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Celebrate His Passion with us, and be Eastered!

The text we are looking at the week is Mark 14:1-15:47. As I was preparing for this note, I was reminded of the book "Night" by Elie Wiesel. Wiesel is a survivor of Auschwitz, and his book recounts the time he spent in that camp. He tells a particularly gruesome story that involved a young child being hanged and everyone being forced to watch. He writes,

"Where is God? Where is He?" someone behind me asked.

For more than half an hour [the child in the noose] stayed there, struggling between life and death, dying in slow agony under our eyes. And we had to look him full in the face. He was still alive when I passed in front of him. His tongue was still red, his eyes were not yet glazed.

Behind me, I heard the same man asking:

"Where is God now?"

And I heard a voice within me answer him:

"Where is He? Here He is—He is hanging here on these gallows..."

Holy Tuesday, 26th March 2024,

7pm - Lenten Penitential Service

WHAT IS THE EASTER TRIDUUM? WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Our 40-day season of Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday as the Church begins its annual celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum or the Three Days. Beginning with the Lord's Supper on Thursday night and continuing to Easter Sunday evening, these three days form the most important days of the Church year.

Why are these days so significant? Because our faith in Jesus dead and risen all comes together in these three days. We penetrate in great depth the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. We take three days to celebrate this great foundation of our faith because it is simply too powerful and rich for a one-day celebration. Even though we take three days, it is still one mystery we celebrate.

The purpose of the Triduum is not to participate in a historical re-enactment of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. For we know that the Lord is risen and will never die again. It is the risen Christ who calls us together to remember all he did to save us so that by remembering the Passover of the Lord we might encounter again the saving grace of these sacred events.

Holy Thursday

28th March

8pm - Mass of the Lord's supper

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We recall Christ's washing of the apostles' feet in the institution of the Priesthood, and the institution of the Eucharist as we remember Jesus eating the Passover meal with His disciples. The Mass ends with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament out of the Church to a place of repose, where we are encouraged to stay and pray with Him for an hour. We remember Jesus' words to His disciples "Can you not pray with Me for an hour?" The Altar in the Church is stripped, and crosses remain covered with a purple veil signifying the coming Passion on Good Friday.

Good Friday

29th March

10:30am - Children's service,

12pm - Stations of the Cross

3pm - The Liturgy of the Passion

7pm - The Seven Last Words

This is the one day out of the entire year that the Catholic Church does not celebrate Mass. Instead, there is a Good Friday service, that typically consists of the Liturgy of the Word, veneration of the Cross, and Communion (the Communion hosts received at this service were consecrated on Holy Thursday Mass).

This is a solemn day on which Catholics are obliged to fast. From noon until 3pm, we are called to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to refrain from listening to TV, radio, and excessive talking.

Holy Saturday

30th March

9pm - The Great Easter Vigil

This is the holiest of all nights in our Church year. This liturgy beautifully expresses our passage from death to life, darkness to light, suffering to glory. It is on this night that we discover our identity as God's people, led by the light of Christ, baptized into his death and resurrection, and sharing with one another in Eucharist his presence and future glory. On this night we celebrate the totality of our faith.

The Vigil is composed of four parts: the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium, the Liturgy of the Word, the Baptismal Liturgy, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

There is not a more glorious celebration on this earth than the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday

31st March

8am, 10am, 12pm

Mary leaves the Tomb her hands full of light after touching things unseen.

SEVEN LAST WORDS IT'S GOOD FRIDAY!

He's on the cross, giving up his life. What does he want the people standing at the foot of his cross to hear and to repeat, passing it down to the ages?

Please come and meditate with us...

Soulful Faith-Sharing of our wonderful parishioners...

Lorraine Redmond, Maria Barrera, Siobhan Cooke, Sr. Teresa Finn, LSU, Christophe Boucherie, George Farrelly, and Michael Westbury.

