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**PALM SUNDAY
28th March 2021**

Who am I before the Lord?

This week begins with the festive procession with olive branches: the entire populace welcomes Jesus. The children and young people sing praising Jesus.

But this week continues in the mystery of Jesus's death and his Resurrection. We have just listened to the Passion of our Lord. We might well ask ourselves just one question: Who am I? who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus who enters Jerusalem amid the enthusiasm of the crowd? Am I ready to express my joy, to praise him? Or do I stand back? Who am I, before the suffering Jesus?



We have just heard many, many names. The group of leaders, some priests, some Pharisees, the teachers of the law, who had decided to kill Jesus. They were waiting for the chance to arrest him. Am I like one of them?

We have also heard another name: Judas. Thirsty pieces of silver. Am I like Judas? We have heard other names too: the disciples who understood nothing, who fell asleep while the Lord was suffering. Has my life fallen asleep? Or am I like the disciples, who did not realise what it was to betray Jesus? Or like that other disciple, who wanted to settle everything with a sword? Am I like them? Am I like Judas, who feigns love and he kisses the Master in order to hand him over, to betray him? Am I a traitor? Am I like those people in power who hastily summon a tribunal and seek false witnesses: am I like them? And when I do these things, if I do them, do I think that in this way I am saving the people?

Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility, allowing people to be condemned - or condemning them myself?

Am I like that crowd which was not sure whether they were at a religious meeting, a trial or a circus, and then chose Barabbas? For them it was all the same: it was more entertaining to humiliate Jesus.

Am I like the soldiers who strike the Lord, spit on him, insult him, who find entertainment in humiliating him?

Am I like the Cyrenean, who was returning for work, weary, yet was good enough to help the Lord carry his cross?

Am I like those who walked by the cross and mocked Jesus: "He was so courageous! Let him come down from the cross and then we will believe in him!" Mocking Jesus...

Am I like those fearless women, and like the mother of Jesus, who were there, and suffered in silence?

Am I like Joseph, the hidden disciple, who lovingly carries the body of Jesus to give it burial?

Am I like the two Mary's, who remained at the tomb, weeping and praying?

Am I like those leaders who went to Pilate the next day and said, "Look this man said he was going to rise again. We cannot let another fraud take place!" and who block life, block the tomb, in order to maintain doctrine, lest life come forth?

Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like? May this question: 'Who am I before the lord?', remain with us throughout the entire week.

Pope Francis



Holy Week

Sunday 28th March

- 9.00am Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)

*The Clocks
GO FORWARD ONE
HOUR
This weekend.*

Monday 29th March

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am Confessions (St Mary's)
6.00pm Stations of the Cross (Livestream only)

Tuesday 30th March

- 9.30am Morning Prayer of The Church (Livestream only)
11.00am Confessions at the Calvary Shrine (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass (St Mary's)
12.30pm Confessions (St Mary's)
6.00pm Stations of the Cross (Livestream only)

To book Sunday Mass in St Mary's please call 01555 662234 or 07936306344 on Thursday or Friday Morning between 9am and 12noon.

Wednesday 31st March

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am Confessions (St Mary's)
12noon Angelus & Holy Rosary (Livestream only)
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Livestream only)
6.00pm Stations of the Cross (Livestream only)

To attend Sunday Mass in St Isidore's please email Jacqui (jacqui.dowd@me.com) no later than Friday evening.

Thursday 1st April

- 9.00am - 12noon PHONE LINES OPEN TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES (ST MARY'S)
9.30am Morning Office (Livestream Only)
12noon Confessions at the Calvary Shrine (St Mary's)
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Mary's)
9.45pm Watching before the Altar of Repose (Livestream only)
10.00pm Night Prayer of The Church (Livestream only)

Friday 2nd April

- 9.00am - 12noon PHONE LINES OPEN TO BOOK WEEKEND MASSES (ST MARY'S)
9.30am Morning Office (Livestream only)
12noon Stations of the Cross & Distribution of Holy Communion (St Mary's)
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St Mary's)
6.00pm Stations of the Cross & Distribution of Holy Communion (St Mary's)
7.00pm EMAIL JACQUI TO BOOK WEEKEND MASS (ST ISIDORE'S)

Saturday 3rd April

- 9.30am Morning Office (Livestream only)
8.00pm Easter Vigil (St Mary's)

Sunday 4th April

- 9.00am Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary Magdalene's)
9.45am Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary's)
11.00am Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Isidore's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Easter Day (St Mary's)
6.00pm Evening Prayer of The Church (Livestream only)

