

# Ennis Parish - Palm Sunday 20th March, 2016

GOSPEL

Lk 22:14- 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

*(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.

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Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

### *Cathedral*

#### **Remembered in Masses this Week:**

Sat: 6.30pm: John Daly, Clare Rd.  
 Sun 20th: 9am: Billy & Theresa Fitzgerald, Clare Rd.  
 John Guerin, Cahercalla Rd.  
 May Mc Enery, Kilrush Rd.  
 Martin O'Sullivan, Lisheen, Tiermaclane.  
 Julia Lynch, Castletownbere.  
 10.30am: Pat Hanrahan, Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Rd.  
 James Vaughan, The Market.  
 Francis Morgan, Roscommon.  
 Elizabeth Maher, Clonroadbeg  
 Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd.  
 Pappy Gleeson, Dalcassian Park.  
 Mai & Michael Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.  
 12 noon: Nonie Kearse, St. Michael's Villas. MM  
 Mon: 7.45am: Michael & Ester O'Loughlin, Hermitage.  
 10am: Tom & Olive Slattery, &  
 Harland & Mary Ritchie, College Pk.  
 7.30pm: Penitential Service.  
 Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.  
 10am: John & Catherine Flanagan,  
 Market St & Connolly Villas.  
 7.30pm: Maisie, John, Jim, Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.  
 Wed: 7.45am: Forgotten Souls.  
 10am: Catherine McNeill, Hermitage.  
 7.30pm: Colin Paul, Maiville.  
 Holy Thurs: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
 Good Fri: 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.  
 Holy Sat: 3.30pm: Blessing of Polish Breakfast Food.  
 9pm: Easter Vigil Mass.  
 Easter Sun 27th: 9am, 10.30am & 12noon  
 1.15pm: Polish Easter Sunday Mass.

#### *Roster for Cathedral:*

Sunday 27th March, 2016

Readers: Group 3  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



#### *Hospital & Sick Calls*

20th March, 2016

**Priest on Duty:**

Please call: 065 6869098

**Wednesday: Fr. Tom Hogan**  
 065 6869098

### **Dawn Mass Old Graveyard Drumcliffe**



**Easter Sunday**

**6am**

**All welcome.**

#### *Newly Baptised*



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

Marcus Sean Howard Slattery;  
 Zara Lily Fagan O'Brien;  
 Chloe Marie Winifred Mongan;

As part of the Easter Ceremonies during Holy Week, A garment is sewn together from pieces of material gathered from people in the Community. If you would like to be part of the garment you may leave a piece of material in the box on the sanctuary in the Cathedral.

*Ennis Parish Development  
Fund for Sunday  
13th March, €7,229.00*

### *St. Joseph's*



Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

#### **Remembered in Masses this Week:**

7pm: PJ 1st Anniv & Eileen O'Connell  
 & Seamus Tierney, St. Senan's Rd.  
 Sun 10am: Pat & Mary O'Brien & Tina Connole, Carron.  
 11.30am: Maureen & James O'Keefe, Lifford Rd.  
 Mon 11am: Brid Mc Mahon, Kevin Barry Ave.  
 Tues 11am: Jim Flanagan & dec'd Family Roslevan.  
 Wed 11am: Mary & Patrick Laferty, Lisdoonvarna.  
 Holy Thurs 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
 Good Fri 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.  
 Holy Sat 9pm: Easter Vigil Mass.  
 Easter Sun: 8am; 10am & 11.30am.

# **People of the Year**

## **Presentation of Awards**

**31st March; Cathedral; 8pm**

**Congratulations to this year's recipients:**

Brid Staunton, College Green;  
 Teresa Hogan, Tobartaoscain;  
 Mary O'Looney, Elm Park;  
 Eithne Gleeson, Elm Park;  
 P.J. O'Driscoll, Roslevan;

**Special Merit Award:**

Fr. Michael O'Loughlin, Moyard, Shanballa.

