

24 March 2024
Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord. Year B

Holy Mass
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm
Stations of the Cross
10.30am
Vespers & Benediction
5.30pm

Commemoration of the Lord's
entrance into Jerusalem
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Readings begin **page 187**

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 21

My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2: 6 - 11

Gospel Acclamation:

Philippians 2: 8 - 9

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is
above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!

Gospel:

Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily
Monday - Saturday

Monday 25 March

Holy Mass 5.45pm
with Devotions to St Philip Neri.
After Mass, Brothers of the Little
Oratory meet in the parish house.

Tuesday 26 March

Holy Mass 12.30pm
with prayers to Venerable Margaret
Sinclair for her cause

Chrism Mass 7.00pm

St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral

Wednesday 27 March

Exposition 11.30am: 12.15pm
Benediction 12.15pm
Confessions 11.40am: 12.10pm
Holy Mass 12.30pm
with Litany to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help

Confessions are always available
before every service, every day
(during and afterwards when priest
is available).

Programme for **Sacred Triduum**
is overleaf.

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National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends,

Something that moves me every Passiontide are the holy men and women who were forever changed by what they saw on that first Good Friday. While many people were present at Our Lord's Crucifixion some stumbled into it and happened to be part of the crowd and then there were those who put him to death.

There were also several men and women who were fundamentally changed after encountering the suffering Christ. Some of these are mentioned by name in the scriptures, but others are spoken of only in reference to what they did or said on that day. Here are five familiar characters from the Passion narrative who became disciples of Christ after witnessing his Passion.

St. Veronica: By tradition, she is known as the woman who wiped Jesus' face as he was led to Calvary. There are various legends explaining where she went afterwards, all of which describe her as a holy woman. There are also relics that claim to be Veronica's veil, bearing a miraculous image of Christ on it. (The name Veronica comes from the Latin/Greek phrase vera icon, "true image.") One of these relics is kept in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and is often displayed on the 5th Sunday of Lent. Her feast day is July 12.



St. Simon of Cyrene; It is believed that Simon, a reluctant bystander until he was pressed into service to help Jesus carry his burden, became a changed man after bearing the wood of the cross and gazing into the eyes of the suffering Jesus. Little is known of what happened to Simon after the crucifixion, but tradition says that he and his sons became faithful disciples. This is deduced from the fact that Mark mentions his sons, Alexander and Rufus, by name (Mark 15:21). This indicates that they were known figures in the early Church. His feast day is December 1.

St. Dismas: Only mentioned in the Gospel of Luke, the "good thief" defended Jesus on the cross from the mockery of the other thief. Jesus saw the faith and repentance of the thief and boldly proclaimed, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Based on this statement of Jesus, the early Church recognized he was in heaven and therefore, a saint. Unnamed in the Gospel, he is given the name Dismas in an apocryphal account. His feast day is March 25, which was considered the traditional date of the crucifixion.

St. Longinus: After Jesus expired on the cross, a centurion pierced the side of Jesus and blood and water flowed out. It is believed that at that moment he became a faithful Christian. He is recorded in Mark as saying, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39) His name is not mentioned in Scripture, but he was given the name Longinus in later accounts. Various legends surround his life, and some believe he was martyred by order of Pontius Pilate. His feast day is March 15.

St. Joseph of Arimathea: A wealthy man of Israel, he provided his own prepared tomb for Jesus' body. The tomb became the site of Jesus' resurrection. It is recorded in John that he was, "a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews" (John 19:38). Some traditions claim he travelled to Britain with the Holy Grail and founded a monastery at Glastonbury. His feast day is March 17.

Let them help us to go deeper this Holy Week and please join us during this most amazing week.

Passiontide Prayers

Fr Gerard

Finance:

Collections

17 March

GA: £ 165.00

NGA £ 566.86

St Patrick's Day Mass

£ 124.51



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A notice for university students, if you have not yet been confirmed or would like more catechesis, please speak to Father Gerard or Father Ninian.

Please pray for **the people of Bethlehem** and the **Holy Land**.

Holy Week **Stations of the Cross** with Archbishop Leo Cushley on Monday 25 March at 7:45pm. Please register for this Zoom session at bit.ly/lentstations

Sacred Triduum

Maundy Thursday 28 March

Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm
With watching at the Altar of Repose till midnight

Good Friday 29 March

Stations of the Cross 9.00am
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
Divine Mercy Novena after the Solemn Liturgy
Reflection on the Buried Jesus & Procession 7.30pm

Holy Saturday 30 March

The church is closed this morning, and volunteers are required to prepare the church, meeting at 12.30pm

Divine Mercy Novena 3.00pm
Easter Vigil 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 31 March

9.00am, 11.00am and 4.30pm
Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction after 4.30pm Mass
(no vespers at 5.30pm)

Divine Mercy Novena after every Mass in the Octave

For your information

1. **Father Ninian** will be **absent** from the parish **from 6 April - 6 May**.
2. **Fr Peter Kelly** will celebrate **all Wednesday Masses** in April.
3. During April, **Adoration every Friday** not Wednesday.
4. **Fr Peter Kelly** will celebrate the Monday - Friday Masses in the first week of May.

If you attend Sunday Mass regularly at St Patrick's, and have not already done so, please complete a **Parish Registration Form** (available at the shop). Thank you.



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