



HOLY CROSS PARISH 5 April Palm Sunday (A) 2020

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Holy Week 2020

We are on the threshold of Holy Week, the culmination and high point of our liturgical year.

By Sunday lunchtime the priests of the parish will have celebrated the Mass of Palm Sunday and blessed the palms. We will keep them for you for when things are back to normal and we are once more permitted to gather in the church for Mass.

Our celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our most blessed Lord, the Sacred Triduum, will have an added poignancy this year. Some have already commented to me that every day right now has a feel of Good Friday with the silence and general lack of activity outside. We can use this to enter more fully into our dear Lord's journey. We can use our extra time and energy to accompany more closely the Lord of Life as he suffers for us, dies for us, and rises victorious over death on Easter Sunday.

If you can get a hold of the scripture readings and prayers for Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil these will offer a strong support to your prayer at this time. A special way to celebrate these most solemn liturgies would be to log on to the website of St Andrew's Cathedral and follow the liturgies celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia:

**12noon on Palm Sunday;
6pm on Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper);
3pm on Good Friday;
the Easter Vigil at 8.30pm on Saturday, 11 April.**

Due to the current restrictions, the Chrism Mass has been postponed.

I hope and pray that our celebration of Holy Week may be a time of many blessings for us, our families and our whole country.

Be assured that Fr Johnson, Fr Strachan and I will remember you in our Masses and our prayers.

May our good God keep us all safe until we meet again in our beautiful church.

HAPPY HOLY WEEK!

“Thank you to all of you who continue to contribute to parish finances. I do realise that finance may be a problem for some at this time. If that is the case please don't worry about us. Some people have contacted me about the possibility of donating through their online banking apps. If you would like to do this please email the parish asking for our bank details and we will get back to you. Email:holycross.crosshill@rcag.org.uk

THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN THE PARISH.
Also Family & Friends of those suffering during this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

Eileen McCann, Christine Hyslop

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE MONTHS MIND IS NOW

Keeney Family, Egan Family.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY IS ABOUT NOW

Bertha Jones and Family, John Bradley.

We enter into the most important week of our lives as Christians as we begin this Holy Week **where we celebrate the whole mystery of our faith.**

Palm Sunday, now called Passion Sunday as well, is an uneasy union of names. Is it the day of Jesus' victorious procession into Jerusalem recalled by our waving of Palms, or is it the day of his disastrous downfall.

It is both. The liturgy of Passion Sunday is a collision of themes. Isaiah promises a servant of God who would have a 'face set like flint' to brave the torture, spit and ridicule. Paul's beautiful hymn to the Philippians is one of triumph. 'so that all beings...should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and every tongue acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord' – but only after His Passion and death on the Cross.

This Lent has been a particularly arduous one for our world. Our lives have been turned upside down. It all seems a bit surreal like being part of a bad dream.

We are fearful for our families, friends, Parish and communities. We are frightened for ourselves. Many are suffering the loneliness of isolation and sickness while so many others have died without the loving support of family around.

We may feel angry with God. 'Why can't He bring it to an end?'

But our faith teaches us that 'our ways are not God's ways'. It can be difficult to remember that Jesus understands our pain and is with us in our suffering and fear.

As we enter the heartbreaking journey of Holy Week, let us place all our fears and troubles before Our Lord as we walk with Him, remembering that it is a journey which ends with the Easter event.

New Flourish is now available online and can be accessed at <http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk>

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"The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue." Jesus gave everything out of love for us. Are you being called to reflect the Master's sacrifice by offering yourself as a priest, a deacon or religious? Speak to your Vocations Director, email *Priests for Scotland* at office@pfs.org.uk, or see our website or Facebook pages (PFS or [VocationNetworkScotland](https://www.facebook.com/VocationNetworkScotland)) for advice.

Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020 has been cancelled.

Let us pray for one another and for our World.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick Pray for us.

Mgr Bradley, Fr Johnson and Fr Strachen