Music by **Theresa Nyandoro and Ian Sweet.**

On Good Friday at 7pm

Oremus

“Lord Jesus, help us to see in your Cross all the crosses of the world:

- The cross of those who hunger for bread and for love;
- The cross of those who are alone or abandoned even by their own children and family members;
- The cross of those who thirst for justice and peace;
- The cross of those who do not have the comfort of the faith;
- The cross of the elderly who are bowed down under the weight of years and loneliness;
- The cross of migrants who find doors closed because of fear, and hearts sealed by political calculations;
- The cross of the little ones, wounded in their innocence and purity;
- The cross of humanity that wanders in the darkness of uncertainty and in the darkness of the culture of the fleeting moment;
- The cross of families broken by betrayal, by the seductions of the evil one or by murderous lightness and by selfishness;

The cross of consecrated persons who tirelessly seek to bring your light into the world and feel rejected, mocked and humiliated;

The cross of consecrated persons who, along the way, have forgotten their first love;

The cross of your children who, believing in you and trying to live according to your word, find themselves marginalized and discarded even by their families and their peers;

The cross of our weaknesses, our hypocrisies, our betrayals, our sins and our many broken promises;

The cross of your Church which, faithful to your Gospel, struggles to carry your love even among the baptized themselves;

The cross of the Church, your bride, who feels continually attacked from within and from without;

The cross of our common home that withers seriously before our selfish eyes that are blinded by greed and power.

Lord Jesus, rekindle in us the hope of the resurrection and of your definitive victory against all evil and all death. Amen!”

-Pope Francis

THANK YOU We worship and serve a “give first” God, who calls us to imitate God’s selfless, life-giving ways. When we give to what God cares about, we share in the work of building God’s Kingdom. When we give generously, we share in the true nature of God’s abundant love. Last weekend’s collection amounted to £1394. Thank you very much.

Annual Mass for Matrimony

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please register your details via parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 24 March 2024

“I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!” 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 23 Mar 2024	07.00 pm	Baumgartner Family	Intentions
Sun, 24 Mar 2024	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Harriet Keaney, Kathrina Libar(nts), Bridgette McDwyer, Pel Jayasuriy.	Anniversary
	12 noon	Ralph Bates, Peter Gaughan, C. P.	Anniversary
Mon, 25 Mar 2024	07:00pm	William Lawlor	Anniversary
	09.30 am	Tom Donghue	Sick
Tue, 26 Mar 2024	06:30pm	Kathrina Libar	Intentions
	09.30 am	Roberto Poyatos	Lately Dead
Wed, 27 Mar 2024	06.30 pm	Beryl Macauley, Robert Patrick Power	Anniversary
	09.30 am	Anne May McDonagh	Anniversary
Holy Thursday	06.30 pm	Michael Devitt(Sick), Johnnie Kelly	Lately Dead
	08.00 pm		
Good Friday	03.00 pm		
	07.00 pm		
Holy Saturday	09.00 pm		

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead. If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

- Sarah Duncan

PALM SUNDAY Procession: Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16., Mass: Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11, Mk 14: 1 -- 15: 47 **Mon:** Is 42: 1-7, Jn 12: 1-11., **Tue:** Is 49: 1-6, Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38, **Wed:** Is 50: 4-9a, Mt 26: 14-25, Holy **Thursday,** Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14, Jn 13: 1-15 **Good Friday.** Is 52: 13 -- 53: 12, Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9, Jn 18: 1 -- 19: 42, **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2 or 1: 1.26-31a/ Ps 104: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 or Ps 33: 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22/ Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18/ Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11/ Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1/ Ex 15: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18/ Is 54: 5-14/ Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13/ Is 55: 1-11/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6/ Bar 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Ez 36: 16-17a. 18-28/ Ps 42: 3. 5; 43: 3. 4 or Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 or Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/ Rom 6: 3-11/ Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/ Mk 16: 1-7 **EASTER SUNDAY.** Acts 10: 34a. 37-43, Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8, Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7, Lk 24: 13-35