

Passion Sunday



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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
DENMEYS CROSS, DUBLIN



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

Sr. Ursula writes

'He was despised and rejected,
A man of sorrows
And acquainted with grief.'

Most of us are familiar with these words from Handel's Messiah, if not from the Prophet Isaiah from which Handel took them. They set the tone for the week which we are beginning. A week in which we commemorate a great mystery - a suffering God. As St. Paul says, "Christ nailed to the cross, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Greeks. Yet to those who have heard his call, He is the power of God and the wisdom of God."

This year the mystery is even more poignant in the light of the Dunblane massacre and the murder of little Barbara McAlorum. These atrocities and many more like them are never God's will. This is something about which we have to be absolutely clear. God doesn't want suffering, but in some mysterious way he enters personally into the pain and shame and sorrow of his people, not to remove or negate suffering - that would be magic and our God isn't involved in magic. God enters into suffering to transform and transcend it - the cross of shame has become the tree of life.

Our Christian faith and hope is that suffering is transformed by the passion, death and resurrection of our Saviour. For while we enter deeply into the passion and death of Jesus, we must always keep before us that His work was completed only by his resurrection and ascension into heaven. St. Paul also says, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing is useless." 1.Cor.15:14.

Sr. Ursula

MORE ON LITURGY

In concluding our mini-series on liturgy (you had noticed, hadn't you?!!) we would ask anyone with an interest in liturgy to come forward. You will find a warm welcome in the parish liturgy group. Just leave your name and telephone number at the C.P. Centre or with one of the parish team please.

The diocese lost a wonderful liturgist in the untimely death of Fr. Bob Harrison over a month ago. God called him at the young age of 38 years. "God lavished me with so much love, through so many people" he said before he died. It would be a wonderful tribute to his memory if new blood in our parish could help to breathe new life into our liturgies.

We look forward to your help.



Ministers of the Word

Revised rotas for Ministers of the Word at Sunday and Weekday Mass have been prepared. Please collect your copy from the sanctuary rail.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Ministers who would normally be on the 6.15 Mass on Easter Saturday are asked to come on duty for the 9.00p.m. Vigil Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place at all Masses next weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting has been deferred to Thursday, 11th April in the C.P. Centre at 8 p.m.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

Instead of the usual 7.30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday April 3rd, Fr. John will lead us in a Reconciliation Service.

We will have a service of light with suitable music to complement the readings.

Visiting priests will augment our parish team and it is hoped to conclude the Penitential Service within the hour.

First Friday

As the First Friday falls on Good Friday, visits to the sick and housebound will be on the following days:

Dean O'Connor: Thursday
Fr. Finbarr Crowley: Thursday
Fr. John Newman: Wednesday and Thursday.

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will visit Orchard Road during the coming week.

Cork Bible Society

A one day retreat on the theme from Revelations 3,4, "They will walk with me dressed in white for they are worthy", will take place in the Cork Heritage Centre (tel.358854) on Saturday 13 April. Speaker: Rev. Eric Meyer. All welcome.

Blood Transfusion Board

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held at the SMA Community Centre on Thursday 4 April, from 3.00-5.00 and 7.30-9.00. Please come along and help cope with the increasing demand for blood.

Highfield Tennis Club

Membership now open. Family £30. Please contact Triona at 544000 or John at 541070(H)/966222(W).

Bishopstown G.A.A.

The Club presents 'Eileen & the San Antonies' on Easter Sunday, dancing 9 - 2a.m. Adm.£3. Bar extension.

EASTER TRIDUUM AT THE POOR CLARES

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Last Supper 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Celebration of the Passion 3 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

Ceremony commencing at 9 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

Masses at 8.00 and 10.00 a.m.



COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

A RETURN TO HOLINESS

Far be it from me to take from what is indeed a happy ending to yet another sad episode in the Church's life in Ireland. I mean the installation of Dr. Donal Murray as Bishop of Limerick. We rejoice in his appointment.

By why, oh why, does Cardinal Cahal Daly need to use the ceremony as a forum to slap the wrists of all Catholics?

He accepts, he says, the urgent need to address the problems of the Church. But he is critical of those Catholics who have a problem with the 'institutional church'. "The Catholic Church," he says, "is not a man-made institution: it is a mystery of faith."

Christianity is certainly a mystery of faith. But Catholicity? Surely the Catholic Church, as we know it today, has all the hallmarks of being controlled by man?

Fr. John, in quoting from THE TABLET last week; referred to 'the vast power of the clerical bureaucracy'. Where is the 'mystery of faith' here?

Cardinal Daly asks for a return to holiness. I agree. But I wish he wouldn't make it sound as if it were only the 'troops' that needed to 'return to holiness!'

Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3:1-4 or Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20:1-9.

LENTEN MEDITATIONAL THEMES

HOLY WEEK - Justice

1. "Justice will bring about peace; justice will produce calm and security forever." (Is. 32:17). Development will bring about justice and peace.

2. "The kingdom of God ... means righteousness and peace and joy..." (Rom. 14:17). The Kingdom of God rests in our hands.

3. "Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Mic. 6:8). Our redemption as a people comes from God.

4. "I command you to love one another." (Jn. 15:17). It is easy to love the people who love us.

5. "Christ our passover was sacrificed." (Cor. 5:7). We are called to be an Easter people.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to MARIAN MURPHY, The Crescent, Kenley, on the death of her father.

To RICHARD GRAINGER, Roger Casement Park, on the death of his brother Willie.

Death

Julia Sweeney, Leeddale and Baile Mhuirne, died peacefully recently. She was one of our "hidden" parishioners, housebound for a good number of years. She retained her zest for life, sense of fun, and kindly warm nature till the end, despite infirmity. Sympathy to Denis, Peggy and Humphrey and all the family.



SPY WEDNESDAY

MASSES: 7.30, 9.00, 10.00. No Evening Mass.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: 7.30 p.m.



TRIDIUM



HOLY THURSDAY

CONFESSIONS: 4.00p.m. and after 5.00p.m. Mass.
7.00-7.30p.m. and after 7.30p.m.
Mass.

MASSES: 5.00p.m. - Family Mass with youth
participation.
7.30p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper.
(Please bring Trocaire Box)

HOLY HOUR: Keeping Watch 10.00-11.00p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

CONFESSIONS: After Ceremonies & 7.30-9.30p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 11.00a.m. for children
12 noon for all

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion

Continuing the Watch - Taize Hour 8.30-9.30p.m.



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HOLY SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS: 12.00-1.00, 4.00-5.00, 7.00-8.30

9.00 p.m. THE EASTER VIGIL

N.B. No Vigil Mass at 6.15 p.m.