

Ennis Parish—Palm Sunday

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 24th March, 2024 (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 24th March 2024
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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Michael O'Callaghan, Hermitage. **1st Anniv.**
 Paddy Kennedy, Market St.
 Albert Hanberry, Roslevan.
 Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.
 Marty Browne, Cahercalla Estate.
 O'Brien Family, Golf Links Rd.
 Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.
 Susanne & Vincent Crowley, Kilrush.
 Una Fitzpatrick, Cahercalla Rd.

Sun 24th 8am: No intention booked.

9.30am: No intention booked.

11.30am: Gary Kelly & Delia Keary, Golf Links Rd.
 William & Martha Costin, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
 Patrick Howard. St. Michael's Villas.
 Ann O'Sullivan, Swords, Co. Dublin.
 Frank Kelly, Miltown Malbay.
 Breda McMahon, Clonroadbeg.
 Kathleen Brennan, Kildare.

1pm: Portuguese Mass.

Mon 7.40am: Holy Souls.

11am: No intention booked.

7.30pm: Reconciliation Service—No Mass.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Tommy Barry, Golf Links Rd.

Les Blackmore, Canterbury & Ennis.

Brian & Joe Sheehan, Bristol & London.

Baby Martin Anthony Molloy, Ballaghboy, Quin Rd.

7.30pm: Carmel Queally, Dalcassian Drive. **MM.**

Michael Woods, Circular Rd. **1st Anniv.**

Leo Clohessy, Turnpike Rd.

Brigid Dillon, Ivy Hill & Ard na Gréine.

Wed 7.40am: Special Intention.

11am: Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

Paddy McInerney, Dalcassian Park.

Mary Farrell, Lanesborough, Co. Longford.

7.30pm: No 7.30pm Mass.

Thurs: Holy Thursday.

Fri: Good Friday.

Sat: 11am: Holy Saturday — Morning Prayer

Sat 3.30pm: Blessing of Polish Food.

Sun 31st: Easter Sunday.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun: 24th 11am: Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, Circular Rd.

Austin Connole, Lahinch Rd.

Paddy, Kitty, Martin & Agnes Kennedy, Fountain.

Mon 25th: James, Bridget & Martin O'Connor, Miltown Malbay.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intention.

Wed 9.30am: Jerry McNamara & Family, Crusheen.

Easter Holy Water

In response to Pope Francis' call in Laudate Si to protect the environment, here in the Parish of Ennis we will be providing Easter Holy Water in containers and ask all parishioners to use recyclable bottles and containers from home to fill your Easter Holy Water.

In previous years 6,000 plastic bottles were used in the Parish, so we hope this initiative will continue in some small way in reducing our dependence on plastic and help protect the environment.

In these final days of Lent, we are reminded of our obligations to the poor. Trócaire boxes and offerings can be returned at the Holy Week Ceremonies or after Easter.



Tiles for the Aisles

Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for the appeal; €1,100, €100. These once off contributions are very much appreciated and are helping to complete the renovation work at the Cathedral.

Chicks for Easter



Our latest Fund Raiser for the Cathedral Renovation Appeal is the very attractive Easter Chick with a Cadbury's Crème Egg. €3 each of 4 for €10. Available in both the Parish and Friary Offices. Final few days left.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Mia Elizabeth Knapik

William John Faulkner

Torin O'Connor.



Walk the Way of Calvary with



Jesus Outdoor
 Stations of the
 Cross on Good
 Friday at the
 Garden of

Remembrance, Cloughleigh at 10am. All welcome.

Priests' Easter Collection

Will take place at all Masses in the Parish next weekend. This is the first of only four appeals in the year to support your Priests.

Envelopes are now available and we thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

The Parish Office will close on Holy Thursday 28th March at 5pm and will open on Tuesday 2nd April at 9am.

The Friary Office will be closed on Good Friday but open on Holy Saturday from 9.30am to 2.30pm

St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Noreen Malone, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd.

Sun 24th 10am: Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Avenue. Séamus MacMathúna, Cooraclare & Dublin.

11.45am: Joe & Mary Moroney, Corrovorrin.

Frank O'Connor, Oak Park & Kilnamona.

Fergus Curran, Ballinasloe.

Joan & Tristan Crowe, Willow Park.

Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.

MJ Twomey, Roslevan.

Mon 10.30am: Frank & Ted Neary, Dunmore, Galway.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 10.30am: Edwin Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.

Joe Skelly, New Road.

Shirley & Eric McNevin, Corrovorrin Green.

