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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

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As Christians, we believe that Jesus gave us both his life and his death. Too often, however, we do not distinguish between the two, though we should: Jesus gave his life for us in one way, through his activity; he gave his death for us in another way, through his passivity, his passion.

| Mass Times | | |
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| Monday | 10am & 12.30 | Monday Of Holy Week |
| Tuesday | 10am & 12.30 | Tuesday Of Holy Week |
| Wednesday | 10am & 12.30 | Wednesday Of Holy Week |

Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) Monday- Wednesday in the church before morning Mass

THE EASTER TRIDUUM (THE THREE DAYS)



HOLY THURSDAY: 10am Morning Prayer
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8.30pm Night prayer at the altar of repose



GOOD FRIDAY: 10am Morning Prayer
3pm The Passion of our Lord



HOLY SATURDAY: 10am Morning Prayer
9pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 10am Mass of the Resurrection

PASSIO

It is easy to misunderstand what the gospels mean by the Passion of Jesus. When we use the word passion in relationship to Jesus' suffering we spontaneously connect it to the idea of passion as pain, the pain of the crucifixion, of scourging, of whips, of nails in his hands, of humiliation before the crowd. The Passion of Jesus does refer to these, but the word asks for a different focus here. The English word passion takes its root in the Latin, *passio*, meaning passivity, and that's its real connotation here. The word "patient" also derives from this. Hence what the Passion narratives describe is Jesus' passivity, his becoming a "patient." He gives his death to us through his passivity, just as he had previously given his life to us through his activity.



Up until his arrest, the gospels describe Jesus as active, as doing things, as being in charge, preaching, teaching, performing miracles, consoling people. After his arrest, all the verbs become passive: he is led away, manhandled by the authorities, whipped, helped in carrying his cross, and ultimately nailed to the cross. After his arrest, like a patient in palliative care or hospice, he no longer does anything; rather others do it for him and to him. He is passive, a patient, and in that passivity he gave his death for us.

There are many lessons in this, not least the fact that life and love are given not just in what we do for others but also, and perhaps even more deeply, in what we absorb at those times when we are helpless, when we have no choice except to be a "patient."

The more something costs us, the greater the demand on our resources and personal commitment. The cost of our salvation was Jesus' very life; he did not shy away from the demands or cost or personal commitment. And remains even now so committed to us.

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JOHN 3:16

200 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to
 £100 Sylvia Hoggan £25 Kevin Roper
 £50 Rosaleen Hart £25 Vera Turner

COLLECTIONS **2nd April** £352.30
Lenten Alms (Sick and retired priests) £194

TODAY the 2nd collection will be for sick and retired priests.

READERS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - EASTER

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| HOLY THURSDAY 7pm | Readings Intercessions | Tommy Cavanagh Jacqueline Byrne | Chalice 1:Pauline Greig Chalice 2:Kathy Baker |
| GOOD FRIDAY 3pm | Reading 1 Reading 2 Passion Narrator Passion Voices Intercessions | Luisa Campbell Pauline Greig Sr Annette Mary Williamson Tommy Cavanagh | Ciborium 1:Jean Rizzo Ciborium 2:Margaret Bonnar Ciborium 3:Rita Bonnar |
| EASTER VIGIL 9pm | Reading 1 Reading 2 Reading 3 Reading 4 Reading NT: Intercessions: | Dominic Pless Sr Annette Pauline Greig Jacqueline Byrne Luisa Campbell Sangeeta Francis | Chalice 1:Pat Quinn Chalice 2:Martin Farrell |
| EASTER SUNDAY 10am | Readings Intercessions | Mary Williamson Tommy Cavanagh | Chalice 1:Norah Casey Chalice 2:Helen Farrell Chalice 3:Eddie Hart |

SCIAF WEE BOX – please bring this back for Easter Sunday

THE BIG CLEAN of the church for the celebration of Easter will take place on Wednesday 12th April at 6.30pm. Please help if you can. Men especially needed.



VOLUNTEERS for WASHING OF FEET on Holy Thursday please sign the sheet at the back of the church. 8 volunteers to date and only two men!



DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS – basket at back of church

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Funds raised are split 50/50 between the Parish and the Mission Project in Nigeria.

LADIES: A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

There will be a Ladies' Night in the Bowling Club on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £5.



LOOK OUT YOUR BOOTS as we are planning a sponsored walk in June. Details will follow

GIFT AID

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the back of the church. Please take your envelope if you are already signed up for Gift Aid.

RACE NIGHT

There will be a Race Night at Christ the King Parish Hall on Friday 28th April. This is to raise funds to support the nurses who give so freely of their skills and energy in accompanying pilgrimages to Lourdes. These trips are becoming more expensive and many of them are finding it harder to afford. Doors open 7pm, first race 7.30pm.



PRAYER OF SUBMISSION

Lord, if what I seek be according to our will, then let it come to pass and let success attend the outcome. But if not, my God, let it not come to pass. Do not leave me to my own devices, for you know how unwise I can be. Keep me safe under your protection Lord my God, and in your own gentle way guide me and rule me as you know best. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Peter Docherty

Dead: William Docherty

Anniversaries: Samuel Caulfield, Robert Gormley, Annie Davis, Ina Conlin

