



Ennis Parish—Palm Sunday

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark

28th March, 2021 (Year B)

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

N. But he repeated 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.

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Priest on Duty 28th March, 2021
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Seán Cooley, Dalcassian Ave. MM.
Mary Pickford, Drumbiggle Rd. & Clancy Park. MM.
John Staunton, Gallows Hill.
Mary Hynes, Limerick Rd.

Sun 28th: 8am: Maura Hitchen, Kilnamona.

9.30am: Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

Paddy Kennedy, Cabey's Lane.

Leo Clohessy, Alymer's Cross, Turnpike Rd.

11.30am: Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.

Peter Olajide Akinniyi, Okeigbo, Nigeria.

Nono Lynch, Dalcassian Park.

May McEnery & family, Kilrush Rd.

Mon: 7.40am: Fr. Mike O'Keeffe, Chicago;

Seán & Bridget O'Keeffe, Ard na Gréine.

Irene & Michael Keating, Cross.

11am: Mary Farrell, Lanesboro, Co. Longford.

Jean Summerly, Ennis & Bristol.

Nora & Daniel O'Neill, Connolly.

7.30pm: No Intention Booked.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: William & Martha Costin & McAuliffe family,
Hospital, Co. Limerick.

Nurse Kathleen Duggan, Francis St.

William Guilfoyle, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Des Cullinan, Dalcassian Park.

Tomás Whelan, Dalcassian Park.

Gerry Browne, College Road.

Brid Tierney McDonald, Drumcliffe.

Michael Walsh & family, Miltown Malbay.

Donor's Intention.

Wed: 7.40am: Donor's Intention.

11am: Ann O'Mahony, Rochestown, Cork.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 28th 11am: Austin Connole, Shanlee, Lahinch Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign



On this final week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor, we continue to reach out to the poor in our Trócaire Lenten Campaign. We can continue to give and share. Every cent and euro do make a difference.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge donations of: €50, €50

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. All contributions for this work very much appreciated.

Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 21st March
Envelopes €2,761.00
Online €191.00

Matt Talbot Prayer Society



The M.T.P.S. has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction; to pray for all those affected by addiction, gambling, pornography to less acknowledged addictions.

To join Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for, and for freedom from addiction.

Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Every Cathedral in Ireland is asked to offer mass on the first Monday of every month and here in Ennis Cathedral we will begin on Monday April 5th at the 7.30pm Mass.

You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.

To enrol in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please contact:

Email:

vita@matrtalbotprayersociety.com

Phone: 04871365712

(St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry)

Facebook:

Matt Talbot Prayer Society
(private message)

Post: Matt Talbot Prayer Society, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry BT489AP Northern Ireland.

Here in Ennis we have a shrine to venerable Matt Talbot at the back of the Cathedral.

Palm Sunday

Palm will be blessed at all Masses this weekend and will be available for collection when the church is open for private prayer. Please be respectful of social distancing.

The Way of the Heart.

The Stations on the Street.

14 shops and businesses along Francis St., Abbey St. and O'Connell St. have generously given their shop fronts and windows to display contemporary images of the Stations of the Cross which acknowledge the suffering of people at this time. This is an Ecumenical Project between the Church of Ireland and our Church. For those living outside the 5k limit the photographs and reflections can be viewed on www.killaloediocese.ie

St. Joseph's



Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Marcella McMahon, Elm Park, Quin & Claremorris. **1st Anniv.**

Sun 28th 10am: Margaret Spellissy, Steele's Tce.

11.45am: Joe Skelly, New Rd.

Mon 10.30am: Edwin Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

Tues 10.30am: Patrick & Michael Cleary, Clancy Park

Wed 10.30am: Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.

Priests' Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the priests of the parish, the first of four this year takes place next weekend. At this time of restrictions, it is not possible to distribute envelopes to homes but envelopes for this appeal are available in the porch of all our churches.

Your contribution is very much appreciated.

Friary News

"The apple does not fall too far from the tree" is another way of saying that "the attitude is the father of the action." So too, Jesus lets us know that "by their fruits you will know them" or "a good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit."

When speaking of evil, the Scriptures use two words, Satan and Devil, or *satanas* and *diabolos*. *Satanas* means "to accuse" and *diabolos* means "to divide." Evil thrives on accusation and division. From the news and the newspapers, we see that these are the two characteristics that govern our world. It is not by accident that Satan tempts Jesus with control over all the kingdoms of the earth. However, Jesus is proclaiming a different kingdom, the kingdom of God which operates out of love and forgiveness, not accusation and division. His mission is to bring people together, not drive them apart.

When Satan fails with these early temptations in the desert, we hear that he (Satan) will return later on "at an opportune time." Even those close to Jesus have similar thoughts e.g. when Peter tries to divert Jesus from what lies ahead in Jerusalem. Like Satan, Peter focuses on privilege and exemption for the beloved one i.e. freedom from suffering.

Yet, Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan." They are the same subtle temptations of the desert and on the mountain. Jesus sees that Peter's thinking is not like God's and he wants to steer him away from this. Jesus will undergo pain and suffering because that is life and none of us escapes! As we move into Holy Week, we can ask ourselves "what really motivates my thinking?" Is it accusation and division or is it love and forgiveness? Do I stand in solidarity with other people or do I absent myself from the daily trials of common humanity?

Fr. Paschal, OFM Guardian

Sr. Bernardine, Abbess of the Poor Clares.

Daily Programme for Holy Week

All ceremonies and masses are held behind closed doors and can be viewed on parish webcam or listened to on parish radio 106.4fm

Cathedral

Available on: www.ennisparish.com/webcam

Palm Sunday 6.30pm Vigil, 8am, 9.30am, 11.30am Masses
Prayer after 9.30am & 11.30am Masses

Monday—Spy Wednesday

7.30am Morning Prayer
7.40am Mass
11am Mass & Rosary
5-7pm Silent Adoration
7.30pm Mass & Rosary
8pm (Monday) Half Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Thursday

10am Morning Prayer
11am Mass of the Chrism celebrated by Bishop Fintan
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
9-10pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday

A day of fast & abstinence
11am Morning Prayer & Reflection on the seven last words of Jesus
3pm Passion Liturgy
6pm Divine Mercy Novena
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

11am Morning Prayer
3pm Divine Mercy Novena
8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8am, 9.30am, 11.30am Masses
Rosary after 9.30am & 11.30am Masses
1pm Mass in Polish
3pm Divine Mercy Novena



St. Joseph's Church

Available on: www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam

Palm Sunday 7pm Vigil, 10am, 11.45am Masses

Monday—Spy Wednesday

10.30am Mass

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

A day of fast & abstinence
10.30am Stations of the Cross
3pm Passion Liturgy

Holy Saturday

7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10am & 11.45am Mass

Cloughleigh Oratory

Available on Cloughleigh Christ Rí facebook page

Holy Thursday 8.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3pm Passion Liturgy

Holy Saturday 9pm Easter Vigil

Prayer during the day: Monday to Saturday @ 12.30pm

Franciscan Friary

Masses and ceremonies are currently suspended

Rest in Peace

Gerard O'Loughlin - San Francisco, California, USA and formerly of the Old Gort Road ;

Ada Power, Sacre Coeur, Clarecastle,

Noreen Malone nee Whyte, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd. & formerly of Childers' Rd.

Martin Flanagan, Ballygriffey, Ruan, brother of Mary Corey & Brid Flanagan, Loughville;

Theresa Solan, Whitegate, mother of Anne Durack, Clonroadmore;

Laurence Murphy, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow, father of Liz Colleran, Gort Rd.;

Cissie Clohessy, London, sister of Martin Lynch, Cahercalla Cross;

Let Hope Shape our Future

This is an Easter Pastoral Letter by Bishop Fintan. In this letter Bishop Fintan reflects on Covid 19 changing our lives and the church. Familiar faith practices have been greatly disrupted. We look forward to returning to a more acceptable form of normal.

Our church is in a time of profound changes. The church to which we will return will be very different.

What sort of church do you want that to be?

How will the church be resourced?

Do you want to be part of shaping the new reality?

I invite you to join me in the Diocese of Killaloe on that new journey. As Easter people we are people of joy and this gives us hope to live and share the joy with future generations. Link to the full letter is on www.killaloediocese.ie

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Páise/Domhnach na Pailme.

Inniu díróinn an Eaglais ár n-aire ar Pháis Chríost, a léiríonn an mórghrá a bhí ag losa ár Slánaitheoir dúinn agus a mhúsclaíonn aithrí inár gcroí mar gheall ar ár bpeacaí. Cuirtear tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór inniu mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhráith, Déardaoin Mandála, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Ar Dhomhnach na Pailme, bhí áthas ar na daoine losa a fheiceáil ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Leath cuid acu a mbrait ar an talamh roimhe. Bhain cuid acu craobhacha na gcrann. Na sluaite a bhí á leanúint, bhí siad ag scairteadh in ard a gcinn: "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna harda". A mhalairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar É'. 'Céastar É'. Ghlac losa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na Seachtaine Móire:

Le bás na croise cheannaigh tú sliocht mífhortúnach Eabha. Ó shin anuas is beannaithe an comhartha seo dár naomhú. Aimeán. (Ar bPáidreacha Dúchais.) Arís i mbliana caithfidimid fanacht sa bhaile agus páirt a ghlacadh sna deabhóidí ar an gCeamara Gréasáin nó ar Straoisleabhar Beo.

Comaoineach Spioradálta

Nuair nach féidir linn Comaoineach a ghlacadh, is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

A losa, creidim go daingean go bhfuil tú i láthair sa Naomhshacraimint. Tá grá agam duit os cionn gach uile ní agus is mian liom tú a ghlacadh isteach im' anam. Ó tharla nach féidir liom tú do ghlacadh anois sa Naomhshacraimint, tar ar a laghad go spioradálta isteach im' chroí. Tar chugam mar sin, a Thiarna, agus méadaigh do ghrásta ionam. Ná lig dom scaradh leat go brách. Moladh go deo leat, a losa sa Naomhshacraimint. Aimeán.

Today the Church invites us to reflect on the Passion of Christ which shows the great love Jesus, Our Saviour had for us and inspires us to repent of our sins. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Palm Sunday people were delighted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Some spread their cloaks on the ground before Him while others had palms in their hands shouting, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. We can say this prayer during Holy Week: *By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification.* Amen.

Again this year, we have to stay at home and take part in the ceremonies on Webcam or Facebook Live. We can make the following Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen

Is féidir linn é a rá go minic na laethanta seo ag iarraidh ar Dhia teacht I gcabhair rainn agus sinn a shábháil ón Vireascorónach.

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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!

N. 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.