

him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said, **R.** You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go. **N.** But as one man they howled, **C.** Away with him! Give us Barabbas! **N.** This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder. Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, **C.** Crucify him! Crucify him! **N.** And for the third time he spoke to them, **R.** Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go. **N.** But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, **P.** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!'. Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry? **N.** Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, **P.** Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing. **N.** Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying, **C.** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One. **N.** The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, **C.** If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself. **N.** Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying, **R.** Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well. **N.** But the other spoke up and rebuked him, **R.** Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. **N.** He replied, **P.** Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise. **N.** It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, **P.** Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. **N.** With these words he breathed his last. *All kneel and pause a moment.* When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, **R.** This was a great and good man. **N.** And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen. Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came for Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation day and the Sabbath was imminent. Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath day they rested, as the law required.



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Palm Sunday / Year C

10th April 2022

We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Today the Church celebrates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. This Sunday is called Palm or Passion Sunday. While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. This Sunday marks the beginning of a crucial phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ (the Holy Week). By the event of the palm Sunday, we re-enact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem as well as his passion. A look at today's readings portrays the humility with which Christ approached his passion. Our first reading is from one of the (suffering servant of Yahweh's) songs. This song prefigures Christ as the suffering servant of God. Also, in Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see humility at its climax. This is the kenosis or self-emptying of Christ: "Though he was in the form of God, He did not count His equality with God." Our gospel today is on the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. At the Last Supper, Christ humbled himself by serving his disciples and eating at the same table with the one who was to betray him. Despite all these, he taught his disciples to humble themselves just as he humbled himself before Pilate and the chief priests even till death. In all of these, the lesson for us today is that humility is essential in all life circumstances. This includes both good and bad times. Christ was strong, but he humbly became weak for our salvation. He taught us that true power lies in service. He also taught us that humility is one of the most important virtues we need for our service and mission. During his triumphant entry, Christ rode on a colt which symbolizes humility. In his suffering, Christ abandoned himself to his enemies without resistance or striking back. Let us, therefore, pray this Sunday that the Almighty God may grant us the humility with which to follow and serve Christ all the days of our life.

Mass Times & Intentions

10th – 16th April 2022

Sat 9th Vig. 6:30pm: Muriel & George Roberts, Brendan Nelson, Ollie Brennan (RIP), Eileen Roche, Tony & Betty McGrane, Angela Rogers (ANN), Cillian Edwards, Private Intentions, Josie Reilly, People of the parish (INT)
Sun 10th Palm Sunday 9:00: Cornelia Henshaw, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (RIP), Richard & Margaret Costello (ANN), Ann Waldron, Kathleen Panayiotou, Rita Atuanya (INT)
11:30: Fr Aodh O'Haplin (RIP), Etukudoh family, Mary & Tony Shevlin, Private intentions, Ella Humphreys, Margaret Nelson & family, Mary & Colm O'Neill, Rita Atuanya (INT)
6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy, Rita Atuanya (INT)
Mon 11th 12:00: Calvin Dunne, Bill Ronan (RIP), Sarah (Dolly) Grey, Clara Clemson (ANN) Tony Ashwell (INT)
Tue 12th: *Chrism Mass At Westminster Cathedral 12 noon. No midday Mass at St. Gabriel's* **7:00pm:** Penitential Service
Wed 13th 12:00: Sarah Brittle, Patrick Dorrian(2nd) (ANN), Ann Lydon, Miriam Wiltshire (INT)
Thur 14th Maundy Thursday 7:30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper and Night Watch
Fri 15th Good Friday 3:00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Sat 16th Holy Saturday 7:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass / Reception of Converts



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehed, Emo Paddy Essang, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert, Rita Atuanya

