



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

28th March 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

WHEN MOMENTEIOUS EVENTS HAPPEN,

only a few people are able to grasp their full significance. So when the Berlin wall fell, everyone cheered, but a few knew what problems lay ahead for a unified Germany. When the iron curtain was finally pierced, only a few realised the implications this would have for an enlarged Europe. It takes a perceptive mind to see beyond what's under their eyes and be able to grasp the wider picture.

On Palm Sunday there were only a few in the crowd who had any idea of what the real picture was. The crowd cheered and sang; the children were enjoying every moment of Jesus's entry on a donkey into Jerusalem. It was a colourful pageant and a welcome diversion from the religious duties of the festival period.

But only a few knew that the man on the donkey was no mere rabbi, politician or rebel leader. He was, in fact, God's Son. He was the Messiah sent by God to bring good news to his people and to reveal the sort of God that they had.

Only a few people could see that the cheering crowd would turn before the week was over and, bored once more, would demand a public spectacle again... this time an execution. In this they were representative of the people at large who rejected the message of Jesus.

Most people would have expected him to argue his case and try to defend himself against the charges of treason in order to save his skin. But a few people were convinced that he would remain absolutely faithful to the will of his Father. That's because he knew that his mission depended on this.

And while the vast majority of the crowd thought that the whole thing was something of a damp squib and the fun was over after his death, a few understood that his life and death had a purpose. Though he was innocent he gave his life in sacrifice so that sin, death and evil might no longer have a hold over us. Some people knew that, but not many

The Parish Clergy

Parish Priest:

Fr Kevin Dow

Priest in Residence:

Fr Joshua Kauras

Pastoral Assistant:

Rev Pat Carrigan
(Permanent Deacon)



St Peter in Chains Church,
Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church,
Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark**



DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER

Daily Prayer Intention in the midst of the Pandemic—Archbishop Leo in has recent Social Media address to the members of the Archdiocese, has asked that we pray the Memorare each day with the intention of a swift end to the current crisis.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND INFIRM

Canon McAllister, James Lynch, Maureen McLeod, James Morris, Elaine McCormick, Sandra Graham, Ester Wren, Daniel Cornet, Ann-Marie Bevan, Patricia Phee, Angie Kempson, Margaret Lynch, Edith Bryant, Elizabeth McVay, Veronica Fogherty, David and Lynn Dean, Colin Reid, Martin Lacey, Sandra Christie, Eleanor Haggett, Susan Stevenson, Elizabeth Byrne, and Jennifer Imrie
Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Tam Higgins (Dunfermline) RIP, and all those who have died as a result of Covid-19 and all who have no one to pray for them

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen



ST. JOSEPH

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the holy family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.
—anonymous

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Year of St Joseph - Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of St Joseph, which runs until the 8th December 2021. He has issued a new Apostolic Letter, which can be read online. Just type **PATRIS CORDE** in to your web browser. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

A Spiritual Communion for use when not able to receive our Lord physically:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Sacrament of Reconciliation - if you wish to make an appointment with Fr Kevin to go to confession (with all necessary safeguards in place), please contact him at the presbytery or by email.

NEWS & EVENTS

MAKING A DONATION

During this time of Church closure, and no public Masses being celebrated, you have very little chance of supporting the ongoing mission of the parish and upkeep of our church buildings.

We thank you for all that you have contributed in the past, and if you are able to continue your support, which can also be Gift Aided, we would be eternally grateful. God bless.

Below are the details for the bank accounts for each church if you wish to make your donation directly into the bank account:

St Peter in Chains—
RBS A/C No:
00600297
Sort Code: **833300**

Ss John & Columba's—
RBS A/C No:
00114865
Sort Code: **832339**

Our Lady of Lourdes—
RBS A/C No:
00249131
Sort Code: **833300**



Booking a place at Mass starting Saturday 27th March:

As from Sat 27th March, our churches are allowed to resume public worship with a maximum of 50 parishioners in attendance (social distancing allowing).

The Parish Pastoral Council have agreed that if you wish to attend one of our Sunday Masses, please use the relevant email address and send your request stating how many places you require, your name and telephone number to:

For St Peter in Chains: kathleen481@outlook.com

For Ss John & Columba's: lisaquinn50@hotmail.co.uk

For Our Lady of Lourdes: hall_margaret4@sky.com

You may email in your request on a **Friday between 12noon and 6pm** for the approaching weekend. *You will only be notified with a response if you have been unsuccessful in getting an allocated seat.*



HOLY WEEK & SACRED TRIDUUM:

Maundy Thursday (1st April)

Mass at 7pm in Ss John & Columba's Church

Good Friday (2nd April)

