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Palm Sunday and the Holy Week

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THANKS!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING HOLY WEEK?

During Holy Week, the faithful can attend Masses and special events at their parishes, such as the Stations of the Cross. In addition, everyone can commemorate Holy Week at home. We can read the Scripture, particularly the passages that teach us about the events of Palm Sunday through Good Friday. We can also pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. It is also a good week to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, if we haven't been during Lent, and on Good Friday to begin the Divine Mercy Novena which leads up to Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord asked St. Faustina for these devotions that the graces of the Redemption may be more abundantly poured out on souls.

What is the meaning of Holy Week?

Holy Week, particularly Christ's Passion and Death, is a great reminder of God's Love for humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 604) says, by giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Why is it called Passion Week?

This is the week when we reflect on the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the Gospel reading of Palm Sunday which recounts the events of Our Lord's Pasch (Passover).

What are the Five Days of Holy Week?

The days of Holy Week include Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday); Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday (sometimes called Spy Wednesday, in reference to Judas' betrayal), Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday (Holy Friday), and Holy Saturday – the days immediately preceding Easter Sunday. Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Church also refers to the period that includes Easter Sunday as the Sacred Triduum.

What is the most important day of Holy Week?

The most important events in Christianity are the death and later Resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Good Friday, we mourn the death of our Saviour. On Easter Sunday, we joyously celebrate His triumph over death.

"Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries, followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year." -Pope Francis



Palm Sunday and the Holy Week 2021 St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan March/ www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk Fr. Duncan McVicar Canon Martin Poland April 2021 assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri assisted by Father Duncan McVicar Fr. Gerry Hamill and Canon Matt McManus (Retired) (Retired) St. John's St. Mary's St Bride's Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Saturday Vigil Mass at 27th March Offered for Seamus Reilly Snr. (A), Pat Logan (RD) 4.30pm (L) Palm Sunday Mass at 11.30am Sunday Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) Mass at 12.15pm Mass at 10am (L) 28th March (L) Offered for our parishes Weekday in Holy Week Mass at 1.30pm Monday Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) With (L) 29th March St. Anthony's PS Offered for Kevin Docherty (A), James Watt (RD) Requiem Mass for James Watt Mass at 1.30pm Tuesday Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Mass at 10am Mass at 10am (L) with 30th March St. John's PS (L) Funeral Mass for Spy Wednesday Wednesday Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Frank Gaddis 31st March Offered for Pauline Greer (A), Marion Borland (RD) at 10am (L) Thursday of the Lord's Supper Thursday Mass at 7pm (Public & Live Streamed) Mass at 7pm Mass at 7pm Mass at 7pm (L) 1st April Offered for John Mullen (A), Patsy Forsyth (RD) Good Friday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) Friday Stations of the Cross at 12 noon (Public & Live Streamed) Service at 3pm Service at 3pm (L) Service at 3pm 2nd April Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm (Public & Live Streamed) **Easter Sunday** Saturday Easter Vigil Mass Vigil Mass at 8.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Vigil Mass at 7pm 3rd April at 6pm (L) **Easter Sunday** Sunday Mass at 10am Mass at 10am (L) Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) Mass at 12.15pm 4th April Mass at 11.30am (L) Mass at 11.30am



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Offered for our parishes

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.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Annie Watt.

+ Those who have died recently:

Marion Borland, Patrick Logan, James Watt, Cathy Slimman, Patsy Forsyth.

+ Those who died at this time of Year:

Sheila Love 2017, Gerald McGhee 2008, Devlin McIndoe 1992, Allister Nesbit 2000, Cathie Quinn 2015, Seamus Reilly senior 2020, Menotti Carrino 1953, Odina Carrino 1987, Monsignor Stephen Kennedy 2009, Sally Wilson 2012, John Mullen 2020, Sarah Anderson 2003, Pauline Greer 2020, Elizabeth Hughes 2013, James Kelly 1983, Michael McCann 2012, Sandy Miller 1979, Gus Slimman 1993, Isabella Stuart 2004, William Friel 1994, Peter Hughes 2011, Irene Mathieson 2012, Jenny Murphy 1998, Marjorie Robertson, Margaret Shanks 1993, Kenneth McSkimming 2002, Jane McFarlane 2006, Margaret Murphy, Monsignor John O'Farrell 2008, Pope John Paul II 2005, James Smith 1959, Archie McFarlane, Harry Quinn 1993, Patrick Tomelty 2004, Thomas Watt 2017.

