

PARISH NEWSLETTER



St Joseph's Church (Callander)
St Fillan's and Alphonsus (Doune)

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

April 13, 2025



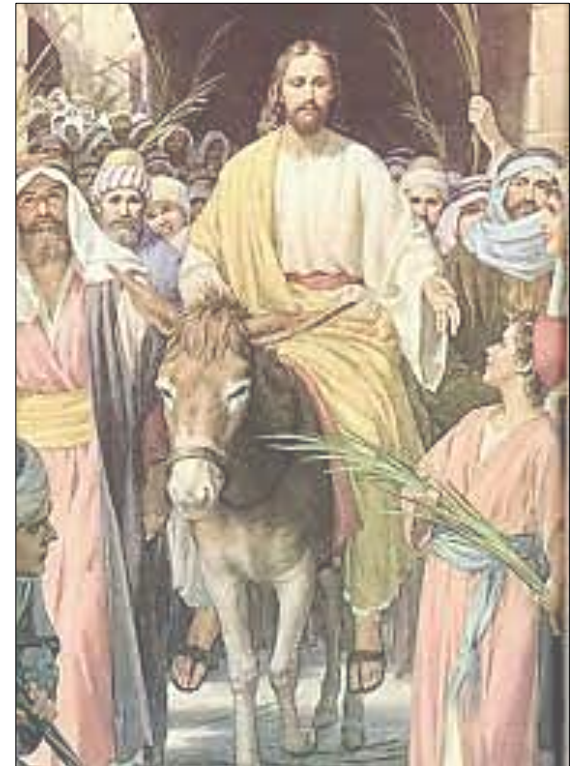
COMMUNITY PRAYER

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, on this Palm Sunday, we welcome You as the King of Peace and walk with You on the path of Your Passion.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, renew in our hearts the courage to follow You faithfully, even when the road is steep and the cross is heavy.

As a parish community, unite us in love and prayer. Help us to carry one another's burdens, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to be signs of hope in our world.

Bless our homes, our families, and our journey through Holy Week. May we draw closer to You in the Sacraments and in Your Word. And as we await the joy of Easter, help us to live each day in the light of Your mercy and resurrection. **Amen.**



**Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PALM SUNDAY

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in the name of the Lord!”

Matthew 21:9 ESV

This Sunday, we enter the most solemn and grace-filled week of the Church's year: **Holy Week**, beginning with **Palm Sunday**, the gateway to the Paschal Mystery. We raise our palms in **remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem—but we also walk with Him toward the Cross**. It is a day of contrast: joyful hosannas and sorrowful passion.

In this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, we are invited to see this week not only as a commemoration of what happened two thousand years ago, but as **a personal journey of renewal**.

Jesus does not ride into Jerusalem only once in history—**He comes to meet us today**, in our own cities, parishes, and hearts, offering us His peace, mercy, and the hope of new life.

Let us not be mere observers in the crowd. Let us be companions on the way. **Let this Holy Week become for us a sacred pilgrimage:** from the waving of palms to the silence of the tomb, through the Cross and into the dawn of Resurrection.

Let us open our hearts to the grace of these days.

In the Eucharist, in prayer, in acts of love and forgiveness, **may we recognise Christ passing by**—humble, wounded, yet filled with divine strength.

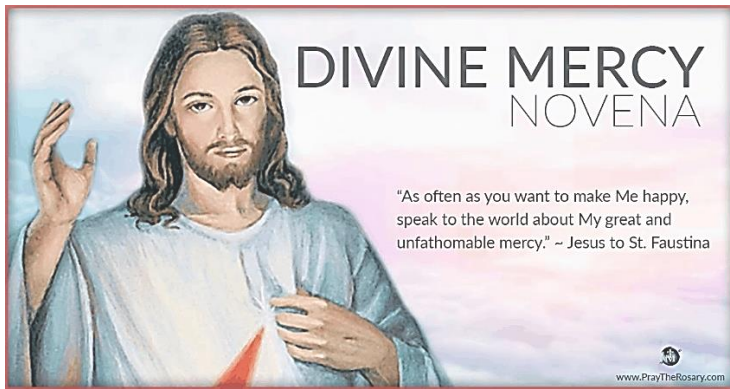
In this Year of Hope let us rediscover the courage to live our faith with conviction, to forgive what is hard to forgive, and to begin again in the light of Easter morning.

Let us walk this road together—with Christ, in hope.

In Christ's peace, Fr Les

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The Novena is an important element of the devotion of Divine Mercy. Over the nine days of the Novena, we should enter deeper and deeper into the mystery of God's Mercy and Love but also into our understanding of this devotion.

Day 1: Good Friday: 18/04/2025

"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: 19/04/2025

"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: 20/04/2025

"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: 21/04/2025

"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: 22/04/2025

"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: 23/04/2025

"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: 24/04/2025

"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: 25/04/2025

"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: 26/04/2025

"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...*

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Prayed each Day of Novena.



Holy Week & Easter Services

COME WORSHIP WITH US

In this Holy Week, you are invited to the

PRAYER OF THE READINGS

in Callander at 10:00am on

Monday, 14th April,

Tuesday, 15th April, and

Wednesday, 16th April.

HOLY TRIDUUM

17th April – Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Callander – 6.00pm

Private prayer at the altar of exposition of the B. Sacrament.

18th April – Friday of the Passion of the Lord

The beginning of the Novena Prayer

Doune – 3.00pm

Callander – 6.00pm

EASTER

19th April – Easter Vigil: Doune – 8.00pm

20th April – Easter Sunday

Doune – 9.45am; Callander – 11.30am

27th April – Divine Mercy Sunday

Doune – 9.45am; Callander – 11.30am

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IS PRAYED AS FOLLOWS:

1. *Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.*

2. *On the Our Father beads, recite the following:*

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. *On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:*

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. *Repeat step two and three for all five decades.*

5. *Conclude by reciting three times:*

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

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. Amen.



On Good Friday, 18 April 2025 there will be 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).