Stations of the Cross Good Friday

Please note the revised time of the evening Stations of the Cross on Good Friday is now 6pm. Spaces are still available and can be booked by calling 662234 or by emailing stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Wee Box Appeal

Once again, SCIAF rolled out the Wee Box Appeal. Thank you to all those who have collected a Wee Box from the back of the church. Some people have already returned their Wee Box. If you have a Wee Box and would like to return it, please do so as soon as possible, in order for us to get the funds to SCIAF. If you do not have a Wee Box, but would still like to donate to SCIAF, you can do so by placing your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'SCIAF' and placing it in the basket at the back of your church along with your weekly offering. SCIAF are also offering other ways to support the charity and make donations. For more information please visit the SCIAF website: www.sciaf.org.uk



300 Club: February Winners

Week 7th March: 91 *Week 14th March: 67*

Week 21st March: 135 *Week 28th March: 113*

Congratulations to all our winners!!



300 Club subscriptions and winnings can now be paid through bank transfer. If you would like to find out more please email clubrooms@outlook.com

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

This weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can also be handed to a pass-keeper or placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.



An Act Of Spiritual Communion

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.



Holy Places Collection

Each year, on Good Friday, we are asked to hold a Special Collection to support the places in the Holy Land associated with Our Lord's life, death and resurrection. If you would like to make a donation to the Holy Places Collection you can place your donation in the basket at the back of the church on Good Friday. May God reward your generosity.

Clubrooms Window Grills

Last week the new window grills were fitted to the Clubrooms in order to provide better security. The grills cost in the region of £7000 including fitting and VAT, however, thanks to the 300 Club we had the funds to carry out this essential security upgrade. I am sure you will all agree that the grills are very fitting for the building and unintrusive too.

Parish Finances

Sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute to the parishes financially by handing in envelopes with your offerings and also to the many who now contribute regularly through the banking system. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated in these difficult and challenging times.

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Parish of St Isidore's
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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - John Scott Braedale Road
Iain Girvan (Bellshill); Bob Ahlstrom (USA).

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Kenneth James Highton; Fie & Harry Duddy; Tommy Oliver; Clare O'Leary; Patrick Boyle; Frances Kelly; Rita Herkes.

*Lord, in our grief we turn to you.
Are you not the God of love who open your ears to all?
Listen to our prayers for your servants,
whom you have called out of this world:
lead them to your kingdom of light and peace
and count them among the saints in glory.*

Easter Remembrance: If you would like Holy Mass offered for your beloved dead and their names recorded in the Easter Bulletin, please hand in their names before FRIDAY 2ND APRIL. Names can be handed into the sacristy, posted through the chapel house door or placed in the basket with your weekly collection; please remember to mark your envelope as 'EASTER REMEMBRANCE'.

Welcome back

Welcome back to our safe churches for Holy Week and Easter. With the recent substantial increase in cases of Covid-19 and the apparent virulence of the 'new' strain, it may be appropriate to remind ourselves of the following:



Sanitise hands
on entry to and exit from Church



Wear a face covering
(ideally a mask)



Maintain social distance
of 2 metres

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Candles for St Joseph

To continue the *Year of St Joseph*, Candles of St Joseph and the child Jesus are for sale at the St Joseph's Altar. These candles are priced at £1.50 each, and burn for approximately 17 hours. They can be bought and taken home, or they can be placed on the St Joseph's Altar to burn in the church.



Paschal Triduum Booklets

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland Liturgy Agency have produced a booklet with excerpts from the Liturgy of the Hours for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter) for those who cannot participate fully in the live liturgies. As our liturgies will be livestreamed copies of the booklet are available from the back of the church for those who wish to join in.

Confession Guidelines

This week in our parish we have many opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, to prepare our hearts and souls for Easter. In order to encourage as many people as possible the opportunity to attend Confession, confessions will be heard at various times and in various locations. We do have some 'House Rules' in order to keep everyone safe, and we ask that you abide by these rules.

When Confession is celebrated in the church:

1. Confession will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Altar after Mass. Once you have received Holy Communion, please make your way to the Sacred Heart side of the church and take a seat on one of the benches labelled with a number, and maintain social distancing.
2. When queuing for Confession please stay in the same seat and do not move down the pews.
3. When you have finished Confession please leave the church immediately by walking down the centre aisle.
4. As always please follow the direction of the volunteers

When Confession is celebrated outdoors:

1. Confession will be celebrated at the Calvary Shrine.
2. Please maintain social distancing at all times.

