

Palm Sunday

10th April 2022



“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.”

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will from Easter Sunday (17th April 2022) once again be deemed an essential expression of faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE - The guidance has changed and the rules relaxed which means parishioners can enter the Church as they choose. However, it is strongly recommended that face masks are worn and hands should be sanitized on entry to the Churches. Sunday attendance at mass still suspended.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Monday: Mass at 11am Requiem Mass for Neal McAlister, Carnlough

Tuesday & Wednesday Mass at 10.00am

PENITENTIAL Rite Wednesday at 7.30pm

Holy Thursday Mass of Our Lord's Supper 7.30pm , Exposition after Mass until 9.00pm

Good Friday: Passion of Our Lord 3pm; Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass 9.00pm, Easter Sunday Morning 10am

HOLY LAND COLLECTION will be taken up on Good Friday.

TROCAIRE COLLECTION please return donations during Easter time

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's collections.

DECEASED: Seamus Connolly, Carrivemurphy, Neal McAllister, Carnlough

MONTH'S MIND Seamus Harvey Month's Mind Mass

ANNIVERSARIES: Rose & Patrick Glen, Fr Francis Kennedy, Joe O'Boyle
, Pat & Roseanne Harvey, Liam Lynch, John Reddington, Johnny Black, Sarah Kinney,
Conal O'Boyle, Kathleen McCormick, Neil McCormick, Ann McAlister

PARISH ENVELOPES New parish Envelopes have been distributed for the coming year. If you wish to have an envelope to help support your parish please inform Fr White or one of the church workers. Once again sincere thanks to all who helped prepare and distributed them.

GLENARIFF IMPROVEMENT GROUP

GIG would like to restart the weekly Luncheon Club in the Mariners Lounge on Monday April 25 and wondered how many would wish to attend. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sheena 074070224877 or Kathleen 07703328961 as numbers are needed for catering purposes. Once again the bus can collect those wishing to travel to the Mariners but it is necessary to Register and pay a Registration fee of £10 for the year to the minibus Service. If you want to register contact Sheena as she has the Registration Forms.

There will be no charge for Lunch on Monday 25th and music will also be provided. Welcome back to old members and new members will be very welcome too.

Next week will be the last home meal delivery .

PALM SUNDAY

Who was there at the end?

Who was there at the end? The friends of Jesus: from a distance, but still around. They stayed near, not wanting to leave. Did they all stand around for a while? Wanting to go and not wanting to go, like mourners at a graveside - confused, sad and discouraged - silent in the moments of violent death. Were they afraid that this might happen to them too? The friends and acquaintances of Jesus, the one who promised much and said he would rise again... Did any of them remember this promise? Did they whisper it to each other as they closed the stone at the tomb? Did they wonder if more was yet to come? For there was always more with Jesus. We are that 'more!

There also was the centurion: the good man who said, 'he was a Son of God'. The one from Rome saw through the many from Jerusalem. He was a strange type of guy at the cross - the Roman who had been told to get these crucifixions done, with the least amount of trouble and publicity. Away from home and his own people, he would find a new God in the home of his heart and would be linked forever to a new people.

Something about this man gave a scent of love, and an authority that came from somewhere far away - further than an emperor or a political power. He knew that this man was a Son of God; may we know this too of Jesus.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the saviour of the world.

Donal Neary S.J.