



ST FILLAN'S & ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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COMMEMORATION OF JESUS CHRIST'S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Dear Parishioners,

As Palm Sunday dawns, marking the commencement of Holy Week, our parish community comes together in contemplation of this day's deep significance. **Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem, symbolizing peace, triumph, and the realization of prophecy.** *This day connects the joy of Jesus's arrival with the anticipation of the unfolding events leading to Easter Sunday.*

This year, as we hold our palm crosses high, let us remember the deeper message of Palm Sunday. It invites us to contemplate the journey of Jesus, who, knowing the fate that awaited Him, chose to enter Jerusalem with humility and love. This act of divine bravery and selflessness serves as a powerful example for all of us. *It teaches us the importance of faith, courage, and the willingness to embrace our own paths, even when they lead us through moments of difficulty and challenge.*

Moreover, Palm Sunday serves as a **reminder of the strength found in community and solidarity.** Just as the crowds gathered to welcome Jesus with palm crosses, we too come together, supporting one another as we navigate our individual and collective journeys. *This sense of belonging and unity is a testament to the enduring spirit of our parish community.*

In this Holy Week, let us take the opportunity to deepen our faith, to reflect on the sacrifices made for us, and to recommit ourselves to living out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives. May we carry the message of Palm Sunday in our hearts, embodying peace, compassion, and love in all that we do.

As we move through the days leading up to Easter, let us keep in mind the promise of renewal and hope that this season brings.

Together, may we witness the resurrection of Christ not just as a historical event, but as a moment that renews our spirit and strengthens our faith.

May this Palm Sunday be a time of reflection, unity, and joy for our parish and for all who seek peace and solace in the presence of the divine. Blessed Palm Sunday to all.

Fr. Leszek

TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL READING (*During the Palms Blessing*): Jn. 12: 20-33
On the page 182 and Procession on page 187.

FIRST READING: Jer. 31: 31-34
On the page 187.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 51
"A pure heart, create for me, O God." on page 188.

SECOND READING: Heb. 5: 7-9
On the page 188.

GOSPEL READING (*Passion of Jesus Christ*): Jn. 12: 20-33
On the page 189 (Please read the text assigned to Crowded [C]).

31st March – Easter Sunday

Just a quick reminder that on March 31st the clocks will go forward at 1am. Ensure your clocks are set correctly so you don't miss the special Easter celebrations planned for this joyous day.

Happy Easter in advance!



FAMILY CONNECTION

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. **During this week,** we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death.

This week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. **Families can** make it a tradition to **read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week,** providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. **In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."**

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point.

The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Mark 11:1-10
(Gospel at the Procession with Palms)
Monday: Mark 14:1-11
Tuesday: Mark 14:12-26
Wednesday: Mark 14:27-52
Thursday: Mark 14:53-72
Friday: Mark 15:1-41
Saturday: Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together.

Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

JOIN US FOR THE LITURGY ON THREE HOLY DAYS:

28th March – Maundy Thursday
Callander – 6pm

29th March – Good Friday
Doone – 3pm

Callander – 6pm (*Stations of the Cross*)

30th March – Easter Vigil
Doone – 6pm

31st March – Easter Sunday
Doone – 9.45am & Callander – 11.30am



THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

The date has now been confirmed for the Episcopal Ordination of our Bishop Elect

Father Martin Chambers

It will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday, 27th April 2024 at 11.00am.

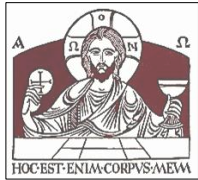


HOLY WEEK



27th March – Holy Wednesday St. Andrew's Cathedral, Nethergate Dundee at 7pm

During the Chrism Mass the Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments during the next year are blessed and the Chrism is consecrated. All are welcome to come and share in this joyful Diocesan event.



28th March – Maundy Thursday Callander at 6pm

This day marks the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper and the initiation of the priesthood. As we gather, we remember Christ's new commandment to love one another, symbolized by the washing of the feet. This day draws us into the mystery of Christ's self-giving love.



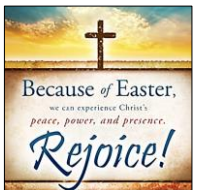
29th March – Good Friday Doune at 3pm Callander at 6pm (Stations of the Cross)

Good Friday a day of obligatory fasting and penance, invites us into the sombre reflection on Jesus's suffering and crucifixion. It is a time to venerate the cross, a symbol of our salvation, and to meditate on the immense sacrifice made for the redemption of humanity.



30th March – Easter Vigil Doune at 6pm

The Easter Vigil, celebrated after nightfall, marks the passage from death to life. It is a profound liturgical experience, beginning with the Service of Light, including the blessing of the Easter fire and the Paschal candle. We renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.



31st March – Easter Sunday

Doune at 9.45am & Callander at 11.30am
We rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the foundation of our Christian faith. Easter invites us into a story of hope, renewal, and transformative love. May this Easter renew our spirits and inspire us to live fully in the light of Christ's Resurrection. Let us go through our life forth with joy to share this good news with the world. Alleluia!

FAMILY CONNECTION

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death.

We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord.

Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and scepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too



might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these:

If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened?

Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



We kindly remind you to please return your Wee Boxes for SCIAF.



NOVENA BEFORE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY (2nd Sunday of Easter, 7th April 2024) (Starting on Good Friday)



Concluding each day's prayer, recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, entrusting ourselves and the world to His unfathomable love and mercy.

PRAYER: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Day 1: Good Friday:

"Today, bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy." Lord Jesus, we lift up to You all of humanity, especially those most in need of Your mercy. Grant us a heart like Yours, full of compassion and love. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 2: Holy Saturday:

"Today, bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy." Heavenly Father, we pray for the shepherds of Your Church. Strengthen them in their vocations and fill them with Your grace. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 3: Easter Sunday:

"Today, bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy." Jesus, we offer You the souls that seek You with sincerity. May they find in Your mercy a haven of peace. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 4: Easter Monday:

"Today, bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know Me." Lord, we pray for those searching for meaning. Illuminate their hearts with the light of Your Divine Mercy. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 5: Easter Tuesday:

"Today, bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church." Merciful Jesus, guide back to Your fold those who have lost their way. Let Your mercy heal the divisions. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

Day 6: Easter Wednesday:

"Today, bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children." Jesus, who praised the childlike, bless the humble and the innocent. Protect them with Your merciful love. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 7: Easter Thursday:

"Today, bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy." We pray for those devoted to the message of Divine Mercy. May their faith in Your mercy be a beacon to others. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be... Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 8: Easter Friday:

"Today, bring to Me the souls who are detained in purgatory." Lord of Mercy, shower Your mercy upon the souls suffering in purgatory. Grant them eternal rest and peace. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...

Day 9: Easter Saturday:

"Today, bring to Me the souls who have become lukewarm." Father of Mercy, rekindle the flame of love in those who have grown cold. Draw them into the warmth of Your mercy. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be..., and Prayer: Eternal God...



In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem meaningful to them and for me?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LAST WEEK DONATIONS

Doune – £119.10 & Charity Voucher: £150.00
Callander – £143.93 & Stirling Food Bank: £65.95

On Good Friday, March 29, a special collection for the Holy Places will be held.

Next publication of Parish Newsletter will be on 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).