

St. Mary's & St. Columba's Parish Newsletter

Palm Sunday in Lent Year B

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

PALM SUNDAY/ PASSION SUNDAY AND TRIDUUM

Today is Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week. The celebration begins with the blessing of the palms and a Gospel reading, followed by a procession to the Church where the Mass will be celebrated. It is called both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday because it commemorates both the joyous welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches and the solemn start of his journey to the Cross,

THE TRIDUUM

The Triduum is three days preceding Easter and holds great significance for Catholics. During this time, Catholics commemorate important events in the Christian faith. Here's a breakdown of each day's observance:

1. **Holy Thursday:** This day is also known as Maundy Thursday and commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his apostles. It includes the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood.
2. **Good Friday:** Observed as the day of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and death on the cross. This is a solemn day of fasting and penance. It is a time to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus for the redemption of humanity.
3. **Holy Saturday:** This day focuses on the time between Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is a day of reflection and anticipation for Easter Sunday. Symbolically, it stands for the period when Christ descended into hell and freed the souls of the righteous who had died before his crucifixion.

The Triduum culminates in the celebration of Easter Sunday, which marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Those who are travelling to join your families, relatives, and friends and those still on the Island for Easter, we would like to wish you a grace-filled Holy Week, Happy Easter Sunday, and Easter Octave.

Fr. Joseph

Please find below details of this week's Mass intentions and other services in our Parish of St. Mary's, Castletown (C/T), and St. Columba's, Port Erin (P/E).

Week commencing 24th March			
Sunday 24 th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Patricia Donaghty (Ann)
Monday 25 th March Weekday in Holy Week.			<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 26 th March Weekday in Holy Week.	P/E	10 am	Terry Smith
Wednesday 27 th March Weekday in Holy Week.	C/T	10 am	Mary, John, and Frank Hutchinson
Thursday 28 th March Holy Thursday.	P/E	10 am 7 pm	Morning prayers in both Churches Holy Thursday: Mass of Last Supper:
Friday 29 th March Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord.	P/E	10 am 3 pm	Morning prayers in both Churches Service of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 30 th March Holy Saturday.	C/T	10 am 7 pm	Morning prayers in both Churches Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 31 st March Easter Day.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Joan and Jeff Hook (Wedding Anniversary)

Response to the Psalm:

My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Christ 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 names.

Praise to you, O Christ king of eternal glory.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday came to £233.15. The second collection for flowers for the churches at Easter came to £90.50.

Good Friday: There is a 'Churches Together in Castletown' Ecumenical Good Friday Service in Castletown Square at 11 am. There is also a similar Ecumenical 'Walk of Witness' in Port Erin, beginning from St. Columba's Church after Stations of the Cross at 11 am. The walk will leave the church at 11.20 am to the platform at the Railway Station where the service will be held. All are welcome at these services.

Catechumens: Please pray for the Catechumens who are to receive the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. They are Archibald Elliott and Hannan Luckman.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: There will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Sunday at St Mary's to pray for Nigel McFarlane who is in Walton Hospital Liverpool and is still in Intensive Care.

Easter Monday: Mass will be held at 10 am at St Mary's.

Mass Intentions:

- Patricia Donaghty
- Terry Smith
- Mary, John, and Frank Hutchinson
- Doreen Short
- Joan and Jeff Hook

Parish Diary:

29th March 11 am	Ecumenical Good Friday Services in Castletown Square.
29th March 11 am	Stations of the Cross at St Columba's. The Walk of Witness will leave at 11.20 am.
20th April	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
11th May 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Happiness in the Psalms.
19th May	First Communion Mass.
15th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If you are aware of future events, please let us know so we may add them to the diary. **Social Club Committee contact details:** Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487, or Lynn 472867.