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
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Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday 10th April:** Vigil (Saturday) 6:30pm Mass; Sunday Masses 9am & 11:30am. Masses start with Palm Procession from the Car Park (Please keep the Car Park free).
 - **Tuesday 12th 12noon Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral (**No Mass in the Parish**), 7pm **Penitential Service and Easter Confessions** (Guest Priests would be available)
 - **Wednesday 13th April:** Normal Weekday Mass at 12noon
 - **Maundy Thursday 14th April 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Bishop Hudson in attendance)
- *There will be the once-in-a-year **Renewal of Commitment by Eucharistic Ministers** and Ministers of The Word at this Mass. All Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of The Word should therefore attend.
- ***Night Watch with Jesus (The Gethsemane experience)** till 10pm.
- **Good Friday April 15th 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (Service begins with Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm. Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence)
 - **Holy Saturday April 16th 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass/ Reception of Converts:** Mass begins with the Ceremony of

Light at the Car Park. (Please keep the Car Park free)

- **Easter Sunday 17th 9am, 11:30am Mass of the Resurrection, No Evening Mass.**

Death of Fr Aodh O'Haplin: died on the 2nd of April and has been buried in Ireland. Fr Aodh served both our parish and Outreach project diligently. He retired back home to Ireland where he passed away. May his soul and the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

Appreciation: The Nelson family will like to thank all those who have showed and are still showing them support while the mourn the death of their son Brendan Nelson. Masses will be offered by the family for their intentions.

CAFOD: Many thanks to everyone who supported the CAFOD Family Fast Day on 11 March. A special thanks to Ann Fitzgerald's family for also donating to CAFOD as a special request from their mum. Thanks to all the generosity, we raised £579.64

Christian Stewardship: (3rd April 2022) **Envelopes:** £188. **Loose:** £306.51 **Contactless:** £103.37 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

GOSPEL (Luke 19:28-40)

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!"

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
Let him release him if this is his friend.'

R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

R.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

R.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22:14-23:56

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though, we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22:14-23:56

N = narrator, **R**= second reader, **P** = priest, **C**= congregation/crowd)
N. When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, **P.** I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. **N.** Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said, **P.** Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes. **N.** Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, **P.** This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me. **N.** He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, **P.** This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you. And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed! **N.** And they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing. A dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them, **P.** Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves! You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers. **N.** He answered **R.** Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death. **N.** Jesus replied, **P.** I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me. **N.** he said to them, **P.** When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything? **N.** They answered, **C.** No. **N.** He said to them, **P.** But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment. **N.** They said, **C.** Lord, there are two swords here now. **N.** He said to them, **P.** That is enough! **N.** He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place, he said to them, **P.** Pray not to be put to the test. **N.** Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying, **P.** Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine. **N.** Then an angel appeared to him coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them, **P.** Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test. **N.** He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said, **P.** Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? **N.** His followers, seeing what was happening, said, **C.** Lord, shall we use our swords? **N.** And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke, **P.** Leave off! That will do! **N.** And touching the man's ear he healed him. Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said, **P.** Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness. **N.** They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said, **R.** This person was with him too. **N.** But he denied it, saying **R.** Woman, I do not know him. **N.** Shortly afterwards, someone else saw him and said, **R.** You are another of them. **N.** But Peter replied, **R.** I am not, my friend. **N.** About an hour later, another man insisted, saying, **R.** This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean. **N.** Peter said, **R.** My friend, I do not know what you are talking about. **N.** At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly. Meanwhile, the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, **C.** Play the prophet. Who hit you then? **N.** And they continued heaping insults on him. When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and the scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him, **C.** If you are the Christ, tell us. **N.** He replied, **P.** If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God. **N.** Then they all said, **C.** So you are the Son of God then? **N.** He answered, **P.** It is you who say I am. **N.** They said, **C.** What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips. **N.** The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying, **C.** We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king. **N.** Pilate put to him this question, **R.** Are you the king of the Jews? **N.** He replied, **P.** It is you who say it. **N.** Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, **R.** I find no case against this man. **N.** But they persisted, **C.** He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here. **N.** When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes upon him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned