



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass

St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass

Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am

Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am

Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

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Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Matthew

N. One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

O. What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

N. They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him. Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

C. Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

N. He replied

J. Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him. "The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples."

N. The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When the evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

J. I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

N. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

O. Not I, Lord, surely?

N. He answered:

J. Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N. Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

O. Not I, Rabbi, surely?

N. Jesus answered:

J. They are your own words.

N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

J. Take it and eat; this is my body.'

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:

J. Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

J. You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N. At this, Peter said:

O. Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.'

N. Jesus answered him,

J. I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

N. Peter said to him,

O. Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N. And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

J. Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them:

J. My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed.

J. My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.'

N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

J. So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

J. My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N. And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

J. You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.

N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said:

O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said:

O. Greetings, rabbi,'

N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

J. My friend, do what you are here for.'

N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:

J. Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?

N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:

J. Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.'

N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away. The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were

Holy Week - An Seachtain Mór

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: P.J Coote, Cahercalla. **1st Anniv**

Sun: 9am: Deceased Griffin family, Tullybrack.

Norrie Power & family, Considine Terrace.

10.30am: Des & Peggy Carroll, Corrovorrin Drive.

Pakie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Rd.

Colm Casey, Beechpark.

Ashling Kennedy, Corofin.

Sheila Fitzgerald, Westfields.

Patricia Callinan, Ard na Greine.

Una & Gerry Casey, Kilrush Rd.

Syl Cosgrove, Fernhill.

Dorris & Jerry Molloy, Martina O'Rourke, late Hermitage.

12noon: Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill. **1st Anniv**

Mon: 7.45am: Mary Ellen Mc Inerney, Doorra.

10am: John & Mary O'Looney, Kilfenora.

7.30pm: Penitential Service.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Caroline, Joseph Ensko & family, Connolly Vls.

7.30pm: Seán & Bridget O'Keefe, Ard na Greine.

Wed: 7.45am: Jack, Deborah, Niall McCarthy, Killarney.

10am: Kathleen Cunningham, Labasheeda.

7.30pm: White & Callinan families, Clare Rd.

Easter Ceremonies on opposite page.

Roster for Cathedral:

Easter Sunday 16th April, 2017

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: John Daly, Cloughleigh Rd.

11am: Jimmy Frawley, Lahinch Rd.

Mon 9.30am: P.J Meaney, Cranny.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Bridget Crowe, Knockerra.

Rest in Peace

Christina Carroll, Edenvale, Séan Moroney, Morrissey Ave, Antoinette Kennedy, Drimeen West, Oonagh Fitzpatrick, Cahercalla Rd, Marlo Clancy nee Haugh, Considine Road, Bob Kearney, formerly of the Market Ennis & Kansas City, John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan;



*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.*



Live the Word:

A positive attitude allows for positive experiences to occur in your life. Be aware when you are thinking negatively and change your negative into a positive thought. The more positive you are the more you can cope with life's challenges.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 2nd April, €7,220.00

Hospital & Sick Calls

9th April, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan

Wednesday:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Friary News

Good Friday April 14th, Stations of the cross at 4.10pm. Gather in Friary garden to perform the stations of the Cross followed by Procession to the Friary for the start of the Good Friday service. All Welcome.

32 County Holy Face of Jesus

1 hour; Public vigil at 12noon, O'Connell Sq., Ennis on Good Friday 14th April including: Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact Bernadette 086 16314553

Dawn Mass

Old Graveyard

Drumcliffe



Easter Sunday

5.30am

All welcome.

Newly Baptised



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

Igor Jankowski;

Lexy-Jay Loftus;

Fiadh May Murrighy;

Cake sale in the Chapter room in aid of the Building of Hope after all Masses in the Cathedral on Sunday.

NCBI is looking for a female community-based volunteer to assist a visually impaired person in Ennis. If you have 1-2 hours per week to spare we would love to hear from you. Training and support provided. For further information please contact Aonghus Meaney at 061 310818 or email: aonghus.meaney@ncbi.ie



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:

Sat 7pm: Denis McInerney, Shannon Park.

Sun 8am: Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Park.

10am: Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Park.

11.30am: Nell & Mary Ryan, Barefield. **1st Anniv**

Mon 11am: Kathleen Mc Namara, Glensheen.

Tues 11am: Tommy Moloney, Marian Ave.

Wed 11am: Anne Moloney, Steele's Tce.

Abbey Cluster

Easter Reconciliation Service

Ennis Cathedral Monday

April 10th 7:30 -8:30pm



Gathered as one you heal
and make us whole

As we eagerly await the joy of Easter

The Passion Narrative

(the story which describes the events of Holy Week from Agony in the Garden to the Death of Christ), in St. Matthew is rich in theology, meaning and paints a breath-taking picture of Jesus that gives all hope. As we enter into Holy Week, Fr. Ger Fitzgerald will give a presentation on the Passion Narrative in St. Matthew in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 11th of April. Beginning at 8pm. All are welcome. Bring a Bible if you have one.

Safe Talk Workshop Thurs 27th April@ 5.30pm in the Temple Gate Hotel. A 4 hour programme for over 18's to prepare participants to identify people at risk to connect them to suicide first aid resources, presented by H.S.E.. As there is a limited number of places please call Mary at 086 8780298 or Lions club at 087 1680874. **Closing date April 20th.** Advisable that you do not do this training if you have experienced bereavement by suicide within the past 2 years. Sponsored by Ennis Lions Club.

Centre Services Support Person - Part-Time, Accord - Ennis Centre. ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is now recruiting a Services Support Person who will work 15 ½ hours per week at Accord Ennis centre. Applicants should be proficient in the use of Word, Excel and Powerpoint and must demonstrate an ability to work on own initiative. **C.V and covering letter: The Chairperson, ACCORD, Unit 7, Carmody Street Business Park, ENNIS, by Wednesday 12th April 2017.**

Easter Ceremonies in Ennis

Holy Thursday, 13th April:

- Cathedral:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose.
Adoration 8.30pm – 9pm.
- The Friary:** 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, 14th April: (*Trócaire Collection taken up at 3pm Ceremonies*)

- Cathedral:** Stations of the Cross at 11am. Led by young people.
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 Ri, Shanaway Rd.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.
- Cahercalla:** Stations of the Cross at 2pm.

Holy Saturday, 15th April:

- 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, 16th April:

- 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.

Penitential Services

- Monday 10th April 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; 2pm–4.30pm;
Holy Saturday: 11am-1pm; 2pm-5.30pm
There will be no confessions after Holy Saturday until Saturday 22nd 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.

Secondary Students---Secondary School Volunteers- for The Easter Vigil. The Great Vigil of Easter is celebrated on Holy Saturday April 15th at 9pm. We celebrate a tomb bursting open to proclaim that Christ, the light of the world, is RISEN. For all of us to enjoy the celebration- We invite the Secondary School Youth to participate. A short rehearsal is on Saturday 15th at 1:45pm in the Cathedral. Contact 0863715018



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Páise

Inniu díróinn an Eaglais ár n-aire ar Pháis Chríost, a léiríonn an móghrá a bhí ag Íosa ar 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 Dhomhnach 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 mhálairt 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 bPáidreacha 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.

Wheelchair needed urgently for person with a disability. Contact Clarecare reception 0656828178

Elderly woman with poor eyesight looking for a cassette player to play her old cassettes. She would be grateful. Contact 087 9808027

ICA Fergus Guild AGM meeting April 13th Clarecare meeting room 7:30pm all welcome

Weekly 12-step meeting for Adult Children of Alcoholics resumes in the Rowan Tree Hostel Fridays 7-8pm.

First Steps Montessori Preschool, Ballybeg, Ennis is now taking bookings for September. Free ECCE Places available. For bookings or to arrange a visit contact Celia @ 086 8513930.

Réalta Draiochta preschool located on the grounds of Ennis National School are taking enrolments for free ECCE preschool year 2017. for further information contact Martina 0867363286 or Kathryn 0867 9232833

Chapel Lane Market - indoor craft & food market takes place every Saturday from 10-5 in the Community Centre on Chapel Lane in the heart of Ennis.

National Pilgrim Paths Walk; Holy Saturday. Drumcliffe - Templemaley - Ballygriffey Woods - Dysart. Starts 10.30pm. To book Contact: 087-9828173

Today's Scripture Readings

assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,
O. This man said: "I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up."
N. The high priest then stood up and said to him:
O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?
N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him:
O. I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.
N. Jesus answered:
J. The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onwards you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:
O. He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?
N. They answered:
C. **He deserves to die.**
N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,
C. **Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?**
N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:
O. You too were with Jesus the Galilean.
N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying:
O. I do not know what you are talking about.
N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:
O. This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.
N. And again, with an oath, he denied it,
O. I do not know the man.
N. A little later the bystanders came up to and said to Peter:
C. **You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.**
N. Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:
O. I do not know the man.
N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:
O. I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.
N. They replied,
C. **What is that to us? That is your concern.**
N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:
C. **It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.**
N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious

One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question, '
O. Are you the king of the Jews?
N. Jesus replied:
J. It is you who say it.
N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:
O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?
N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.
At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at this time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered Pilate said to them,
O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Christ?
N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,
O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.
N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:
O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?
N. They said
C. **Barabbas.**
N. Pilate said to them:
O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
N. They all said:
C. **Let him be crucified!**
N. Pilate asked:
O. Why? What harm has he done?
N. But they shouted all the louder,
C. **Let him be crucified!**
N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:
O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.
N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:
C. **His blood be on us and on our children!**
N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified. The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:
C. **Hail, king of the Jews!**
N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak, and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.
On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothes by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the king of the Jews.' At

the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.
The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:
C. **So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!**
N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying,
C. **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God".**
N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.
From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:
J. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?
N. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:
C. **The man is calling on Elijah,**
N. And one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. The rest of them said:
C. **Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.**
N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice yielded up his spirit.
N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.
Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:
C. **In truth this was a son of God.**
N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.
Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,
C. **Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.**
N. Pilate said to them:
O. You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.
N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.