The Passion of our Lord at 3pm in **ALL 3 Churches**

Holy Saturday (3rd April)

Vigil Mass at 8.00pm in St Peter in Chains Church

Easter Sunday (4th April)

Masses at 09.30am in Rosyth,
11.00am & 5.00pm in Dunfermline

NEWS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP:



Easter Triduum

The following ceremonies will be available on the Archdiocese's YouTube channel: Holy Thursday, 7pm | Good Friday 3pm | Easter Sunday 9am. All celebrations with Archbishop Cushley from St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Online at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Archbishop Cushley will give a reflection at the online Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, this Monday at 7:45pm. Register now on Eventbrite: <http://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com>

Lent resources

The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>

Children

We have no information about whether primary-school age children are part of the count or not, or if children's liturgy can go ahead. We have made enquiries about this and will update you when we find out.

Church Halls (external use)

Halls may be used for the livestreaming of Mass subject to the same conditions as our church building. Having said that, halls cannot be used yet for non-worship activities such as childcare, sport, hospitality or support groups etc. These will be permissible when the relevant industry opens and will be governed by their different pieces of legislation (halls can only be opened for use by the NHS or as Election Polling stations. Ensure you have a risk assessment carried out by the hiring body and that it is clear who will be responsible for the cleaning).

Parish Safeguarding Coordinators Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLoL)

Baptisms & Marriages Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and Baptisms should be made by appointment with one of the clergy.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Dow to visit. The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Gowans of St Marie's Kirkcaldy (Tel: 01592 592111). In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain (emergency cover is provided by the various priests in Fife) please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. For patients in Queen Margaret Hospital please contact Fr Chris Heenan at St Margaret's (625611) **Please note that a patient/family request must be made before the clergy can visit.**

Names for sick list Names can only be added by the person themselves or by a member of the family. Please advise the Parish Office of any name to be added or removed.

Mass Intentions Please try to have any intention that is required to be said on a particular date in a month before hand. On occasion when a funeral takes place, the stated intention will be moved to the next available date.

Bulletin Notices All notices should be with Fr Kevin in Rosyth by Thursday morning for inclusion in the weekend bulletin

FR KEVIN:



As you will have hopefully heard before now, the Archbishop has released Fr Kevin from his duties in the archdiocese, including being our Parish Priest, effective on Saturday 10th April. This is to allow Fr Kevin to pursue his calling of a vocation, within a vocation, to minister as a Chaplain to Her majesties Land Forces (*British Army*).

Fr Kevin will celebrate the Easter Sunday Masses as his last official duty before handing over the pastoral care and administration to Fr Joshua, and will then have a few days rest before traveling to the Armed Forces' Chaplaincy Centre located at the Defence Academy in Shrivenham. After 3 weeks of transitional ministry training, Fr will join his new unit, 30 Royal Signals Regiment, based in the West Midlands, where after 3 weeks of familiarisation, he will return to the RMAS to undergo his Officer training for 8 weeks.

We ask that you keep Fr Kevin in your prayers as he undertakes this new style of ministry after serving these past 18 years in various parishes of the archdiocese.

For centuries the Royal Army Chaplains' Department (RACHD) has ministered to soldiers and their families in times of war and peace. Chaplains are honoured to

provide spiritual support, pastoral care, and moral guidance to all, irrespective of religion or belief.

DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS

I thought this week to skip ahead to the Easter Vigil and the Readings we would have had during the Service if the world was in a better place and disease free. I'm doing this because I won't be able to comment on these Readings next week because the opportunity would be gone and we would be into Easter Sunday itself and then it would be too late. So, here we go!

These readings from the Old Testament remind us of our need for salvation and redemption. But, do not forget that the Old Testament constantly points to Christ as our means of redemption and God's plan for mankind.

Genesis 1:1-2:2: The Creation Story, which is so familiar to us, is our starting point. But, in examining how God goes about his work, we realise that Creation is a work of separation. Light is separated from darkness on the first day. On the second day, God created a vault to separate the waters in two and the vault He called heaven. Separating the waters below heaven, God created dry land, and thus earth and seas were created on the third day. By this action God allows for further creative acts as the earth will now be fruitful.

Consider other acts of separation that lead to a new form, a new life, a new creation. When we were separated from the fluid of our mother's womb, we became a separate creation which would become fruitful and multiply. The Jews were able to flee from the Egyptians because of their trust in God as they walked through the separated Red Sea. We separate ourselves from sin through the waters of baptism. Drawing all this together shows Genesis as the act of salvation that it was. God's saving act was to take chaos and from it create the world.

DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS CONTINUED



Genesis 22:1-18: The paschal sacrifice of Jesus Christ was a death that brought redemption to mankind with His resurrection. However, at the time of Abraham a sacrifice pleasing to God was thought of in a very different

manner. Here God teaches a lesson to our patriarch, and therefore to all of the people of faith, as to the type of sacrifice God wanted.

At the time of these events' child sacrifice was common in the Canaanite community. Many Israelites also followed this practice thinking that it was pleasing to God. So, when Abraham comes to believe that God wanted Isaac as a sacrifice, he obeyed the Lord and made all the preparations and this act carries many significant points, especially when we recall how long Abraham and Sarah waited for their child.

The message is this; the call to follow God is complete and unconditional. It supersedes all desires, even the desire to have children. However, even though God's call is total, Abraham's God is very different from the Gods of his pagan peers. God protects children while rejecting and forbidding the sacrifice of children. With this God prescribes that Abrahams descendants will have a special relationship with God, and will be many and powerful.

Exodus 14:15-15:1: This reading from the Book of Exodus starts with an almost chaotic scene, God appears to be irritable, even angry with Moses; "Why do you cry to me so. Tell the sons of Israel to march on". Cast your mind back to Holy Thursday night and the Reading of a meal eaten in haste. God is about to release His people from the Egyptians, His instructions are clear, eat standing up and ready to travel, cover the lintel of your door in the sacrificial blood. The Hebrews depart. The chase is on, for the Egyptians would have them back and enslaved. Now we hear in this third reading of how the people falter, but Moses said to the people just prior to this "Have no fear". Do we remember Jesus saying to Mary Magdalene "Do not be afraid", God tells Moses to cross the divided sea. The race is on. The Pharaoh would not succeed; God's Kingdom and justice would prevail.

Those who cross to the other shore are no longer the same, for the existence of the People of God has begun.

We as Christians have to cross the sea so that we may discover a new meaning in life.

Isaiah 54:5-14: Isaiah speaks of the bride being

called back to her husband. For generations the Hebrews were held in exile in Babylon. Eventually they were allowed to return to their land but the reconstruction of their city of Jerusalem and their broken lives was exasperatingly slow. This text of Isaiah was written during this forlorn period.

The prophet held that this lack of good fortune was on account of the people's sins, but he never doubted God's mercy. Isaiah paints the picture of a marriage to proclaim God's loyalty to the people but bluntly tells them how unfaithful a wife they have been to their heavenly husband.

Isaiah 55:1-11: This reading comes from the same period as above. The ending of Book Two is a call to hope. What happened to the happiness the people thought they would find in the place of exile? God is the one who gives He only hopes that we will open to Him. Jesus will offer rest (Mt 11:28); he will give us the bread of life (Jn 6) and befriend us (Rev 3:20), and then a mission is laid on Israel in the homeland after they return, all for the sake of the "Lord, your God". Then poem also speaks of how the people should surrender to the love of the Lord who is forming them, and finally "the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do".

Can you recognise Christ in these lines?

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4: Here is a wonderful poem on Wisdom and how Wisdom lies in the knowledge of what is God's plan in creating the world, and more, what does God ask of humanity. To our Jewish forebears Wisdom was found in the utterances of God found in the "Law". Christians believe that the Wisdom ruling the universe is found in the words and person of Jesus, the Christ.

Here is a call for Christians to be faithful, just as the Jews of the Dispersion were called to be faithful, for in both cases there was and there are no shortages of pitfalls or stumbling blocks.

Ezekiel 36:16-28: The first part of this text refers to God giving the why and wherefore of His displeasure with Israel, of her idolatry and false sacrifice which led to His fury and their dispersal among other nations. Again, God speaks of how in exile the Jews profaned God's holy Name and His concerns.

God decides to give man a *change of heart*. This is the first change in mankind, in the innermost being, where they come to know God. This followed by a change in mentality and attitude. This is done by God's love and the gift of the His Spirit which transforms them into new beings.

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 28th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	09.30am	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Fr Joe Millar RIP</i>
	11.00am	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	5.00pm	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>John Hector RIP</i>
Monday 29th March <i>Weekday in Holy Week</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 30th March <i>Weekday in Holy Week</i>	7.00pm	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Theresa Murphy RIP</i>
Wednesday 31st March <i>Weekday in Holy Week</i>	10.00am	Inverkeithing	Holy Mass	<i>Creina Dawkins' Intentions</i>
Thursday 1st April <i>Thursday of the Lord's Supper</i>	7.00pm	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Friday 2nd April <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	3.00pm	Inverkeithing Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i> Dunfermline	The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	
Saturday 3rd April <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</i>	8.00pm	Inverkeithing	Holy Mass	<i>Increase in the Faith</i>
Sunday 4th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	09.30am	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>Thomas Higgins RIP</i>
	5.00pm	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>George Templeton RIP</i>



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