

**SEDER MEAL**  
 On next Monday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at the beginning of Holy Week, the annual parish **SEDER MEAL** will take place in the parish hall. It is a Liturgy with ritual eating and drinking, which are symbolic of aspects of the Exodus including slavery, tears, biblical promises of redemption and the paschal sacrifice.

The Seder meal celebrates two principal events in the history of God's people: the **Exodus from Egypt** and Jesus' "**Last Supper**" with his disciples the night before he died.

By celebrating the Passover Seder we are participating in history's most ancient and continuously observed festival, and helping to restore the **Christian tradition of devout observation of the Passover**, inherited from the time of the apostles.

**The Passover Seder is the origin of the Christian Eucharist.**

This Christian version of the Passover Seder meal contains much of the authentic Passover dialogue, and many of the rituals and foods, with some Christian additions. Through this enactment, Christians are able to experience the setting in which the Last Supper took place on the first "Holy Thursday."

Please put your name on the **sign up sheet**, on the table at the back of the Church, if you are attending the Seder Meal.

**LEGION OF MARY MORNING STAR VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:** Catholic men and women wanted to join The Legion of Mary, to help with the mission of the Legion to care for the spiritual and temporal needs of vulnerable and homeless men living in Morning Star House. For more information please call 07596128437 after 5pm any day."

**Laudato Si Group**  
 Thought for the Week: What we can learn from God's creation of the world?  
*Recycles everything, Rewards cooperation, Banks on diversity, Demands local expertise, Curbs excesses from within and Taps the power of limits.*

*Nature runs on sunlight, Uses only the energy it needs, Fits form to function,*

**ST PATRICK'S PILGRIM WAY!**  
 Come & be amazed on a journey of faith in County Down.  
**Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly** lead guided walks to St Patrick's mission sites dating to 432AD. Stay in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, visit Saul, Slieve Patrick, St Patrick's grave, & Holy Cross Abbey. Led by former Adoration sisters Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly. Five days at Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre inc all meals, transport, activities. **£850**. Discounts for groups. **April 24-28th or July 17-21st.**  
**Details [www.saintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com) or call Downpatrick (02844) 619000**

**PARISH OFFICE**  
 There will be no bulletin next Weekend. Please email the Parish Office for anniversaries. The Office will be closed on Good Friday and will reopen on Monday 10th April.

**DECEASED**  
 We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently.  
 We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Ann Adair, Danny Acton, John Collins and Rosaleen Knox  
**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**— Tel: 074 5698 9458

**Ministers of Welcome**  
 Prior to the start of the Covid pandemic we had a very active Welcome Ministry. Thank you to all who took part in the Ministry and also to those who have resumed the Ministry. If you would like to volunteer as a Minister of Welcome for any of the Masses at the weekend, please contact the Parish office with your details. The Ministry of Welcome is open to all parishioners.

**Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Prayer Walk** - 7th April beginning at 4.45pm in front of Clonard Church, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer led by Rev. Alan Conly (Methodist), and returning to Clonard by 6.00pm. This year is extra special as we mark the **25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement**. All are welcome as we recommit ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth who gave His life for everyone on this day.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Our Lady's Shrine, Knock Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023. 9.30am – 5pm  
 Spiritual Director: Fr. Vincent Twomey SVD  
 The Catechism / YOUCAT Workshop will be of interest to those who plan to start / join a Study Group. Information / booking contact Mairin Ni Shuilleabhain B.A. Div. COORDINATOR  
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**MONEY MATTERS:**  
 Weekly Collection - £1069.29  
 The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses this weekend  
 A collection for Catholics in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday at Solemn Liturgy and a basket will be placed at the back of the church during the Stations of the Cross. The Easter Voluntary Collection for the support of the priests in the Diocese will be taken up at the Easter Vigil and both Easter Sunday Masses  
 TRÓCAIRE BOXES Parishioners are asked to return their Trócaire box to the parish. Boxes may be left in the parish office or returned through the Offertory Collection baskets at Mass. It would be appreciated if any small coins could be changed to larger denominations. All cheques should be made payable to Saint Colmcille's Parish.  
**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR** The new envelopes begin on **Good Friday 7th April**, and are available in the porch after all Masses this weekend. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or by envelopes and do not do so currently, please email Philomena at [p.dawson@downandconnor.org](mailto:p.dawson@downandconnor.org) or phone the parish office **028 9065 4157**



**PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE  
 BALLYHACKAMORE  
 2nd April 2023  
 PALM SUNDAY**

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**READINGS: Sunday: Cycle A, Psalter Week 2**



**ADORATION**  
 Tuesday: 6.00pm—7.00pm  
**MASS**  
 Monday 7.15am  
 Tuesday: 7.00pm  
 Wednesday, 7.15am & 9.30am  
**Weekend Mass Times:**  
 Saturday 9pm,  
 Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am.  
**Confession:**  
 Tuesday 7:30pm Penitential Service  
 Wednesday following 9:30 Mass

**HOLY & EASTER WEEK LITURGIES**

**Monday of Holy Week**  
 Mass: 7.15am  
 Morning Prayer 9.15am  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
 6-7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **(NB NO Confessions before Mass )**  
 7pm Mass  
 7.30pm **Penitential/Confession Service** with Visiting Priests  
**Spy Wednesday**  
 Mass: 7:15am & 9.30am  
 Evening Prayer: 7pm  
 Tenebrae Service: 9pm  
**Holy Thursday**  
 Morning Prayer: 9:15am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm  
**Good Friday**  
 Morning Prayer: 9.15am  
 Passion of the Lord: 3pm  
 Way of the Cross: 7pm (please bring a coat)  
**Holy Saturday**  
 Morning Prayer; 9:15am  
 SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL: 9pm  
**EASTER DAY (SUNDAY)**  
 Easter Masses 9:30am & 11:30am  
**EASTER WEEK MASSES**  
 Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:30am

Brothers and sisters,  
 On Holy Thursday we begin the shortest but greatest of the Church's Seasons. Triduum comes from the Latin meaning 'three days'. During the Easter Triduum we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus which, over three days, won our redemption. On Holy Thursday evening we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and remember Christ's prayer and betrayal at Gethsemane. On Good Friday we celebrate his death on the Cross. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and Mass on Easter Sunday joyously celebrates the Resurrection  
 I would like to warmly invite you and your families to join us for these incredible and thought provoking days that lead us ever deeper into the mystery of God's love for us. Even if you were the only person in the world Jesus would still undergo all the suffering out of love for you!  
 The best way we can prepare for the Easter Celebrations is by going to the Sacrament of Confessions. It is more valuable to us than the prayers and penances we have undertaken these past six weeks. Please, I encourage you to receive the gift of God's forgiveness and freedom before Easter. On Tuesday evening, a number of our neighbouring priests have kindly agreed to be present at our penitential service following our evening Mass. May you have a very blessed Holy Week.,

Fr Conor

# PALM SUNDAY

## Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem



**Gospel Matthew 21:1-11**

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessing of Palms and Procession**

The Liturgy of the Word

**First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm ; My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Second reading; Philippians 2:6-11**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Matthew 27:11-54**

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*Key: N. Narrator. □ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.*

**N.** Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** Jesus replied,

□ It is you who say it.

**N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

**O.** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N.** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

**O.** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

**O.** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N.** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

**O.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N.** they said,

**C. Barabbas.**

**N.** Pilate said to them:

**O.** But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** They all said:

**C. Let him be crucified!**

**N.** Pilate asked:

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C. Let him be crucified!**

**N.** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

**O.** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

**N.** And the people, to a man, shouted back,

**C. His blood be on us and on our children!**

**N.** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

**C. Hail, king of the Jews!**

**N.** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed

him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross.

When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink.

When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

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

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

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

**N.** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

□ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

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

**C. The man is calling on Elijah.**

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

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

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

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

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

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

**C.** In truth this was a son of God.

### The Creed

*The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed*

**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,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
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.**