



Ennis Parish News

Palm Sunday (Year B) 5th April, 2009

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N. It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said

C. 'It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.'

N. Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

C. 'Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor':

N. and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

J. 'Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always, and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do: she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.'

N. Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

C. 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?'

N. So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

J. 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.'

N. The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

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

N. They were distressed and asked him, one after another,

O. 'Not I, surely?'

N. He said to them,

J. 'It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, 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. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

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

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them and all drank from it, and he said to them,

J. 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

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

J. 'You will all lose faith, for the scripture says: "I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered". However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.'

N. Peter said

O. 'Even if all lose faith, I will not.'

N. And Jesus said to him,

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

N. But he repeated still more earnestly

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

N. And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

J. 'Stay here while I pray.'

N. Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

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

N. And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said

J. 'Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.'

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

J. 'Simon are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake 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 he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

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

N. Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said

O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'

N. So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O. 'Rabbi!'

N. And kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus spoke,

J. 'Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.'

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 5th April, 2009
 Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087 6615975
Wednesday: 8th April, 2009
 Fr. Jackie Sharpe ☎ 086 8940556

Sr. Angela Whelan, O.S.C.



1922 - 2009

Sr. Angela Whelan late of Knockaheem, Leamlara, Co. Cork - dear and loved sister, went home to God on the 24th March, 2009 - the eve of the Feast of the Annunciation - a feast she dearly loved!

Born in 1922, she entered the Poor Clare Monastery in College Road, Cork in 1946 and later was one of the founding sisters, in 1958 to establish a Community here in Ennis. She was a woman full of faith, and motherly goodness. Her love for the Church and its Mission enlarged her heart to readily respond to an invitation from an Australian Community of Poor Clare Sisters to make a joint foundation in Papua New Guinea in 1971.

The Sisters were overwhelmed at the huge turn out of so many friends and loved ones who joined with them in their loss. She was laid to rest in the Monastery cemetery.

We her sisters left Sr. Angela there, being reminded of the words our Mother St. Clare addressed to her own soul: "Go without anxiety, for you have a good escort for your journey. Go, for He who created you has made you holy. And, always protecting you as a mother her child, He has loved you with a tender loveBlessed be you, my Lord, for having created me."

Ar dheis Do go raibh a anam dilis.

Dawn Mass

Drumcliffe Cemetery,
 Easter Sunday - April 12th 5.30am



Dawn Mass


This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection in a meaningful, special way. This is a morning when our voices will sing an early chorus of praise and hope, and all are most welcome to celebrate the New Dawn. The Mass will take place in the old graveyard, Drumcliffe Cemetery—5.30am.

Easter Ceremonies in Ennis

Holy Thursday, 9th 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. Procession to Altar of Repose in Poor Clare Monastery Chapel. Adoration until 10pm with Night Prayer at 9.45pm in Poor Clares' Chapel.	
St. Joseph's:	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, 10th April:

Cathedral:	Stations of the Cross at 10am. Outdoor Stations at 11am, Grotto, St. Michael's Villas. 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 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.	

Holy Saturday, 11th April:

Cathedral:	Morning Prayer at 11am. Blessing of Polish Breakfast Food: 4pm. Easter Vigil at 9pm and Prayer of Waiting (Note: No 6.30pm Mass this Evening.)	
The Friary:	Easter Vigil at 9pm. (Note: No 7.30pm. Mass this Evening.)	
St. Joseph's:	Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm. (Note: No 7pm Mass this Evening.)	
Cloughleigh:	Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm.	

Poor Clare Monastery

See under Friary for details of ceremonies.
 Easter Sunday: Mass at 7.45am.

Penitential Service

Monday at 7.30pm:	Cathedral (No Evening Mass).
Tuesday at 10.30am:	Friary.
Wednesday at 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.

Diocese Of Killaloe Chrism Mass 2009

St. Senan's Church Kilrush on Wednesday 8th of April at 7.30pm
*Please come and join in uniting our diocese
 as a People of God in prayer and service.*





St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: James & John Sexton, Milltown Malbay.
Sun 10am: Bridie & Denis Greer, 24 Shannon Park.
11.30am: Aaron & Paddy Haugh.

Easter Ceremonies

Broadcast on Clare FM from St Joseph's Church
Holy Thursday 8pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am
(not broadcast)

Good Friday Ceremonies 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 9pm

Sun 12th 11.30am: Easter Mass Triduum.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: John & Mary Flanagan &
deceased family members, Ballygriffey.

Mon 9.30am: Edward Baker, 78 Hermitage.

Sun 12th 9.30am: Easter Mass Triduum.

11am: Jim Organ, Loughville.



Poker Classic on Friday 24th April in Old
Ground 9.30pm. Tickets €30 from Parish Office.

Monastic Experience Weekend for Women 17th -19th
April . Single women interested in finding out more about
monastic vocation are invited to join in our life of prayer,
liturgy and work for the weekend. Preferred age 25-45
years Places limited. Details from: Sr Gabrielle O.Ss.R.
Monastery of St Alphonsus, St Alphonsus Rd, Dublin 9.
www.rednuns.faithweb.com ☎ 086 8164179
mail:gabrielle.fox@redemptorists.ie .

Ennis ICA meeting in Clarecare on Tuesday 7th April at
8pm. New members welcome.

St. Flannan's College, Calcutta Youth Project



The staff and students travelling to Calcutta are as follows:

Staff: Shona Cahill, Liam Ashe, Fionnuala Rooney, Colm McDonagh and Mike Ryan.