Thu: Holy Thursday

Fri: Good Friday - 3pm Stations of the Cross.

Sat: Holy Saturday

Sun 31st: Easter Sunday

Easter Vigil



This vigil is the most significant Liturgical ceremony of the year. This year there will only be one Easter Vigil in the Parish of Ennis

and it will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9pm on Holy Saturday Night.

Parishioners who normally would go to the Friary, St. Joseph's or Cloughleigh for the Vigil are very welcome to the Cathedral where we unite with our Bishop in welcoming the Risen Christ.

Holy Week

Confessions in the Parish of Ennis

Monday: Reconciliation Service in the Cathedral at 7.30pm with an opportunity for individual Confessions.

Tuesday:

Friary 11am - 12 noon & 4-5pm

Cathedral 7pm - 7.25pm

Spy Wednesday:

Friary 11am - 12noon & 4-5pm

Holy Thursday

Friary 11am-12noon & 4-5pm

Good Friday

Friary 11am - 12noon & 4-5pm

Cathedral 8.30pm - 10pm

Holy Saturday

Cathedral 10am - 1pm & 2-5pm

Friary 11am - 12noon & 4-5pm



Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked that Christians who gather on Good Friday to pray would support their fellow Christians in the Holy Land.

At this time of war and death, they need our support.

Please support the Franciscan Friars on Good Friday to maintain a Christian presence in these holy places.



Holy Week

Holy Week Ceremonies Parish of Ennis

Palm Sunday

Palm will be blessed at all Masses

Monday 25th March

Reconciliation Ceremony with opportunity
for individual confession in the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Spy Wednesday

Mass of Christm at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Nenagh.

Holy Thursday

Cathedral

11am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10pm
9.45pm Night Prayer

Friary

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Joseph's

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9pm

Cloughleigh

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday

A day of Fast & Abstinence

Cathedral

11am Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
9pm Prayer & Reflection around the Cross

Friary

5pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St. Joseph's

10.30am Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Cloughleigh

10am Outdoor Stations of the Cross
beginning at the Garden of Remembrance.
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

Cathedral

11am Morning Prayer
3.30pm Blessing of Easter Food (Polish Community)
9pm Easter Vigil

Please note there will only be one Easter Vigil in the Parish.

(No Vigils in Friary, St. Joseph's or Cloughleigh)

All are welcome to the Cathedral

Easter Sunday

Dawn Mass 5.30am Quin Abbey

8am, 9.30am, 11.30am

Cathedral

10.30am

Poor Clare's Monastery 7.45am

St. Joseph's

10am, 11.45am

Cloughleigh

11am

Abbey Pastoral Area Service of Reconciliation

Monday 25th March 7.30pm at Ennis Cathedral
All Welcome, Priests available for individual confession.

Journeying In The Shelter Of Each Other



Holy Week

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Pailme /Domhnach na Páise
Cuireann Domhnach na Pailme tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór san Eaglais mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhraith, Déardaoin Mandála, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Le linn na seachtaine seo, tugtar cuireadh dúinn ár gcroí agus ár n-intinn a oscailt agus fáilte a chur roimh Chríost inár saol. An Domhnach seo táimid ag diriú ar Pháis ár dTiarna Íosa Críost. I Soiscéal an lae inniu feicimid Íosa ar mhuintir asail. Tá na sluaite timpeall air á leanúint ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Bhí pailmeacha móra ina lámha acu agus iad ag screadach, ag béiceadh agus ag canadh "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna hArda". Is mar sin a léirigh siad ómós Dó. Theastaigh ón slua rí a dhéanamh de. A mhalairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar É'. 'Céastar É'. Ghlac Íosa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie.

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. During this week we are invited to open our hearts and minds and welcome Christ in our lives. This Sunday we focus on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In today's Gospel hear that Jesus is riding a donkey. The crowds around him follow him on his way to Jerusalem. They carried large palms while shouting and singing "Hosanna, Hosanna". In this way they showed him homage. They wanted to make him king. But 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.*

Easter Dawn Mass

The Abbey Pastoral Area will be holding the Easter Dawn Mass in Quin Abbey at 5.30am on Easter Sunday Morning. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will take place in the parish church. This is a community gathering of the four parishes in our Pastoral Area and our thanks to the parish of Quin, Clooney, Maghera who are hosting this year.

Rest in Peace

Peggy O'Brien, Scariff,
mother of Frances O'Brien, Ennis.

Jim McMahon, Cusack Road.

Marie Roche, Ennis & The Square, Kilkee.



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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 sabahthani?

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 haddied, 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.