

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Matthew

N. One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, '

O. What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?'

N. They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him. Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

C. 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?'

N. He replied

J. 'Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him. "The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples."'

N. The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said,

J. 'I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.'

N. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

O. 'Not I, Lord, surely?'

N. He answered,

J. 'Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!'

N. Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

O. 'Not I, Rabbi, surely?'

N. Jesus answered,

J. 'They are your own words.'

N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said,

J. 'Take it and eat; this is my body.'

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying,

J. 'Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.'

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

J. 'You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.'

N. At this, Peter said,

O. 'Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.'

N. Jesus answered him,

J. 'I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.'

N. Peter said to him,

O. 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.'

N. And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

J. 'Stay here while I go over there to pray.'

N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And the sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them,

J. 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.'

N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed.

J. 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by, Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.'

N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

J. 'So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

J. 'My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!'

N. And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

J. 'You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.'

N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said,

O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O. 'Greetings, rabbi,'

N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

J. 'My friend, do what you are here for.'

N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said,

J. 'Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?'

N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds,

J. 'Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.'

N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away. The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O. 'This man said, "I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up."'

N. The high priest then stood up and said to him,

O. 'Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?'



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What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

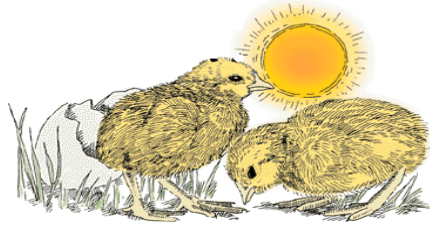
This week: 17th April, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

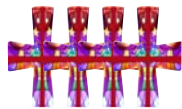
Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043



Dawn Mass
Old Graveyard
Drumcliffe
5.30am
Easter Sunday

Monthly Gospel Mass



Prepare for Easter
with Ennis Gospel Choir
Sunday 17th April at 6.30pm
in St Joseph's Church

Garment of Suffering

People are invited to place in the baskets pieces of material representing the crosses and pain that you carry. It will be used to create a garment of suffering to be used in the Good Friday Liturgy at the Cathedral. The material to be not larger than 8"x8".

Ceremony of Reconciliation



On this Mon evening (18th) at 7.30pm in The Cathedral, we gather around the cross for a Ceremony of Reconciliation.

To the accompaniment of music and song, story and prayer, we will gather to celebrate God's love for us in the Sacrament of reconciliation. *You are invited to come and encourage a friend to come with you and experience the first glimpses of Easter joy.*

You will be able to hear the words of absolution and if you wish, have time to talk to a priest. You will also be given a souvenir of the Passion to take home with you. Come as you are, that's how God wants you.

Easter Ceremonies in Ennis

Diocese of Killaloe Chrism Mass

The Annual Mass for the blessing of the Holy Oils takes place on this Wednesday, 20th April, at 7.30pm in Ennis Cathedral. The Liturgy will be led by the combined choirs of the Abbey Cluster of Parishes: Doora Barefield, Quin, Clarecastle & Ballyea and will be joined by Priests & people from the 57 parishes across the diocese. Priests will renew their commitment of service in the diocese. Please come & join in uniting our diocese as a People of God in prayer & service.

Holy Thursday, 21st April:

Cathedral:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose.
Holy Hour 8.30pm – 9.30pm.

The Friary:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday - Morning Prayer at 10am.
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm.

St. Joseph's:

Procession to Altar of Repose in Poor Clare Monastery Chapel.
Adoration until 10pm with Night Prayer at 9.45pm in Poor Clares' Chapel.
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession to Altar of Repose at 8pm.
Adoration until 10pm.

Cloughleigh:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. Holy Hour 9-10pm

Cahercalla:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6pm.

Good Friday, 22nd April:

Cathedral:

Stations of the Cross at 10am.
Outdoor Stations at 12noon, Watery Road.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.
"The Cross". Prayer and Reflection Around The Cross at 9pm

The Friary:

Liturgy of the Passion at 5pm.
Reflection on the Stations of the Cross at 8pm

St. Joseph's:

Stations of the Cross at 11am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Cloughleigh:

Outdoor Stations at 10.30am - Garden of Remembrance.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

Cahercalla:

Stations of the Cross at 2pm.

