

29th MARCH 2015

Palm Sunday



WELCOME A special welcome to visitors and newcomers.

WORSHIP As Christ was honoured as he entered Jerusalem may we honour him in our worship and may that honour be true and lasting.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

As we gather for our worship on this Palm Sunday, help us to come to a deeper appreciation of all that Christ has done for us making his way to the cross. Thus may our worship be a worthy response to him who has worked our salvation and that of the world, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WITH GOD

TONIGHT A Service of Passion Hymns with introductions and a reflection.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER See the leaflet and magazine for all services. Note especially - 'The Journey' - each night with our bishop at 8.00 pm in St Patrick's. He will be spending Wednesday in the parish. Also on Good Friday - Family Service followed by 'Buns and Crosses' at 10.30 am in St Patrick's.

WALK OF WITNESS Good Friday. Around the town with folks from other Churches. Meet at St Patrick's at 12.30 pm.

THE GOSPEL OF STJOHN A three part TV series this Easter on BBC2. 8.00 am Friday, 3rd April, 8.00 am Sunday, 5th April, 8.00 am Monday, 6th April.

BIBLE READING NOTES Scripture Union: April quarter now available.

PRAYER TIME Next Saturday at 8.00 am in Jubilee Room.

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER Takes place after the 11.30 am service and the 6.30 pm service in St Patrick's.

WITH EACH OTHER

MAGAZINE April issue now available.

CHURCH AGM Wednesday, 15th April at 7.30 pm in Minor Hall.

WITH THE WORLD

BREAKFAST Next Saturday at 9.30 am in Minor Hall - for those with various problems and friends.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION Blood Transfusion will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, on Wednesday, 1st April and Thursday, 2nd April from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.15 pm - 8.00 pm.

FOOD BANK Thanks for the continuing numerous donations each week.

D.R. CONGO The country featured in this year's Lent Project. Please return collecting boxes.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Thank you God that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, showing he wanted to bring peace by dying on a cross. Amen.



ANTHEM AT ST PATRICK'S

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

Hosanna in the highest. (*St Matthew 21:9*)

READINGS IN ST PATRICK'S

Isaiah 50:4-9a (Page No 691)

A faithful Servant of God deeply humiliated remains dignified in suffering - these words take on profound meaning in the light of the passion of Christ.

St Mark 11:1-11 (Page No 45)
Jesus intentionally rides into Jerusalem on a donkey -
to welcome and to death.

Palm Sunday - St Columba's

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A reading from Psalm 118 beginning at verse 1

Part of one of the psalms which pilgrims sang as they entered Jerusalem for religious festivals.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.*
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

This is the word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD

**A reading from the Gospel according to St John chapter 12
beginning at verse 12**

***Jesus is seen as fulfilling words from the Old Testament as
he rides into Jerusalem.***

¹²The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!' ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

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Palm Sunday - Ballyclug

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A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 50 beginning at verse 4

A faithful Servant of God deeply humiliated remains dignified in suffering - these words take on a profound meaning in the light of the passion of Christ.

The servant of the LORD said: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark chapter 11 beginning at verse 1

Jesus intentionally rides into Jerusalem on a donkey - to welcome and to death.

¹When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, ²‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’
‘s¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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