



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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Monday: 10:00am
 Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service
 Wednesday: 10:00am
 Thursday: 10:00am
 Friday: 10:00am
 Saturday: 10:00am | Vigil: 6:00pm
 Sunday: 10:00am | 11:30am | 7:30pm



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Síle O'Tierney** whose funeral took place here.



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A few words from Fr Joe

When I was 16 or 17 my sister invited me to join her for the Holy Week liturgies in a neighbouring parish. She approached Holy Week almost as if it was a time of retreat. Their church was round, with the altar and sanctuary in the middle, the first modern church in Northern Ireland built after the reforms of Vatican II. As it happened a priest with a special gift for liturgy had been appointed there and alongside the existing exceptional choir and a very committed lay liturgy group, we had all the ingredients for an uplifting experience.

It was my first real encounter with the journey from Palm Sunday, through the liturgy of the Lord's Supper, the Altar of Repose, and Holy Hour into Good Friday and finally the great Vigil of Easter. I think my mind really engaged with the Word proclaimed throughout those days, spoken and sung, telling the story of Christ. I was fascinated by the various characters who appear in the dramatic telling of this story, especially Peter, feeling his sorrow when the cock crowed for the third time, and Judas too, not to mention sleeping disciples, the ear being cut off the servant of the High Priest, the thieves and soldiers, the jeering crowds, his mother's distress. Then when Easter came, the women finding the tomb empty, His clothes rolled up. Wondering what, risen from the dead implies, how to comprehend resurrection.

I was happy and sad, enthralled and confused, excited and heartbroken, while all the time trying to work out how this was love in action, why Jesus died for my sins, and what saving the world meant. I can hardly remember what I knew at that age of salvation and eternal life, of God's plan in sending his son into the world, and why he had to die so young.

I came away from those days with a lot of questions, much confusion but also a conviction that I wanted to know more about Jesus of Nazareth. Almost 50 years later, this week, above all others, remains for me the most engaging week of the year. There is so much to learn from The Lord's sacrifice, his suffering, his pain and then his glory.

As we seek to find where the Spirit is leading the Church today, we might find the answer hidden in our experience of this coming week.



STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

St.BRIGID'S CHURCH, STILLORGAN

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, 7pm

A performance of this magnificent choral meditation on the Passion of Christ will feature the choirs of St.Brigid's & All Saint's, Tullow parish, and members of our own Church of St.Thereise, Mount Merrion. Director: Tom Maxwell.Soloists: Keith Matthews, Fionna O'Halmhain



Saturday 09th

10.00 Reddy Day – 5th A
 Margaret Boland – M.M
 Grainne McGill – 2nd A

6.00 Vigil Mass

Paddy McGovern – A
 Marie Fitzgerald – 6th A
 6.00 Kevin and Dolly White – A

Sunday 10th - PALM SUNDAY

10.00 Brian Glynn – 2nd A
 Baby Grace May Tonge 5th A
 11.30 Derrick King – A
 Nuala Hanna – A
 Baby Grace May Tonge – 5th A
 Patrick Callaghan – 2nd A
 7.30 James Carroll- A

Monday 11th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Liturgical Service
 7pm Joint Penitential Service in Kilmacud

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Tom Brazil – 4th A
 Patty and Sean Browne – A
 Danny and Monica McGrath - A

Thursday 14th – HOLY THURSDAY

10.00 Morning Prayer
 7.30 Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH

10.00 Morning Prayer
 11.00 Children's Stations of the Cross
 3.00 Solemn Celebration of our Lord's Passion
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross starting at St. Brigid's Church

Holy Saturday 16th

10.00 Morning prayer and Confessions from 11am to 12pm
 9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17th

10.00
 11.30

Church of St Thérèse, Mount Merrion

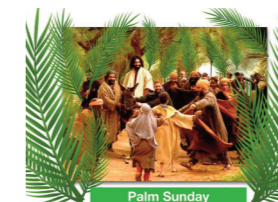
HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2022

Palm Sunday 10th April

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6.00 pm -
 Sunday: 10am. 11.30am and 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th April

7.00 pm: Lenten Reconciliation Service
 In Kilmacud Parish Church



Holy Thursday 14th April

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
 7.30pm Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper
 9.00pm 'Watch and Pray' – an hour of prayer at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday 15th April

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
 11.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
 3.00 pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
 7.00pm Way of the Cross Starting at St. Brigid's Church of Ireland Stillorgan, journeying to our Church in Mount Merrion



8.00pm Taize Prayer around the Cross in Mount Merrion

Holy Saturday 16th April

10.00am Morning Prayer: Waiting with the Women of the Cross
 11.00am-12 Noon Confessions
 9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17th April

Masses 10.00am
 11.30am
 No Evening Mass



'Into your hands I commit my spirit'

This Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the Church's liturgical year. We read two passages from the **Gospels**, relating how the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, accompanied by crowds who acclaim him as Saviour and King, gave way to his betrayal and death, alone and abandoned by all. The other readings help us understand the meaning of these events of the Passion.

The **First Reading** is one of the passages about the suffering servant of God from the book of Isaiah. As Christians, we read this as showing how Jesus lived out his patient trust in God. It can help and enable us to bear our trials and difficulties.

In **Psalm 21 (22)** we hear familiar echoes of the crucifixion narratives. You may like to find the whole of the psalm in your bible or online; its words of hope in the midst of great suffering, and profound trust in God, are the prayer of Jesus from the cross.

St Paul's text is a hymn to Jesus's life and death (**Second Reading**). Christ's humility in becoming a human being was even more profound when he accepted to die a shameful death on a cross. But, as Paul writes, God raised him from death and gave him the highest name of all, so that all beings should bend the knee to Jesus and 'acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.'

This week we accompany Jesus; we pray for the grace of an awareness of our sinfulness, and for sorrow and true contrition in the face of the sufferings of Jesus. We also continue to pray for peace across the world, especially in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

HOLY WEEK, ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE KILMACUD

We invite all Parishioners during Holy week to participate in the Lenten retreat taking place in St Laurence O'Toole in Kilmacud. There will be Mass, led by Fr Laurence at 10am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. In the evening there will be a Mission Service on Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. On Tuesday penitential service in Kilmacud at 7pm.



Children in the parish are always welcome to participate in the family mass on Sundays at 11.30am. Children can get involved by reading the prayers,

carrying the gifts to the altar and acting in our special liturgies during the year. The children's choir also welcomes new members – a role is available for someone who could accompany the choir on piano/organ. If you're a parent who would like to help with the Family Mass Group on a regular basis or even just every now and again, we would really appreciate your help.

If you'd like to get your children involved, help out yourself or need more details, talk to any of the Family Mass Team after 11.30am mass - we sit beside the children's choir and we'd love to hear from you or contact Clare Sheridan on 0878065695.