

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th March 2021
Sixth Sunday of Lent

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



A prayer for those who died...

Linda Kavanagh, Rathmullen Park & formerly Yellowbatter
Anne (Anna) Kane (née Mathews), Ballsgrove and formerly Thomas Street
Eugenia Whelan (née Carr), Dublin Road, Drogheda, Louth
May they rest in peace



Holy Week

The journey of discipleship

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

Stations of the Cross. Good Friday April 2nd 11:00am.

For over 30 years The Red Cross have organised the Stations of the Cross, across our town stopping at seven churches beginning at the steps of St Mary's Church and finishing on the steps of St Peter's Church. Due to the current restrictions it is not possible to do so this year. Thanks to the Knights of St Columbanus we have a virtual Stations of the Cross online. You can tune in live at 11:00am this Good Friday and pray the Way of the Cross with us.

Mass Intentions for Palm Sunday 28th March 2021 - Frances Daly *Month's Memory*; Rita Drum *Month's Memory*; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Bernard Reynolds; Margaret Tiernan; Angela Sheeran and family; Pat Davis; Dolly McKeon, Babs McKeon & Erika-Rae Grant

Mass Intentions for Monday 29th March - Andrew, Bridget, Patrick, Robert, Sean & Valerie Whearty

Mass Intention for Holy Thursday 1st April, 2021 Brian Clarke

Mass Intentions for Easter Sunday 4th April, 2021 - Peggy Caffrey *First Anniversary*; Tommy McCormack *First Anniversary*; John & Bridget Cooney; Mary & Frank Smith & deceased family members, Catherine & Leo Fuller & deceased family members; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke.

Supporting Our Parish: Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button** facility on our website. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.
Many thanks. Keep safe and well.

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Holy Week Timetable 2021

Due to the restrictions associated with Coronavirus Covid-19 all our ceremonies will be available via webcam only.

PALM SUNDAY 28th March

Mass at 10:00am

Blessed Palms will be available in the church after Mass.
We encourage families to collect one per family from the church.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 29th March

Mass 10:00am

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 30th March

Mass 10:00am

SPY WEDNESDAY 31st March

Mass at 10:00am

HOLY THURSDAY 1st APRIL

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Night Prayer at 9:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

A Day of Fast & Abstinence

Morning Prayer 10:00am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd APRIL

Morning Prayer 10:00am

Easter Vigil 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 4th APRIL

Mass at 10:00am

Holy Water will be available for collection after Mass

EASTER MONDAY 5th APRIL

Mass 10:00am

EASTER TUESDAY 6th APRIL

Mass 10:00am

If you wish to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) we will be available in the church Good Friday 4.00pm—6.00pm and on Holy Saturday 10:30—12.30pm. You can call the office this week to arrange a time with one of the priests.