

THE PARISH OF ST DUNSTAN AND ST JUDE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is of course the most important week of the year for us as Catholics. Despite the strange circumstances at present, there are still all sorts of ways that you can make this a special week for yourselves and families.

On the website there will be a daily offering of Mass that you can join in from today until Thursday. If you have missals perhaps you can use them to follow the Mass. On Good Friday there will be the Sacred Liturgy at 3pm. On Holy Saturday night many will be used to attending the Vigil and first Mass of Easter. Although this will continue in a reduced way, we will broadcast instead Evening Prayer (Vespers) with a reflection to prepare ourselves for the Feast of Easter. Holy Saturday is the day when we commemorate the descent of Our Lord to the dead to bring the good news of the resurrection – a day of waiting and expectation. Easter Mass will be celebrated at 11am.

Also on the website you can find Stations of the Cross for children which we would have held on Friday morning. Parents are encouraged to make this journey with their children. Perhaps do it in the park!

There are also broadcasts online of the liturgies of this week from the Cathedral, the shrine at Walsingham, and the Holy See.

A parishioner has passed on to us a prayer to St Roch, a saint invoked in times of plague and pestilence:

O most merciful God, who through an angel, promised St Roch that all who invoked his name will be preserved from pestilent and contagious diseases. Grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers both of soul and body. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You will be able to see the Liturgies of Holy Week either through our website or our Facebook page. Please do let parishioners know about these liturgies online. Details for the website and Facebook page are at the top of this newsletter.

Holy Monday	11.00am
Holy Tuesday	11.00am
Holy Wednesday	11.00am
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm
Good Friday Liturgy	3.00pm
Holy Saturday Evening Prayer	8.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass	11.00am

Let us pray for one another at this time, and especially for the sick and those in our hospitals, care homes and local surgeries who care for the sick: that through the prayers we offer both privately and individually, we may soon be united once more together around the altar of God. Our Lady, Help of Christians: pray for us.

During this week, Holy Mass will be offered for: Lawrence Stait (RIP); Larkin, McLaughlin and Rogers families; John Callaghan (RIP); Tom, Geraldine and Michelle Mannion; Mary and Michael Dunleavy; Paul Payne (RIP); Rita Saldaha (RIP); Kathleen Byrne (RIP); Thomas O'Keefe (RIP); Peggy Leydon (RIP); Sonny Nash (RIP); Joseph Koziol (RIP); William Kelly (RIP); Edward Lawlor (RIP); Kate McNamara; Kathleen Clarke (RIP); Thanksgiving; Larkin, McLaughlin and Rogers families; Anna and Phil Connolly.

Masses will be offered privately each day by the priests, and all intentions which have been previously booked will be honoured and fulfilled.

Please remember in your prayers the recently departed: Olga Faye, Gerry Ryan, Christopher Clarke, Vivienne Timmins, Tim Crowley, Ciriaco Maciel and for those who mourn their loss.

Catholic Patients in the QE Hospital: Could families/friends please make sure that the ward is notified of any Catholic patients. This means the Chaplain will be notified. In these high-pressured times, he won't have the time or freedom to go around searching! People will be missed if the hospital aren't asked.

Weekly offerings can be posted through the St Dunstan's Presbytery letterbox. Please ensure that offerings handed in using a sealed envelope, either the usual Gift Aid ones or a plain envelope and clearly marked whether for St Dunstan's or St Jude's. Please do not push loose change through the letterbox. **There are also other ways of giving available on our Parish website.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to our Guardian Angel, for when we cannot attend Holy Mass: O holy Angel at my side, go to Church for me, kneel in my place, at Holy Mass, where I desire to be. At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own, and place it as a sacrifice upon the Altar Throne. At Holy Consecration's bell, adore with Seraph's love, my Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from Heaven above. Then pray for those I dearly love, and those who cause me grief, that Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts, and suffering souls relieve. And when the priest Communion takes, oh, bring my Lord to me, that His sweet Heart may rest on mine, and I His temple be. Pray that this Sacrifice Divine, may mankind's sins efface; then bring me Jesus' blessing home, the pledge of every grace. Amen.



'THIS IS HOLY WEEK' CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

This Sunday we begin the holiest week of the Church's year. In Holy Week we journey with Jesus through the events which lead up to his crucifixion, his death and his resurrection. The week includes these important days:

Palm Sunday – commemorating Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem; Maundy Thursday – when Jesus at the Last Supper instituted the Eucharist; Good Friday – commemorating Jesus' suffering and death on the cross and Easter Sunday – when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus

Each Holy Week we usually walk with Jesus to remember in a special way the events of this special week. This year it is going to be a Holy Week unlike any other, as we are unable to gather together. However, that doesn't stop us from being able to celebrate it with our families – and from sharing the week with those around us!

Your task for Holy Week is to design a large picture or poster for each of these days and to display them in the windows or on the doors of your house. Remember your posters and pictures must be bright and eye catching. They must include a picture to show what the day is about, and must include in large letters what the day is i.e. This is Palm Sunday; This is Maundy Thursday; This is Good Friday; This is Easter Day.

So that your designs reach even more people, we are asking you to take pictures of them as they are displayed and to share them on our social media pages. You will find us on Facebook (St Dunstan and St Jude) or on Twitter (stdunsanandstjude).

Each day in Holy Week, via our Social Media pages, we will post and share a prayer and passage from the Bible for you to use during a time of reflection.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

FIRST READING

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.

SECOND READING

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 READING

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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.

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.

N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C. Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY MONDAY

First Reading Isaiah 42: 1 – 7

Gospel John 12: 1 – 11

HOLY TUESDAY

First Reading Isaiah 49: 1 – 6

Gospel John 13: 21 – 33, 36 – 38

HOLY WEDNESDAY

First Reading Isaiah 50: 4 – 9

Gospel Matthew 26: 14 – 25

MAUNDY THURSDAY

First Reading Exodus 12: 1 – 8, 11 – 14

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

Gospel John 13: 1 – 15

GOOD FRIDAY

First Reading Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12

Second Reading Hebrews 4: 14 – 16; 5: 7 – 9

Gospel John 18: 1 – 19: 42

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43

Second Reading Colossians 3: 1 – 4

Gospel John 20: 1 – 9

Pope Francis' prayer to Our Lady during Coronavirus Pandemic: O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, the salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.