*The night will consist of an illustrated talk  
on the History of Ennis Cathedral.  
Welcome to all!*

### *Cloughleigh*

#### **Remembered in Masses this Week:**

Sun 9.30am: Ptk, Mary Anne & JJ Fitzpatrick, Ennistymon.  
 11am: McGowan & Frawley Families, Woodlawn.  
 Mon 9.30am: Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.  
 Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.  
 Wed 9.30am: Sr. Senanus Murrhly, Mullagh.  
 Holy Thurs 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
 Good Fri 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.  
 Holy Sat 9pm: Easter Vigil Mass.  
 Easter Sun: 9.30am & 11am.

#### *Rest in Peace*

Cecelia Kelly, Kilmihil, mother of Mary Lyons, John Paul Ave, Cloughleigh; Josephine Craig, Meadow Court, Clonroad;



*Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near;  
still loved, still missed and very dear.*

*Jubilee Year of Mercy. May we open ourselves  
to the Mercy of our God.*



### **Reconciliation Service**

**Monday 21st March; 7.30 - 8.30pm; Ennis Cathedral**

## *Easter Ceremonies in Ennis*

- Cathedral:** **Holy Thursday, 24th March:**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose.  
Adoration 8.30pm – 9pm.
- The Friary:** **Thursday, Friday & Saturday - Morning Prayer at 10am.**  
**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm.  
Procession to Altar of Repose in Poor Clare Monastery Chapel.  
Adoration until 10pm with Night Prayer at 9.45pm in Poor Clare's Chapel.
- St. Joseph's:** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession to Altar of Repose at 7pm.  
Adoration until 9pm.
- Cloughleigh:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. Adoration until 10pm.
- Cahercalla:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6pm.

### **Good Friday, 25th March:**

- Cathedral:** Stations of the Cross at 11am.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.  
"The Cross". Prayer and Reflection Around The Cross at 9pm
- The Friary:** Morning Prayer 10am  
Liturgy of the Passion at 5pm.  
Reflection on the Passion at 8pm
- St. Joseph's:** Stations of the Cross at 11am.  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm
- Cloughleigh:** Outdoor Stations at 10.30am - starting at Woodview, Shanaway Rd and ending at Ros na Rí, Shanaway Rd.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.
- Cahercalla:** Stations of the Cross at 2pm.

### **Holy Saturday, 26th March:**

- Cathedral:** Morning Prayer at 11am.  
Blessing of Polish Breakfast Food: 3.30pm.  
**Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm** and Prayer of Waiting  
(*Note: No 6.30pm Mass this Evening.*)
- The Friary:** **Morning Prayer 10am**  
Easter Vigil at 9.30pm. (*Note: No 7.30pm Mass this Evening.*)
- St. Joseph's:** Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm.
- Cloughleigh:** Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm.

### **Easter Sunday, 27th March:**

- Cathedral:** 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon  
Polish Easter Sunday Mass 1.15pm
- The Friary:** 9.30am, 10.30am & 12 noon
- St. Joseph's:** 8am, 10am & 11.30am
- Cloughleigh:** 9.30am & 11am
- Cahercalla:** 10.30am

### **Poor Clare's Monastery**

All ceremonies take place in The Franciscan Friary Church. See above for details.  
**Easter Sunday:** Mass at 7.45am.

**Killaloe Diocesan Youth Council (KDYC)** have been asked by Trócaire to Celebrate Holy Thursday Mass on RTE One Television at 4:40pm. The group have been delighted to accept Trócaire's request. Fr. Jerry Carey P.P., Doorra-Barefield will be the celebrant.

## **Penitential Services**

**Monday 21st March 7.30pm:** Ennis Cathedral (Liturgy by Abbey Cluster).  
**Tuesday 10.30am:** Friary.  
**Wednesday at 1.05pm:** Friary. (No 1.05pm Mass)

### **Confessions at the Cathedral**

**Holy Thursday & Good Friday** after Solemn Ceremonies & during Prayer around Cross-Liturgy 9pm  
**Holy Saturday:** 11am – 1pm.; 2pm – 6pm.; 7pm – 8.30pm.