St. Peter's Notices

- ► REQUIEM MASS FOR JAMES WATT Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Watt, who died on Tuesday, 9th March 2021, aged 84 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 30th March at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!
- ► PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION OF PALMS Palms will be available from Mass on Palm Sunday, Monday 29th, and available for collection from the porch of the house on Wednesday 31st March between 9am and 11am.
- ► LOURDES GROUP HCPT 376_As we are unable to travel to Lourdes this Easter the group is taking part in a virtual walk from Ardrossan to Lourdes. We are still fundraising as we envisage increased costs when travel can resume, hopefully Easter 2022. Any donations welcomed. We have set up a just giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hugh-harkin For further information contact Esther Coulter 602179. Our Lady of Lourdes, St Bernadette pray for us.
- ▶ PARISH 50/50 CLUB: Sincere thanks to all our members who have renewed their memberships for this year. However, we still have 30 memberships waiting to make payment. As we hope to make the PRIZE DRAWS for JAN/FEB/MAR ASAP can the members who are still isolating at home PLEASE make payment by post to the Promoter or tele. Mrs Sammons on 01294/469006 to make arrangements for collection. We still have room for any NEW MEMBERS who would like to join. Your continued support is appreciated. Winners names will be included in the Bulletin in April. and will receive prizes by Post.

St. Bride's Notices

- ► PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION OF PALMS Palms will be available from Mass on Palm Sunday, and Tuesday 30th March.
- ▶ RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Any children who still should receive the Sacraments of First Confession, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please get in touch with Father Duncan as soon as you can, so that they don't miss out this year. Thanks!

ANNUIAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

Our Annual collection for the Holy Places will take place on Fri. 2nd, Sat. 3rd, and Sun. 4th April. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the collection bucket as you leave the Church.

BOOKING FOR MASS

Due to the Scottish Government restricting the number of people attending church to a limit of 50. You are required to book if you would like to attend Mass. Please try to call only during booking times below.

To book for St. Peter's call the Parish Office on 01294 464063, Monday to Friday, 9am – 11.30am.

To book for St. Bride's call Phyllis Howie on 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm – 9pm.

JUST FOR A LAUGH... A drunken man gets on the bus late one night, staggers up the aisle, and sits next to an elderly woman. She looks the man up and down and says, "I've got news for you - you're going straight to hell!" The man jumps up out of his seat and shouts, "Good heavens, I'm on the wrong bus!"

Some Tommy Cooper Jokes

- 'You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice.'
- > I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

Mustard Seeds

10 Little Catholics

Ten Little Catholics came to church all the time; One fell out with the priest, then there were nine.

Nine Little Catholics stayed up late; One overslept on Sunday, then there were eight.

Eight Little Catholics on their way to Heaven; One took the low road, then there were seven.

Seven Little Catholics, chirping like chicks; One didn't like the singing, then there were six.

Six Little Catholics seemed very much alive; One took a holiday, then there were five.

Five Little Catholics pulling for Heaven's shore; One stopped to take a rest, then there were four.

Four Little Catholics each as busy as a bee; One had his feelings hurt, then there were three.

Three little Catholics knew what to do,
One joined the sports fans,
then there were two.

Two Little Catholics each won one more; Now don't you see, two plus two equals four.

Four Little Catholics worked early and late; Each brought one, now there were eight.

Eight Little Catholics if they double as before; In just seven Sundays, we have 1024!

In this little ditty
there is a lesson true;
You belong either to the building,
or to the wrecking crew!

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