

Ennis Parish—Palm Sunday

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13th April, 2025 (Year C)

N. Narrator; J. Jesus; O. other individual voices; C. the 'crowd' -bold types)

N: When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

J: I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

N: Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

J: Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.

N: Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

J: This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.

N: He did the same with the cup after supper, and said,

J: This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.

And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!

N: And they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing.

A dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them,

J: Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves!

You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers.

N: He answered,

O: Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death.

N: Jesus replied,

J: I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.

N: He said to them,

J: When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything?

N: They answered,

C: No.

N: He said to them,

J: But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.

N: They said,

C: Lord, there are two swords here now.

N: He said to them,

J: That is enough!

N: He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place he said to them,

J: Pray not to be put to the test.

N: Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

J: Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.

N: Then an angel appeared to him coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,

J: Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.

N: He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,

J: Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

N: His followers, seeing what was

happening, said, **C:** Lord, shall we use our swords?

N: And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke,

J: Leave off! That will do!

N: And touching the man's ear he healed him. Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,

J: Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.

N: They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said,

O: This person was with him too.

N: But he denied it, saying,

O: Woman, I do not know him.

N: Shortly afterwards, someone else saw him and said,

O: You are another of them.

N: But Peter replied,

O: I am not, my friend.

N: About an hour later, another man insisted, saying,

O: This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.

N: Peter said,

O: My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.

N: At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

C: Play the prophet. Who hit you then?

N: And they continued heaping insults on him. When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,

C: If you are the Christ, tell us.

N: He replied



Priest on Duty 13th April, 2025

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Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Betty Cunneff, Tramore & Ennis. **1st Anniv**
 Nell & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.
 Jim Ball, Connolly Villas.
 Jean O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
 Lilly Cleary, Ennis.
 PJ Coote, Cahercalla.
 Angela O'Loughlin, (nee Skerritt), Lissane East
 & Hermitage.

Sun 13th 8am: Donor's intention.

9.30am: PJ Meaney, Cranny.
 Norrie Power, Considine Tce.
11.30am: Christy & Breda Carpenter & Deceased
 Carpenter Family, Hermitage.
 William McGovern, 'St. Martin's', College View.
 Monica Brooks, Drumcarau, Fountain.
 Norah & James O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.
 Bernadette Fahy, England.
 James, Nonie & Martin, Fahy, Peterswell, Gort.
 Frank Roche, Dalcassian Park.
 Mary Forde, Caherbana, Fountain.

Mon: 7.40am: Mary Ellen McInerney, Doora.

Michael Meaney, Lissycasey.
11am: Caroline, Joseph & Brian Ensko, Ennis.
 Gerard Shannon, Boloughera, Lissycasey.
 Kathleen Cunningham, Aylrue, Labasheeda.

7.30pm: Abbey Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

Mick & Ellen O'Rourke, Newmarket.
 Philomena Duffy, Nenagh.
 Edmund Cahill, Corofin.

11am: Jack O'Malley, Cork & Ennis.

Nurse Catherine O'Leary, Upper Market St.

7.30pm: Dermot & Mary O'Donoghue, Kilfenora.

Katie & Jack Kean, Clonlara.
 Patrick, Christina & Stephen Jr. Malone,
 Dalcassian Drive.

Brid McCullough, Dalcassian Drive.

Assumpta Whelan, Iniscarragh, St. Flannan's Drive.

Sylvester Keane, Garraunakille, Upper Market St.

Wed 7.40am: Holy Souls.

Nora Boland, Kilrush.

11am: Kathleen Flanagan, Doonbeg. **1st Anniv.**

7.30pm: No Mass this evening.

Thurs: Holy Thursday.

Fri: Good Friday.

Sat: Holy Saturday.

Sun 20th : Easter Sunday.

1pm: Mass for Brazilian Community.

2.30pm: Mass for Polish Community.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 13th: Kevin Maxwell, Shallee Drive.
 Special Intention
 James, Bridget & Martin O'Connor, Milltown Malbay.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thurs: Holy Thursday.

Fri: Good Friday

Sun 20th 11am: Mary McMahan, John Paul Ave.

The Parish Office will close on Holy Thursday at 5pm
 and will open on Tuesday 22nd April at 9am.