Cathedral:

Holy Saturday, 23rd April:

Morning Prayer at 11am.
Blessing of Polish Breakfast Food: 3pm.

The Friary:

Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm and Prayer of Waiting
(Note: No 6.30pm Mass this Evening.)

St. Joseph's:

Easter Vigil at 9pm. (Note: No 7.30pm Mass this Evening.)

Cloughleigh:

Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm.

Easter Sunday, 24th April:

Cathedral:

9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

The Friary:

9.30am, 10.30am & 12 noon

St. Joseph's:

8am, 10am & 11.30am

Cloughleigh:

9.30am & 11am; Cahercalla: 10.30am

Poor Clare Monastery

All ceremonies take place in The Franciscan Church. See above for details.

Easter Sunday:

Mass at 7.45am.

Penitential Service

Monday 7.30pm:

Cathedral - See Special Notice. (No Evening Mass).

Tuesday 10.30am:

Friary; Wednesday 1.05pm: Friary (No 1.05pm Mass).

Confessions at the Cathedral

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies

& during Prayer around the Cross-Liturgy at 9pm.

Holy Saturday:

11am – 1pm.; 2pm – 6pm.; 7pm – 8.30pm.

Confessions at the Friary

Tuesday to Holy Saturday: 11am – 1pm & 2pm– 6pm. (except during ceremonies.)

Confessions at St. Joseph's Church

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies

Holy Saturday: 11am – 12 noon; 7pm – 8pm.

Confessions at Cloughleigh Church

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies.





St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 16th April 7pm: Jim O'Driscoll, 75 Elm Park MM PJ & Eileen O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.
 Sun: 8am Jack Carroll, Harmony Row & Tommy Carroll, Gort Road.
 10am: Cecilia Casey, Gort Road
 11.30am: Mary Minitier, 1st Anniv & her husband Tom, Kincora Park
 6.30pm: Mass with Ennis Gospel Choir
 Mon 11am: Margaret Stack, 40 Oak Pk 1st Anniv
 Tue 11am: Gerard Hartnett, Tulla Road
 Wed 11am: Patrick & Agnes Keane
Holy Thursday
 8pm: Mass of The Lord's Repose
Good Friday
 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
 9pm: Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday
 24th April 8am: Reidy & Kelly Family, Coolmeen
 10am: Barry Coughlan, Corrovorrin Grove 1st Anniv
 11.30am Bernadette Kelly, Clonroadmore

Please Note: Due to the Holy Week ceremonies, the Ennis Padre Pio monthly meeting will not be held on Wed. 20th April; it will now be held on Wed 27th April in St Joseph's Church at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: John & Ellen Crowe, 145 Hermitage.
 11am: Jim (Seamus) McNamara, Kilkishen & London.
 Mon 9.30am: Christy Lynch & Family
Holy Thursday
 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
 9pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday
 Masses at 9.30am and 11am.



Pieta House Darkness into Light 5k Event

Pieta House, (centre for the Prevention of Self-harm or Suicide), at 4.30am on Sat 7th May in Lees Road Park www.pieta.ie; ☎ 01-6010000. Starting while it's dark & finishing at dawn. Join us for this symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide & self-harm; Pieta House, Lucan Rd., Lucan. Register: darknessintolight.pieta.ie

"From a Photograph to a Family Genealogy" - Genealogist Gerry Kennedy, chairman of Clare Roots Society, will present the above talk on Thurs., April 21st, at 8pm in the Ennis Civic Rooms. He will describe how you can derive a Family Tree from very small beginnings. All are welcome. Non-members 5 euro. Members free.



Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Rose Muireann Conneely; Bernadette Marie O'Donoghue; Séan Peter Vaughan; Jasmine Manuella Dos Santos; Cillian Eoin McCullough; Ferdia Donnchadh Corey;

Live The Word:

Easter Sunday: Jn: 20:1-9



Easter is a time of Celebration. It gives us the opportunity to celebrate what we have in our lives. Focus on the light, and be grateful for the beauty of life.



SVP, 84 Parnell St. 065 6824188;

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. In need of the following: School uniforms (all Clare schools); teenage & children's clothes; designer dresses; men's wear; good shoes (childrens & adults); bed Linen; household ware; bric-a-brac.

