


24 March 2024

Today is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week and the day when we read the Gospel story of the passion of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour. This year, it is the turn of St Mark's Gospel, and I would in particular like to focus on a number of people who are mentioned in the gospel today.

In each case, they are not perhaps the most obvious people or the ones who were especially prominent, but they showed great insightfulness and consideration in a very difficult and challenging situation.

"The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, in truth this man was a son of God". The centurion was a Roman soldier who was part of the occupying army who had participated in the crucifixion. So, he was certainly not a person who would have been expected to speak favourably about Jesus. Nonetheless this is the person whose words on the death of Jesus are passed down to us through history. In his profession of faith, the centurion says, "in truth this man was a son of God".

"Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus." The figure of Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all four gospels. He was an important member of the Jewish community and Mark tells us that he was a member of the Council. It could be said that he was important enough for Pilate to take him seriously.

The women in the gospel play an important part in Holy Week and stayed around when all the other disciples fled in fear apart from St John. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. Mary would

become the first witness of the resurrection in the following days.

As we reflect on St Mark's Gospel during Holy Week, let us remember the important role played by the people I have mentioned. And to recall that it is not always the most important or high ranking amongst us who have significant roles to play but often it is the more quiet, reflective people who can act decisively and get things done effectively in difficult times. **Deacon Gerard**

COLLECTIONS

First Collection € 1,705

Share € 1,037

We are very grateful for your continued support.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 6.30p.m.

Denis Kelleher,[6th A]; Thomas Moore, [A];
Michael Moore, [A]; Sr. Cora Moore, [A];
Tom Moore,[Rec Dec]

Sun. 10.30a.m.

Donal Bernard, [Month's Mind];
Margaret Kelly, [Month's Mind]; Cora Beckett, [3rd A];

Sun 12.00p.m.

John & Margaret Wright [A]; Jack & Eileen Cullen,[A];
Jim & Catherine Patton, [A]; Sean White,[A];

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE PARTICULARLY IN THE HOLY LAND

10.00a.m. - 10.00p.m. *Spy* Wednesday, 27th March

2024: Led by the Eucharistic Adoration Group.

Continuous prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass to 10.00p.m. Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass. Rosary on the hour. Concludes with **Benediction 9.30pm**.

EASTER MAILING TO THE HOMES OF THE PARISH:

I hope you have by now received your Easter mailing from the Parish. The envelope contains an **Invitation** to all those living within the Parish boundaries to join us for Holy Week and Easter, the most important week in the Church's year. It also includes an Easter Dues envelope which you might return to the Parish at your convenience. Easter dues

TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, WED, THURS and FRI.

SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30AM. and 12 NOON. BAPTISMS 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL (SOME EXCEPTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.). CONFESSIONS SAT. AFTER 6.30PM MASS, AFTER DAILY MASS (UNLESS THERE'S A FUNERAL), OR ON REQUEST.

are an important source of revenue for the Common Fund which provides a monthly stipend for the Priests of the Diocese, including our sick and retired Priests. If you haven't received the Easter pack please inform the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE EASTER HOURS

The Parish Office will close at 1pm on Holy Thursday and reopen on Easter Tuesday 2nd April at 9am.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN OUR PARTNERSHIP PARISHES

PORTMARNOCK:

Palm Sunday,

6.30p.m. (Vigil) 10.30a.m. Family Mass and 12 noon.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10.00a.m. Mass

Wednesday, Day of Prayer for Peace – continuous prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass to

10.00pm. Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass.

Rosary on the hour, and Benediction 9.30p.m. led by the Eucharistic Adoration Group.

Holy Thursday, 8.00p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Procession to the **Altar of Repose.**

Concluding with **Holy Hour in the Garden** 10-11pm led by Parish Adoration Group

Good Friday, 10.00a.m. Confessions;

12 noon Family Stations of the Cross (outdoors weather permitting);

3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion;

Holy Saturday, 10.00a.m. Confessions

Easter Vigil, 9.00p.m.

Easter Sunday 10.30am Family Mass; 12noon.

KINSEALY:

Palm Sunday, 11.00am. ,

Holy Thursday, 7.30pm.

Good Friday, 3.00pm.

Easter Sunday, 11.00am.

MALAHIDE:

Palm Sunday

8.30am and 11.30am Masses

Monday

10.00am Mass

7.30pm RECONCILIATION SERVICE IN ST. SYLVESTER'S CHURCH FOR THE PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday

10.00am Mass

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10.00a.m. Mass in St. Anne's Portmarnock and Sacred Heart], Yellow Walls

Holy Thursday

10:00am Morning Prayer –

7.30 pm – 10:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday

10.00am Morning Prayer – St. Sylvester's Church

12.00noon Stations of the Cross for children

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.30pm Prayer around the Cross in Yellow Walls

Holy Saturday

10:00am Morning Prayer

9:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8.30am and 11.30am Masses

YELLOW WALLS:

Palm Sunday (Vigil) 6.30pm, 10.00am and 12 noon.

Mon, Tues, Wed, Mass, 9.30am.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm.

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 12noon,

Solemn Passion 3.00pm, **Prayer Around the Cross** 8.30pm.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 9.00pm.

Easter Sunday, 10.00am and 12noon.

EASTER MONDAY, PARTNERSHIP MASS 11.00AM.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Our Parish and Partnership group will join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Farrell, on **Saturday, 27th April.** Coach will depart St. Anne's Church Carpark, Portmarnock at 7.30a.m. €60 pp which includes mid-morning refreshments and evening meal. Please book at the Parish Office with a Deposit of €20.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Will take place on the **15th – 19th September 2024**

accompanied by Canon John Flaherty, Spiritual Director.

Please contact Pauline Geoghegan, 087 6293744.

BAYSIDE ALPHA

are showing Bishop Barron's groundbreaking 10-part documentary series, 'Catholicism', on Zoom with discussion afterwards in breakout rooms starting on **Sunday the 7th of April at 7:30pm** and continuing for 10 weeks. To register please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com.

ART CLASSES

Portmarnock Art Group, Afternoon Club begins on the **15th April for 10 weeks on Mondays** From 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00p.m. Contact Ann Moran, 0864002046

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Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 20th**

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March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

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