The Friary Office will be closed on Good Friday but
 open on Holy Saturday from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Cathedral Renovation Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to
 acknowledge donations of €100 and
 €60. We thank the many people who
 have made once off contributions to
 this appeal.

Holy Week Confessions in the Parish of Ennis



Monday: Reconciliation Service in
 the Cathedral at 7.30pm with an
 opportunity for individual
 Confessions.

Tuesday:

Friary 11am - 12 noon & 4- 5pm
 Cathedral 7pm - 7.25pm

Spy Wednesday:

Friary 11am -12noon & 4-5pm

Holy Thursday

Friary 11am-12noon & 4-5pm

Good Friday

Friary 11am - 12noon & 4-5pm
 Cathedral 8.30pm -10pm

Holy Saturday

Cathedral 10am - 1pm & 2-5pm
 Friary 11am - 12noon & 4-5pm

Walk the Way of Calvary with

Jesus Outdoor Stations of the
 Cross on Good Friday at the Garden
 of Remembrance, Cloughleigh at
 10am. All welcome.

World Youth Day is the largest
 youth event in the world and in this
 Jubilee year of Hope 2025 Rome
 will host this event from 27th July
 until 3rd August .The Diocese of
 Killaloe will be sending 20 young
 people to Rome to be part of this
 world event. If you are over 18
 years and have an interest in
 travelling , please contact your local
 priest by Easter Sunday.

Easter Vigil

This vigil is the most significant
 Liturgical ceremony of the year. This
 year there will only be one Easter
 Vigil in the Parish of Ennis and it will
 be celebrated in the Cathedral at
 9pm on Holy Saturday Night.

Parishioners who normally would go
 to the Friary, St. Joseph's or
 Cloughleigh for the Vigil are very
 welcome to the Cathedral where we
 unite with our Bishop in welcoming
 the Risen Christ.

Newly Baptised

*We welcome into the Christian
 Community through the Sacrament of
 Baptism:*

Tadhg Flynn Guinnane

Sofia Mae Kunz



St. Joseph's



Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Tony Cullinan, Barnhill, Doora. **MM.**
 Johnny Darcy, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv.**
 Noel O'Regan, Corrovorrin Grove.
 Kevin Lynch, Ennis.
 Cissie & Kevin Lynch, Kilrush.
 Martin Cotter, St. Senan's Rd.

Sun 13th 10am: Martin & Kathleen Kelly,
 Old Gort Rd. & Baby Emma, Toonagh.

11.45am: John English, St. Senan's Rd.
 Joe Daly, Lifford.

Mon 10.30am: Sylvester Cosgrove, Fernhill.

Tues 10.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Paddy Keown, Corofin.

Wed 10.30am: Tommy Moloney, Marian Ave.

Thurs: Holy Thursday.

Fri: Good Friday.

Sat : Holy Saturday.

Sun 20th Easter Sunday.

Fr. Tom wishes to thank you for the donations of flowers
 and donations to the Cathedral Flower Fund. Your
 generosity is very much appreciated.

Easter Dawn Mass

The Abbey Pastoral Area will be holding the Easter
 Dawn Mass at The Quay, Clarecastle on Easter
 Sunday Morning at 6am. This is a community
 gathering on the four parishes in our Pastoral Area
 and our thanks to the Parish of Clarecastle/Ballyea
 who are hosting this year.

Priests' Easter Collection

Will take place at all Masses in the Parish next
 weekend. This is the first of only four appeals in the
 year to support your Priests.
 Envelopes are now available and we thank you in
 anticipation of your generosity.

Reconciliation Service

The Abbey Pastoral Area organises two occasions in
 the year during Holy Week and during Advent when
 they invite parishioners to come to the Cathedral for a
 Service of Reconciliation with the opportunity for
 individual confession.

This year's Lenten Ceremony will take place on this
 Monday Evening at 7.30pm in the Cathedral when a
 large number of priests will be available to celebrate
 the Sacrament.

Trócaire

Trócaire This is the final week of this year's
 Trócaire Lenten Appeal. Your
 sacrifices and generosity during the
 weeks of Lent can be shared through the Trócaire box
 and returned at Easter. Your support of the Trócaire
 appeal is very much appreciated.

Easter Holy Water

In response to Pope Francis' call in 'Laudate Si'
 to protect the environment, here in the Parish of Ennis
 we will be providing Easter Holy Water in containers
 and ask all parishioners to use recyclable bottles and
 containers from home to fill your Easter Holy Water.
 In previous years 6,000 plastic bottles were used in
 the Parish, so we hope this initiative will continue in
 some small way in reducing our dependence on
 plastic and help protect the environment.



Holy Week Ceremonies Parish of Ennis

Palm Sunday

Palm will be blessed at all Masses

Monday 14th April

Reconciliation Ceremony with opportunity
for individual confession in the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Spy Wednesday

Mass of Christ at 7.30pm in
St. Brendan's Church, Birr.

Holy Thursday

Cathedral

11am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10pm
9.45pm Night Prayer

Friary

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Joseph's

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9pm

Cloughleigh

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday

A day of Fast & Abstinence

Cathedral

11am Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
9pm Prayer & Reflection around the Cross

Friary

5pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St. Joseph's

10.30am Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Cloughleigh

10am Outdoor Stations of the Cross
beginning at the Garden of Remembrance.
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

Cathedral

11am Morning Prayer
3.30pm Blessing of Easter Food (Polish Community)
9pm Easter Vigil

Please note there will only be one Easter Vigil in the Parish.

(No Vigils in Friary, St. Joseph's or Cloughleigh)
All are welcome to the Cathedral

Easter Sunday

Dawn Mass 6am The Quay, Clarecastle

Cathedral

8am, 9.30am, 11.30am

Friary

10.30am

Poor Clare's Monastery

7.45am

St. Joseph's

10am, 11.45am

Cloughleigh

11am

Abbey Pastoral Area Service of Reconciliation

Monday 14th April 7.30pm at Ennis Cathedral
All Welcome, Priests available for individual confession.



Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked that Christians who gather on Good Friday to pray would support their fellow Christians in the Holy Land. At this time of war and death, they need our support.

Please support the Franciscan Friars on Good Friday to maintain a Christian presence in these holy places.

Lourdes

The June Diocesan Pilgrimage is now fully booked. The remaining pilgrimages from Shannon this year are :

Franciscan Pilgrimage

24th—29th September.

Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage

29th Sept—4th Oct



It is advisable to book early as seats are limited.

Joe Walsh Tours - www.joewalstours.ie

Email: info@joewalstours.ie; Tel 01 2410800.

Annual Matt Talbot Novena will conclude on Tuesday, 15th April at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction (please note that this Novena takes place on the Tuesday). We are delighted to welcome Fr. Martin Blake, a native of Doonbeg, as the celebrant for the final evening.

Fr. Blake will lead us into the spirit of the Sacred Triduum of Easter, helping us to prepare our hearts for the most solemn days of the Christian calendar. As part of the evening's Novena, there will be a special blessing of car and house keys—a symbolic gesture inviting God's protection and guidance in our daily lives. Attending this Novena is a meaningful way to mark the Lenten season and to draw closer to the Paschal Mystery. All are welcome.

REST IN PEACE



Maura Browne, Gallows Hill.

Maureen Harries nee Cosgrove,
formerly Turnpike, died in Birmingham,
sister in law Moira Cosgrove, Ballyalla;

Dickie Wilson, Harmony Row,
O'Connell St. & College Rd;

Elizabeth Conneely, Ennistymon mother of
Michael, Springfield

Baby Noah, Infant son of Mary &
Jason Cauley Burcombe.

John Keane, Ballybeg.

Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday, 6th April

Fund €5.981
Online €443.50

Today's Scripture Readings

J: If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.

N: Then they all said,

C: So you are the Son of God then?

N: He answered,

J: It is you who say I am.

N: They said,

C: What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.

N: The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

C: We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

N: Pilate put to him this question,

O: Are you the king of the Jews?

N: He replied,

J: It is you who say it.

N: Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

O: I find no case against this man.

N: But they persisted,

C: He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

N: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations.

Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O: You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N But as one man they howled

C: Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N: This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder. Pilate was anxious to set

Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

C: Crucify him! Crucify him!

N: And for the third time he spoke to them, **O:** Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N: But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N: Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

J: Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N: Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

N: The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him

vinegar they said,

C: If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

N: Above him there was an inscription: This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him saying,

O: Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N: But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O: Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N: He replied,

J: Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N: It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

J: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N: With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O: This was a great and good man.

N: And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day and the sabbath was imminent.

Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body.

Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath day they rested, as the law required.