Pilgrimages 2011

Pilgrimage Shrines of Poland
 Aug 1-8; with Canon Brendan O'Donoghue. ☎ 6824211

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on Sat 17th Sept. Depart Shannon; if you book before 1st May, cost is €639 for 7 nights; if you book afterwards cost is €669. Fr. Paddy Conway is Spiritual Director. Few seats remaining. ☎ James Considine 9059328.

Knock Summer Festival 2011- 'Fuel for The Journey'; 24-26th June. 0949388100/08769227850.

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Fri 29th April to Mon 2nd May.

Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 0879701130 or Noirin at 0879459151



Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on Sunday after Easter at 2pm in Ennis Cathedral. Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday.

Easter Mass Bouquet from Parish Office. Mass will be said for your intentions during the Easter Season.



SAMARITANS

Ennis/Clare Samaritans can be contacted at 1850609090; jo@samaritans.org; or visit the Samaritans (Kilrush Rd) any day between 10am & 10pm.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Frankie Dinan, 25 McNamara Park, 1st Anniv
 Sun.:9am Joseph Keating, Connolly
 10.30am Frank Roche, 6 Dalcassian Park.
 Michael Patrick Mc Mahon, Tobartaoscain.
 Kate & Jack Keane, Clonlara
 John McVeigh
 Mary Harkus (nee Coffey) late 56 Hermitage & Holyhead.
 12noon Enid O'Loughlin, 70 Corrovorrin Grove.
 Mon:7.45am Mary Ellen McInerney, Doora
 10am Cullinan Family, Ard na Gréine
 7.30pm Penitential Service
 Tues.:7.45am Flan Killeen
 10am Michael Larkin, Cusack Road
 7.30pm Jim Bowe, 6 Clancy Park
 Wed.:7.45am Jack, Deborah & Br. Niall McCarthy, Killarney
 10am Denis & Josephine Rice & deceased Rice & Malone families, Circular Road.
 3pm: Margaret McCarthy
 7.30pm Chris Mass
Holy Thursday
 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
 9pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday
 9am Joe Killeen
 Rita Kenny, 102 Hermitage
 10.30am Jimmy & Mary Arthur, Golflinks Road
 Veronica Fenton, Ard na Gréine
 Christopher Keane, 49 Fergus Park
 Frederick & Mary Gilligan & sons John Joe, Fred, Davie & daughter Peggy.
 12 noon Elizabeth Neylon, Rockmount Manor & Parnell St. 1st Anniv.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 1st May, 2011

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

Kevin Nugent, Scariff, father of Martin Nugent, Springfield; **Michael Nix**, Clareabbey & formerly St. Senan's Road;

Bishop's & Priests' Easter Collection

Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes can also be left into The Parish Office.

TROCAIRE
 Working for a Just World

Trocaire Collection will be taken up at Good Friday Solemn Liturgies.

Dates for Diary

- ◆ Blessing of all Babies baptised in Ennis during 2010 Sunday 8th May, at 2pm in Cathedral.
- ◆ Blessing of Expectant Parents, 12th May at 8pm in Cathedral.
- ◆ Pre-Schools' Summer Blessing 11th June at 12noon in Cathedral.
- ◆ Lough Derg, Parish Pilgrimage Mon 1st to Wed 3rd August.

N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,
O. 'I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.'

N. Jesus answered,
J. 'The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onwards you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said,
O. He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?
N. They answered,
C. **'He deserves to die.'**

N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,
C. **'Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?'**

N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said,
O. 'You too were with Jesus the Galilean.'

N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying
O. 'I do not know what you are talking about.'

N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,
O. 'This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.'

N. And again, with an oath, he denied it,
O. 'I do not know the man.'

N. A little later the bystanders came up to and said to Peter,
C. **'You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.'**

N. Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing,
O. 'I do not know the man.'

N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying,
O. 'I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.'

N. They replied,
C. **'What is that to us? That is your concern.'**

N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said,
C. **'It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.'**

N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question,
O. Are you the king of the Jews?
N. Jesus replied,
J. '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 this 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 the 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. '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 around 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 reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothes 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 put 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,
J. '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 to 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.

N. At that is, 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 imposter 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 guards. 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.