

THE COMMUNION RITE

Eating and drinking together of the Lord's Body and Blood in a Paschal meal is the culmination of the Eucharist. The themes underlying these rites are mutual love and reconciliation. These are the condition and the fruit of worthy communion and the unity of the many in the One.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please observe the regulations on social distancing when processing to receive Holy Communion.

As you approach the minister, please do so with arms at "full stretch" to keep a good distance between you. Communion will be given silently, and in the hand only. (Your hands - palms upwards, one of top of the other - should be extended as flatly as possible.)

Prayer after Communion

The Concluding Rites

The brief Concluding Rite sends us forth to put into effect in our daily lives the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ which we have celebrated. Our mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

Blessing and Dismissal

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Prayers for Holy Week

Short Responsory from Night Prayer

Holy Thursday: Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death,

Good Friday: even death on a cross.

Holy Saturday: Therefore God raised him to the heights and gave him the name which is above all other names.

Easter Sunday: This is the day which was made by the Lord: let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.



Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ
 For all the benefits you have given me,
 For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
 O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
 May I know you more clearly,
 Love you more dearly,
 Follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Liturgies of Holy Week & Easter Day

Because of the COVID restrictions that are in place, those who wish to attend these liturgies must book tickets via Eventbrite. The link is provided on the front page of our parish website.

- If you book tickets and find you cannot use them, please do return them via Eventbrite.
- If you find tickets are not available at present, please try again later. At Christmas a number of tickets were returned to Eventbrite even immediately before the Liturgies.

If you are not successful in booking tickets for Easter Sunday, then do please remember that Easter Day has its octave. So you can come to celebrate Easter Day at any of our parish Masses during Easter week (i.e. Mass at 10am on 5, 6, 7 April.)

Also there will be the opportunity to join with others from the parish in live Zoom celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours

- Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer on Holy Thursday
- Morning Prayer on Good Friday and on Holy Saturday
- Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday (at the end of the weekly Lectio divina meeting. No obligation to join the Lectio prayer time first!)

Details will be published on the parish blog on the day.

Still shielding but want to come to Mass in Holy Week?

There will be a special celebration on Thursday 1st April at 11am *solely for those who are presently shielding (and one accompanying person from their household/bubble)* and who will not otherwise be able to come to our parish celebration of the Triduum.

Places are strictly limited to those who pre-book and because of the additional social distancing which will be in place.

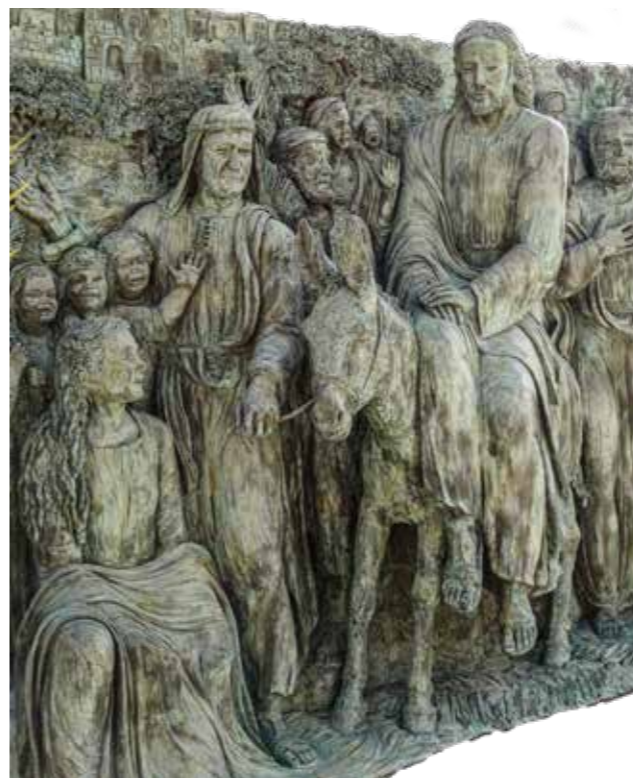
If you wish to attend this Mass - or if you want to reserve a place for a family member/friend, please email Fr Allen directly giving the name of those for whom places are requested.



