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Passion (Palm) Sunday



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FROM OUR  
**PARISH  
TEAM**

*The Dean writes*

The Nuremberg trials were set up after World War II. People were brought before the court who allegedly sent thousands of men, women and children to their deaths in prison camps. These people sent shivers of fear into the hearts of young and old – remember the Diary of little Ann Frank. Media reporters, and others present at the trials, expected to see the reflection of their crimes etched on the faces of the accused. To their amazement they found very ordinary people – people you might meet coming home with the family shopping on a Saturday afternoon.

What drove them to commit the foul deeds they were convicted of during the previous six years? Some were blinded by their own sense of righteousness, like the rulers of the Pharisees in Holy Week. Some were too weak like Pilate - he knew Jesus was innocent, but he wasn't prepared to stand up and be counted when under pressure; some, like the crowd who bayed for the macabre spectacle of a crucifixion regardless of the fact that they didn't even know what Jesus stood accused of. Everybody was shouting: Crucify him, Crucify him. So he must be guilty of something awfully

evil. Everybody is doing it – so it can't be wrong.

The truth is – everybody is not doing it. But deep within the depths of our hearts, there is hidden a dark side. We need to be aware of this. We make choices every day of our lives – good choices, and sometimes bad. Jesus came to help us see and make choices that are good. He paid an awful price to win that privilege for us during Holy Week.

“Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.”

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

You still have time to fill your **Toúcaire** box. Your contribution will make a big difference to those in need.

Please return your box at the 7.30 p.m. ceremonies on **Holy Thursday**, or hand it into the sacristy during Holy Week.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE  
FOR EASTER  
TODAY PALM SUNDAY  
AT 5.00 P.M.**

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Some people make their opportunities. Some people take them. Others miss key opportunities and life is so much poorer for them.

A key blessing in life is to live in right relationship with oneself, one's family, one's colleagues, one's neighbours and one's God. Gifted as we are, such good relationships enrich us beyond measure. Limited and fragile as we are, such relationships sometimes get bruised or even broken. The opportunity to renew or to repair our links is one not to be missed. This week is a good time to take it. It is a time to forgive and to be forgiven. Many families are divided because nobody reaches out. Maybe, the extended hand has been rejected already, but the follower of Jesus is asked to be as compassionate as our Father in heaven is compassionate.

There is no limit to God's compassion. We celebrate it especially this Sunday afternoon in our Parish Reconciliation Service at 5.00 p.m. Join us and bring a friend. Remember, too, reconciliation with God must always include rebuilding relationships with one another. Make and take the opportunity to renew friendships and repair damaged relationships this week. The power of God will be with you.

### BON VOYAGE

Bon voyage and thanks to LORRAINE and KILLIAN KELLY, as they move home from Laburnum Park, where they were faithful Bulletin distributors for many years.

### HOLY THURSDAY INVITATION

The Chrism Mass will take place at the North Cathedral on Thursday next at 10.00 a.m. The Holy Oils to be used at Baptisms, Confirmations and in the Sacrament of the Sick will be blessed. It is also the occasion when the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to serve God and his people. The presence of people from every parish shows the unity of the diocese and support for priests in their commitment. You are prayerfully invited to attend.



*Rest in Peace*

Theo Linehan, Lima Lawn, died peacefully at Cork University Hospital on 8<sup>th</sup> March. He is survived by his wife Agnes, daughter Geri, sons Kevin, Brian and Martin. To all of them we offer our sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to JIM SHEEHY, Kenley Avenue, on the death of his mother, Margaret. To EILEEN NOLAN, The Orchard, Farranlea, on the death of her brother Eamonn Barry.

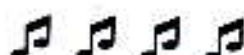
The parish has acquired an e-mail address. Letters or notices for the bulletin are welcome via this route. Please send them to:

holyspiritparish@eircom.net



### Easter Dues

Due to the early Easter, the distribution of envelopes has been postponed until next month. Thank you.



### A Celebration of Music for Easter

On today Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Dominican Church, Popes Quay, 8.00 p.m. with St. Mary's Choir and Cara O'Sullivan. Conductor Sean Lehane, accompanist Colin Nicholls. Adm. €10, pay at door.

### Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is a ten week course, an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith, on Wednesday nights commencing 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8 p.m. in The Prayer Centre, 9 North Main Street. More information at 4270362, 12.30 to 4.00, or from Jeanette at 4542468.

## God's Word

### Readings for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### First Reading:

Acts.10:34,37-43 Peter sums up the whole Paschal Mystery – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

#### Psalms 117

#### Second Reading:

Col.3:11-14 We too can share the glory of Christ.

1 Cor.5:6-9. We should celebrate Easter by putting aside any trace of wickedness in us.

#### Gospel:

Jn.20:1-9. In John's description of the resurrection, Mary Magdalen is the first to witness the empty tomb.

## Bible Corner



### PALM AND PASSION

Palm Sunday has been renamed Passion Sunday. The change is a reminder that the focus is not on a palm waving crowd of fickle supporters, but on the rejected Jesus, on his suffering and his death. This year we read Matthew's account of these momentous events.

It opens with a betrayal and finishes with a burial. A supper with friends is the setting for a self-giving that continues in every Eucharist to this day. The lonely intense suffering in Gethsemane has made the name synonymous with the most extreme pain known to humankind. Mock trials by religious and civil leaders quickly dispatch Jesus to execution like many who have since died in the cause of justice and peace. Jesus or Barrabas is a choice the world makes every day in its choice between expediency and right. Crucifixion of the innocent to the acclamation of the mob at the behest of the devious continues to be part of our lives. A borrowed tomb is a fitting setting for an undreamt of resurrection.

Let nothing distract us from this life drama this week.

### EMERGENCY NUMBER

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## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

### TRIDUUM

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#### **Holy Thursday**

- Mass:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m.  
*Please bring Trócaire Boxes*
- Holy Hour:** Keeping Watch 9.00 – 10.00 p.m.
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#### **Good Friday**

- Stations of the Cross:** 11.00 a.m. by children for children  
12 noon for all
- 3.00 p.m.:** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
Veneration of the Cross  
Holy Communion
- Taize Hour:** Prayer around the Cross 8.30 – 9.30 p.m.
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#### **Holy Saturday**

- The Easter Vigil:** 9.00 p.m.
- N.B. No Vigil Mass at 6.15 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Masses:** 9.00, 10.30 and 12.15 p.m.

**Easter Monday Mass:** 10.00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses:** 9.00 and 10.00 a.m.

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### RECONCILIATION

- Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>** Reconciliation Service 5.00 p.m.
- Good Friday:** After ceremonies and 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.
- Holy Saturday:** 12.00 – 1.00; 4.00 - 5.00; 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart:** Reconciliation Service on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.  
Confessions all day.
- S.M.A. Wilton:** Reconciliation Service on Monday at 7.30 p.m.
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