Students: John Waters, Paul Flanagan, Fearghal Scully, Patrick Clancy, Enda O'Connor,
Seamus Counihan, Andrew Byrne, Darragh Murphy, Ellen Minogue, Ellis McCarthy,
Emily Daly, Edel O'Halloran, Brid Nestor and Denise Kelly.

The students are volunteering in an orphanage and hospice run by the Missionaries of
Charity and teaching street children English in the evenings. As a group we fund-raised
in the region of €50,000 all of which we will donate to the poor of Calcutta in India. Please
keep them in your prayers, as they journey and work in Calcutta over Easter.



Friary News

Celebrating 800 Years

Keep up with the forthcoming
Franciscan 800 celebrations in
Ennis on Fr. Hugh's mini-website
[@www.Ennis800.blogspot.com](http://www.Ennis800.blogspot.com)

A Triduum of Masses will
be offered for your intentions
on Easter Sunday. Cards
available at The Parish Office.



Newly Baptised

Hannah Jo Moloney;
Keeva Siobhan

Cullinan; Maebh Christina Kelly;
Gráinne Catherine Leyden; Ethan
Liam Walsh; Anissa Maria
Lemaabdi Daly; Ann Christina
Hynes; Ave Marie O'Leary; Arthur
Cecotka.

Divine Mercy Devotions take
place in Cathedral on Sunday
19th at 2.30pm. Novena to Divine
Mercy starts on Good Friday.

Solas - Suicide Support Group on
Sat 11th April; 11am-12noon at
CIOC Offices, Connolly House,
Elevation Business Pk, Clonroad.
Johanna 086 - 0829907.

Easter Offerings

support your Bishop & Priests
in the Parish. This is being
taken up in all the churches
next weekend. Envelopes
can also be left at The Parish
Office.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm Martin Casey, Dalcassian Ave. 1st Anniv.

Sun.:9am Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.

10am Thomas & Kathleen Halpin &
Kathleen Halpin McGuire, late McNamara Pk.
John Curtin, Cahercalla Road.

Thomas & Annie Hynes, Limerick Rd.

PJ & Bridget Callinan, Drumelihy, Cree.

Rebecca Dwane, 11 Old Military Barracks.

Christopher Brigdale, 6 Hermitage.

Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.

Margaret Hanrahan, Cranny.

11am John Pigott, Lifford Rd. 1st Anniv.

& his parents Barry & Kitty.

12 .15pm Nurse Kath Duggan, Francis St. 1st Anniv.

Mon.:8am Bridget & Eugene Singleton, 17 Hermitage.

10am Forgotten Souls.

7.30pm Penitential Service.

Tues.:7.45 Pat Harnett, Limerick.

10am Phyllis O'Grady, 4 Mc Namara Park.

7.30pm John McVeigh, Shanaway Rd.

Wed.:7.45am Doris & Gerry Molloy, 18 Hermitage.

10am Belle & Josie Broderick, Ardlea Road.

7.30pm Janina Severjn, Parnell Street.

Holy Thursday, 9th April.

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, 10th April.

3pm Celebration of The Lord's Passion.

9.00pm "The Cross". Prayer and reflection.

Holy Saturday.

11am Morning Prayer.

9.00 pm Vigil Mass.

Sun.:9am Decd membs Griffin family, Tullabrack.

10am William O'Halloran, 16 Woodview Shanaway Rd.

Peter Fitzgerald & deceased members of

Fitzgerald family, late Walnut House.

Vincent Finnerty, late Tobartaoscain.

Michael Patrick McMahon, Tobartaoscain.

11am Easter Mass Triduum.

12 .15pm Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Easter Sunday, 12th April, 2009

Readers: Group 6.

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Willie Bonner, Tulla Rd; Paddy Coughlan,
Marian Ave; Patrick Cleary, 7 Clancy Pk; Rosaleen
Barrett, Ard-na-Greine; Catherine McNeill 157
Hermitage; Peggy Keane, Caherea, mother of Clare
Quin, Ashfield Pk.

If you have a problem with drink or know someone
that has, help is available. An open AA meeting will be
held in St. Anthony's Hall, Francis Street on Tuesday 7th
April at 8.30pm. All Welcome.

Dal gCais Under 8/10/12 hurling and football. Registration
at St Flannan's on Monday 6th from 6.30 to 7.30pm please
come along to register and join in our training and
coaching sessions for girls and boys.

An Bothrín Juvenile GAA Club. Registration at CBS
school pitch on Tuesday 7th for girls and boys U8/10/12.

Supervised Study in Rice College throughout Easter
from 4th to 19th. Closed 10th to 12th, reopens Easter
Monday. Beginning 9am Sat 4th. ☎ Carmel 086 3026207
or 085 1551919. Please do not ring school switchboard.

(Cont'd) The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N. And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C. 'We heard him say, "I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands".'

N. But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

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

N. But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,

O. 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?'

N. Jesus said

J. *I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.*

N. The high priest tore his robes, and said,

O. 'What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?'

N. And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting

C. 'Play the prophet!'

N. And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said

O. 'You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.'

N. But he denied it saying,

O. 'I do not know, I do not understand, what you are talking about.'

N. And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

O. This fellow is one of them.'

N. But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C. 'You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.'

N. But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,

O. 'I do not know the man you speak of.'

N. At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

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,

O. 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

N. He answered ,

J. 'It is you who say it.'

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!'

N. 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,

O. 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?'

N. 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.

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

N. They shouted back,

C. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them,

O. 'Why? What harm has he done?'

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. 'Crucify him!'

N. 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,

C. 'Hail, king of the Jews!'

N. 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,

C. 'Aha! So you would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!'

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said

C. '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.'

N. 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,

J. 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?'

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C. 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.'

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying,

O. 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.'

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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,

O. 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

N. There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.