

Parish of Botha

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today we hear the account of the passion according to Mark. Mark's story of the passion is dominated by two questions: What happens to the disciples? What happens to Jesus? The disciples who were called to be with him forsook him. And in this cruel and shocking presentation Jesus is portrayed as one suffering and the one possessing the power to save.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 24th March **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** 10am Mass. **Months Memory:** Elizabeth Greene, Mullykivet. **Anniversary:** William and Mary Carroll, Leitrim.

Sunday 31st March **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** 10am Mass.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 24th March **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Owen Foy, Blaney; Beatrice Creamer, Enniskillen.

Tuesday 26th March Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 26th March 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 27th March 10am Mass.

Thursday 28th **Holy Thursday** March 7pm Mass.

Friday 29th March **Good Friday** 3pm.

Saturday 30th March **The Easter Vigil** 7pm Mass.

Sunday 31st March **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** 11.30am Mass.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Tess Adams, Surrey, and Rhoda Murphy, Kinawley. May they rest in peace.

Prayer for Holy Week

God of such unwavering love,
how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus?
I often want to look the other way and not watch,
not stay with Jesus in his suffering.
Give me the strength
to see his love with honesty and compassion
and to feel deeply your own forgiveness and mercy for me.
Help me to understand how to "celebrate" this week.
I want to be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections with me
as I journey with Jesus this week, so aware of his love. Amen.



Altar Society for April: **Derrygonnelly** – Patricia O'Dare and Bridie Lunny. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14th April in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Monea:** Collector – Cormac Duffy and Stephen McGullion

Holy Week Liturgies:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Pasion 3pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7pm

All the above in St. Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Easter Sunday: The Lord's Resurrection 10am Immaculate Conception and 11.30am St. Patrick's.

Parish Envelopes: for the new year are now available starting from Sunday 7th April. If you are willing to help distribute them in your area please call to the parish meeting room on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm.

Trócaire: Please bring your contributions in support of Trócaire to mass on Holy Thursday (put it in the envelope provided). Trócaire depends on our support to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Clogher

Diocese: National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April Call Glen on 00353 86 8275437 to enquire or book a seat. Full Bus details available on EucharisticAdoration.ie

A Springtime Prayer

Ever-renewing and energizing Creator,
Come, stir in my dormant spiritual limbs.

Wake up my tired prayer. Revive my weary efforts of care.
Sing hope into my discouragement.

Wash my dusty, drab attitude with the
cleansing rains of your vision.

Go deep to my roots and penetrate my faith
with the vibrancy of your grace.

Shake loose the old leftover oak leaves
of my tenacious ego-centredness.

Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.

Warm the buds of my relationships
so they bloom with healthy love.

Clear out my wintered debris with the wild breeze of your liberating
presence.

Nudge me, woo me, entice me, draw me to you.

I give you my trust and my gratitude as you grace my slowly thawing
spirit.

Light-filled Being, my Joy and my Hope, let the greening in me begin.

Joyce Rupp



Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel: Mark

14: 1-15:47 (shorter form 15:1-39)

1. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus makes it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and painful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence? *John Byrne OSA*

Derrygonnelly and District Community Partnership: Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Popes Intentions for April: For The Role Of Women - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.