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Blessing of Palms

John 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!'

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

Keeping Safe at Mass

Face coverings: Regulations require members of the congregation, aged 5 and over, to wear face-coverings over their nose and mouth throughout the time we are in church. *If you have an exemption certificate please confirm in advance with Fr Allen, so appropriate seating can be arranged for you (and to safeguard others.)*

Social distancing: Please keep a social distance of 1m from anyone not of your household. *If going into an empty bench, please sit in the middle space, and leave any remaining space on the aisle for the next to arrive. Do not make people climb over you to get into the bench.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Introductory Rites

The Introductory Rites help us come together as one, establish communion and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The Penitential Act

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Collect

MASS			
Sa	27	6pm	For the parish
Su	28	9am	PALM SUNDAY Thanksgiving: safe birth of Harriet Dowle (Byrne) Margaret & Thomas O'Gorman RIP (O'Gorman)
		11am	
M	29	10am	Fr Joyce (Byrne)
T	30	10am	
W	31		
Th	1	7.30pm	Holy Thursday For the Parish
F	2	3pm	Good Friday -
Sa	3	8pm	EASTER VIGIL For the parish
Su	4	9am	EASTER SUNDAY Breeda Tarrant RD (O'Neill) Chris Drozd Ints
		11am	

Confessions COVID restrictions prevent confessions being heard in the church, or indoors. However, if you wish to celebrate Reconciliation please contact Fr Allen who will be happy to arrange a time and place (outdoors) to celebrate this sacrament of mercy with you.

Please pray for sick parishioners including Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Tony Lawlor, Eileen Headley, Margaret Lane, Kathleen Passey, Bernard Poller, Richard Mooney and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Hearing the word proclaimed in worship, we again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the people of the covenant shared in Christ, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. The proclamation of the word is essential to the Mass

A brief time of quiet after the readings allows us to take the word of God to heart and begin to prepare a prayerful response to what we have heard.

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!
I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave
him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Passion according to St Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together
with the elders and scribes, in short the whole
Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound
and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'
Jesus answered, 'It is you who say it.'

And the chief priests brought many accusations
against him.

Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all?
See how many accusations they are bringing against
you! But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further
reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for
them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called
Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had
committed murder during the uprising. When the
crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary
favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to
release for you the king of the Jews?'

For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief
priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests,
however, had incited the crowd to demand that he
should release Barabbas for them instead.

Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case, what am I to
do with the man you call king of the Jews?'

They shouted back, 'Crucify him!'

Pilate asked them, 'Why? What harm has he done?'

But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'

So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released
Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be
scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the
palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole
cohort together.

They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns
into a crown and put it on him. And they began
saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!'

They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and
they went down on their knees to do him homage.
And when they had finished making fun of him,
they took off the purple and dressed him in his own
clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted
a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander
and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to
carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called

Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They
offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it.
Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing,
casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the
third hour when they crucified him. The inscription
giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the
Jews'. And they crucified two robbers with him, one
on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads
and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the temple and
rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come
down from the cross!'

The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among
themselves in the same way. They said, 'He saved
others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the
king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us
to see it and believe.'

Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over
the whole land until the ninth hour and at the ninth
hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama
sabachthani?' This means 'My God, my God, why have
you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by
heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.'

Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and,
putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait
and see if Elijah will come to take him down.'

But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause in prayer.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to
bottom.

The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had
seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man
was a son of God.'

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful (omitted at the Bishop's request)



Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and
including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole
Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church
is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the
crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making
available his saving work among us.*

The Offertory

*There is no offertory collection at this time. Instead, you are
invited to place your offerings in the basket at the entrance
to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Eucharistic Prayer, the centre and summit of the entire
celebration is a memorial proclamation of praise and
thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in
which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the
power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ
in offering his Sacrifice to the Father*

The Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.