



Palm Sunday

God of crowds and God of crowns: in your humility, on the back of a donkey, at the start of a week of great pain, you showed a determination to save us not with overwhelming force but with self-giving, revolutionary love. May we see in your life and death, and in your resurrection, the way to face the foes within. May we overcome our fears, and put down our selfish wants; may we stop our tendency to blame, and fight for others first. As you shield us from what we can't control, save us from ourselves. Amen.

Am I shouting and waving- am I excited to see this hero arriving in town?

Puzzled at just who this is, he seems very humble and maybe does not want all this fuss?

Am I confused at what all this noise is about, who is this and why are they making such a commotion about him?

Is this guy going to bring peace and a new meaning to life? Life after Covid?

Good Friday

God of the crowds crying, 'crucify!' God on the cross crying, 'forgive them':

by doing and not doing, we have repeated that Friday scene in countless ways, in countless places, to countless sons and daughters. We know not what we do even when we know too well.

We are now facing death in a new way.

And human frailty. And human need.

And human solidarity. Perhaps as we begin to see as you see the reality of who we are, we can finally begin to love as you love, answer compassionately the cries we hear, and be able to forgive, ourselves. Amen.

Has my shout changed from "Welcome" to "crucify him – kill him?"

Am I Peter and deny I even know my friends or family, or Judas and betray them?

When I see someone struggling do I stop to offer help, or carry their burden?

What do I think about when Jesus is taunted and made fun of, do I taunt and mock others?

He calls out "Father forgive them!" – what's that about?

Easter Day

God of unbounded joy, God of undying love: the women went to the tomb to tend to the crucified dead and came back the first preachers of resurrection. As we come back from our tomb today, and begin to live again, may we deliver with unbridled joy what the world is dying to hear:

that death is never the end; that love remains what is most divine; and that you continue to live in the beating heart of our humanity. Amen.

Am I sad and full of grief, or is it just self-pity?

Do I comfort and console others?

Do I have the courage to come out of the tomb I have built for myself?

Do I have the courage to face others and be joyful?

What calls me to live again?

Do I have the faith to know that death is not the end?

Do I know on this Easter day that love remains what is most divine; and that Jesus continues to live in my beating heart?

NOTICES

- Please keep in your prayers all our clergy. The frail and those who are experiencing ill health at present are Frs Colin Durning, Frank Mcguire, Peter O'Connell and Mons John Carde.

- **Palm Sunday and Triduum Liturgies**

I have already sent out instructions for these Liturgies (Thursday 24th March)

however in a letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship they have said "*We would therefore like to urge everyone to be prudent and avoid actions and behaviour that could potentially be a risk.*"

Please therefore ensure that nobody is put at risk in any way.

The Congregation has also reminded us that in the Solemn Intercessions we should remember Ukraine in a special way this year.

- **Collection for Holy Land**

For two consecutive years, the Christians of the Holy Land have celebrated Easter and Christmas in a sort of isolation, without the warmth and solidarity of pilgrims visiting the Holy Places and local communities. Families have suffered beyond measure, more from the lack of work than from the immediate effects of the pandemic itself.

It is by the express wish of the Holy Father that this collection continues on Good Friday.

Anniversaries of Death - April

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

3	Edward Healy	(1969)
5	Donald Campbell	(1983)
9	Thomas O'Reilly	(2009)
11	John Short	(1975)
12	Bernard Miles	(1996)
14	Kevin Lynch SSC Philippe Burgess	(1985) (1990)
16	James Buist	(1984)
17	James MacManus Bishop Owen Snedden James Parry	(1962) (1981) (1984)
18	Edward Sweeney Roderick Hoult Patrick Littlewood Paul Duncan	(1963) (1988) (2011) (2011)
22	Martinus De Kort AA Eugene Carmine	(1977) (1967)
24	Terry Dibble	(2011)
26	John Summers	(1982)
29	Lambertus Krielen AA Robert Camden	(1976) (1968)

Holy Week Contemplation

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I choose to breathe the breath of Christ that makes all life holy.

I choose to live the flesh of Christ that outlasts sin's corrosion and decay.

I choose the blood of Christ along my veins and in my heart that dizzies me with joy.

I choose the living waters flowing from His side to wash clean my own self and the world itself.

I choose the awful agony of Christ to charge my senseless sorrows with meaning and to make my pain pregnant with power.

I choose You, good Jesus, You know. count me among the victories that You have won in bitter woundedness. Never number me among those alien to You. Make me safe from all that seeks to destroy me.

Summon me to come to You. Stand me solid among angels and saints chanting yes to all You have done, exulting in all you mean to do forever and ever.

Then for this time, Father of all keep me, from the core of myself, choosing Christ in the world. Amen.

Let the celebration of Easter bring to all peoples the hope that comes solely from the resurrection of the Lord.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments