week be a hopeful and trustful journey truly making this time a Holy Week.

Please have a read of the attached document entitled: Holy Week Transmission of the upcoming celebrations

This prayer has been sent out from Rome and can be used for the opening prayer at Masses except on Solemnities. Maybe we would like to pray it daily and unite ourselves with each other and the wider church as we implore the Father to bless our world at this time.

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Readings for the Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum are the three days leading up to Easter. It starts with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Maundy Thursday and finishes at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when we celebrate the Jesus' resurrection. For those who wish to reflect on the mysteries we celebrate during these days, the readings for the liturgical celebrations are:

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper – celebrated in the evening usually about 7.00pm

1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13: 1-15

Friday: The Lord's Passion – celebrated in the afternoon usually about 3.00pm

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5: 7-9
Gospel: John 18: 1-19:42

If you are following the liturgy in your missal you will see that there is an extra intercession added by the Pope for time of crisis:

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Saturday: The Easter Vigil – celebrated at night usually about 8.00pm

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2
2nd Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1
3rd Reading: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Pope Francis says: "Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to justice, to open our hearts to those suffering."