

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## This is **Holy Week**

Our Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** when we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Lent continues for the first part of the week and then we move seamlessly into the **Paschal** or **Easter Triduum** on **Maunder Thursday** evening, continuing through **Good Friday** with the climax on Saturday's **Easter Vigil**.

### Easter Triduum



#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday 29th March

**Evening Mass  
of the Lord's Supper**  
St Patrick at 7 pm

We commemorate the **Washing of the Feet** and the **Institution of the Eucharist**.

After this we process from St Patrick's along Park Rd with the Blessed Sacrament which we then place before the Altar of Repose at Mount Carmel.

The period of prayer ends with a short night prayer at 9.30pm.

#### Good Friday

Friday 30th March

**Celebration  
of the Lord's Passion**  
OLMC at 3pm



After the reading of the **Passion according to St John** we **Venerate the Cross**.

We receive **Holy Communion** which has been consecrated the previous night.

The service ends in silence as we await the celebration of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

#### Easter Vigil *Holy Saturday* OLMC 9pm

There are four Parts to the Easter Vigil

1. **LIGHT:** The Easter Vigil will begin outside the church for the **Paschal Fire**; from this the **Paschal Candle** will be lit.
2. **WORD:** Readings telling us of the great works of God for his people and St Mark's telling of the Resurrection.
3. **BAPTISM:** We renew our Baptismal Promises and bless ourselves in the font.
4. **EUCHARIST:** We share in the food and drink of Life in the Eucharist.

#### FAITH IN FOCUS: MOMENTS OF PASSION

Strangely enough, the events of that first Holy Week, when Jesus was led through suffering to a brutal execution on the cross, are a cause for rejoicing. For we glory in Christ's death and resurrection since they have set us free and saved us from ultimate oblivion and meaninglessness.

What God accepted willingly, he accepted for me. But the passion and death of Jesus are not magic. We don't simply look back at history, recall the awful events and then say all's well with the world. The Calvary event is not some sort of magic moment with golden dust that has floated down to today. It's an invitation to join in with the daily passion we see on our streets. It's all

about now and how we react to our own and other people's distress.

As our TV screens show horrific images of people who are famished, war-torn or denied human rights, what do we do? Do we join the crowd with their "hosannas" or do we offer to lift the burden of the cross? When given the chance to sell out on our principles do we take the hard road or go for the 30 pieces of silver? Are we good at proffering a kiss in public but a knife in the back? Who's being crucified on our streets this week and how are we responding?

The passion is not magic. It does not offer instant salvation. It has to be shared to have its effect. We can sing all the hymns in Christendom, carry all the palms we can get our hands on, even

ride in procession on a donkey. But it's pure idolatry if we don't pledge to unite ourselves to the passion of Christ in a real way. We need to make up in our own bodies what is lacking in the suffering of Christ. Christ's suffering was not imperfect, but it calls out to us to be imitated, to find completion in our own embrace.

The way we accept suffering and the way we react to the suffering of others is the key to the passion. We can embrace the cross as something which can enrich us, or we can run in fear from pain. We can rush to the aid of our neighbour, or show a crucifying indifference to the suffering of others.

Our choice will either diminish or ennoble us.

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**EASTER TRIDUUM** It would be good if all the Altar Servers from both churches could serve at the Triduum—the Masses on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday and the Service on Good Friday. This will mean collecting your albs from the church where you usually serve and taking them to the other one. Come early to each service so that the various jobs can be allotted.

**Schools Holy Week Services** St Finbar and Holy Family have services this week (St Patrick's was last Friday). St Finbar's is on Tuesday at 2.30pm and Holy Family on Wednesday at 10.30am; both at OLMC church.

**Mass of Chrism** The Mass of Chrism takes place during Holy Week on the Wednesday evening, the night before Maundy Thursday. During the Mass the Archbishop blesses the Holy Oils which are used in the Sacraments throughout the coming year.

**An Evening of Music by Joanne Wallace with Martin Fletcher** St Patrick's Church, Friday 13th April at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (proceeds go to charity) available in the sacristy of OLMC and St Patrick or at the parish office during the week.

Joanne Wallace is an accomplished composer and musician who leads the music at St Francis, Garston, Martin leads the music at St Margaret Mary. The evening will include contemporary Catholic worship music as well as popular Catholic favourites for all to join in with.

**OLMC Church Fund Raising** Thank you to those who came to the meeting last Thursday. There has been a lessening of impetus since our Christmas break but things will start moving again after Easter including a Gift Aid campaign and drive to collect plastic milk bottle tops - start collecting now!

**Adoremus: National Eucharistic Congress**

**Holy Hours** The next Pastoral Area Holy Hour will be led by Archbishop Malcolm at St Anthony of Padua Church, Allerton, on Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm.

These Holy Hours will take place each month. OLMC will host one in May and St Patrick in July.

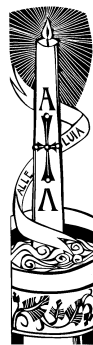
*John Southworth*

**Why is the Easter Vigil so late?**

On just one day each year, Holy Saturday, the night before Easter Sunday, we change our usual Saturday vigil Mass from 5pm to 9pm—Why?.

This is because the first and essential element of the Easter Vigil is Light, The Paschal Candle, the Light of Christ, is lit from a large fire outside the presbytery; we then process into the church which is lit just by the candlelight taken from the Paschal Candle.

The instructions for the Easter Vigil state very clearly that it should not begin before nightfall so that the symbol of light, literally, shines out. Having an Easter Vigil at 5pm (or at 6 or 7pm) would rob this powerful symbol of its full impact.



**MASSES AND SERVICES**

In Church this week

Monday-Wednesday as usual, All change Thursday onwards. PLEASE NOTE: No 5pm next Saturday, Easter Vigil 9pm.

Sunday 25th March

**PALM SUNDAY**

**of the Passion of the Lord**

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Christopher Whittle	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Jimmy Brade	OLMC

Mon 26th March

9am Thanksgvg Sacred Heart & Our Lady of the Rosary OLMC

Tue 27th March

7pm Patsy Gillespie OLMC

Wed 28 March

10am Steve McKean St Patrick

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**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

3pm

OLMC

**Easter The RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil**

9pm Parishioners OLMC

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday 1st April

Sun 9.45am Mary Morgan St Patrick

Sun 11.15am Pat Smedley OLMC

**Evening Service: None this week**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**None next Saturday**

**Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick**

The bonus ball for Wednesday 21st March: No 45

**Collections** .....*Many thanks*

**OLMC** Sat Loose £99.83 Sun Loose £76.56

Envelopes £114.08 Total £290.47

**St Patrick** Envelopes £0 Loose £163.55

Box £ 17.00 Brick £10.00

**Please Pray For.... Those who have died:** Frances Toohey, Evelyn Crewe

**The sick:** **Betty Flannery**, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Sharon Gray, Tommy Duffy, Mary Frances, Audrey McKenna Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Jackie Heath-Anderson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Denise King, John Dunning, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crowny, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.