### **Confessions at the Friary**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 11am – 12.30pm & 3pm – 5.30pm (except during ceremonies)

**Good Friday:** 11am–1pm

**Holy Saturday:** 11-1pm, 2-5.30pm

There will be no confessions after Holy Saturday until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Masses during Easter Week will take place at 10am only.

### **Confessions at St. Joseph's Church**

**Holy Thursday** after Solemn Ceremonies.

**Good Friday** 10am–11am.

### **Confessions at Cloughleigh Church**

**Holy Thursday & Good Friday** after Solemn Ceremonies.

## ***Sr. Eileen's Céinne***

Domhnach na Páise

Inniu díríonn an Eaglais ár n-aire ar Pháis Chríost, a léiríonn an mórghrá a bhí ag Íosa ár Slánaitheoir dúinn agus a mhúscloíonn aithrí inár gcroí mar gheall ar ár bpeacaí. Cuirtear tús leis an tSeachtain Mhór inniu mar atá Domhnach na Pailme, Céadaoin an Bhraith, Déardaoin Mandála, Aoine an Chéasta agus an Satharn Naofa. Ar Domhnach na Pailme, bhí áthas ar na daoine Íosa a fheiceáil ar a bhealach go Cathair Iarúsailéim. Leath cuid acu a mbrait ar an talamh roimhe. Bhain cuid acu craobhacha na gcrann. Na sluaite a bhí á leanúint, bhí siad ag scairteadh in ard a gcinn: "Is beannaithe an té atá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna. Hósanna sna harda". A mhalairt ar fad a bheadh le cloisteáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine nuair a bheadh an daoscarshlua ag béiceadh, 'Céastar É'. 'Céastar É'. Ghlac Íosa ár gcuid peacaí air féin sa Pháis agus léirigh Sé a ghrá dúinn ar Chalvarie. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na Seachtaine Móire: *Le bás na croise cheannaigh tú sliocht mífhortúnach Éabha. Ó shin anuas is beannaithe an comhartha seo dár naomhú. Aimeán. (Ar bPaidreacha Dúchais.)*

Today the Church invites us to reflect on the Passion of Christ which shows the great love Jesus, Our Saviour had for us and inspires us to repent of our sins. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week which includes Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Palm Sunday people were delighted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Some spread their cloaks on the ground before Him while others had palms in their hands shouting, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." Before the end of the week many were shouting, 'Crucify Him'. 'Crucify Him'. Jesus took our sins unto Himself and showed His love for us on Calvary. We can say this prayer during Holy Week: *By your Death on the Cross, you redeemed the unfortunate children of Eve. Blessed ever since is the sign of our sanctification. Amen.*

Catholic Social Teaching is based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice. It holds that God has a special place in this story for each of us, whoever we are. Our part in this plan isn't just limited to things 'spiritual', or things we might do on Sundays, but that it involves every aspect of our lives, from the things we pray about, to how we live as responsible global citizens. As we come near to Holy Week we might ask ourselves how does my faith shape my week? Is my faith living in the world as well as in the church?

**Clare Roots Society Lecture:** Thursday 24th March 8pm Old Ground Hotel; THE FARM BY KNOCKNAMUCKLY; Dr. Raymond Gillespie NUIM. This talk looks at one household in the 1901 census to see what the history of one family might tell us about the world in which they lived.

**Hurt by Abortion?** If regret over an abortion is part of your life, you are not alone. We care, we can help. Call Bernadette Goulding 087 8592877 [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**Holy Face Prayer Vigil of Reparation on Good Friday** from 12 noon to 1pm; O'Connell Square Ennis. Coordinator: Dr. Rita O'Connor.

## 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 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 earned 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.