

Parish of St. Mary's

Mostrim



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Palm Sunday - 28th March 2021

This Weekend **Mar 28th**

11.00 a.m. Tony and Harry Devine

Weekday Masses: *St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.*

Tues 30th Mar Noel McGlynn

Wed 31st Mar People of the Parish

Next Weekend: **Apr 4th**

11.00 a.m. 1. Kathleen and Sean Logan

2. Lisa Moran (Months Mind)

3. Sr Elizabeth Brady (Months Mind)

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Irene Brady, Garryandrew, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescat in Pace.*

HOLY WEEK - Next week we celebrate Holy Week - the highpoint of the Church calendar in which we re-enact the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

Christians all over the world will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's love for us. "Greater love no man has than he who lays down his life for his friends". (Jn 15:13). This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. He took on himself our sins and the sins of all the world.

For the second year in a row we will be unable to hold ceremonies in public. This year we will broadcast ceremonies on the parish webcam.

We hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to join in the prayer of these sacred days.

Holy Week Ceremonies - St. Mary's Church, Mostrim

Holy Thursday - 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Good Friday - 2nd April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday - 3rd April

Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 4th April

Mass @ 11.00 a.m.

TROCAIRE - Lenten Donations to Trocaire can be dropped into the Letterbox at the Parochial House.

Thank you to the many parishioners who continue to contribute to the parish by using the Letterbox at the Parochial House.

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"We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" - Stations of the

• The Deep End • The journey of discipleship •

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified. We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent.

And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)
- Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

• Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?
- John Byrne osa (INTERCOM)

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - Pope Saint John Paul I

- Fr Tom Healy -