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**PALM SUNDAY
13TH-14TH APRIL 2019
YEAR C**

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!.

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done. *Mt 26.42*

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50.4-7:** This is the third of the Songs of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. It anticipates the redemptive suffering of Christ and his willingness to transform the brokenness of the world.

Response to the Psalm: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?.**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2.6-11:** This early Christian hymn celebrates Christ as the one who left behind his divine glory in order to become as we are. He accepted death on the cross for our sake and so is now acclaimed as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

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!

Luke 22.14-23.56: St Luke's version of the passion and death of Jesus. Note some of the details which Luke emphasises: Jesus is filled with the Spirit as he goes to his death innocent of all crimes; he is nourished by prayer; his agony makes him sweat blood; his eye of compassion catches Peter in his denial; his words of forgiveness to the good thief; his trust in his heavenly Father.



We begin Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Christian year, today with Palm Sunday. If the weather permits, we will gather outside the main door of the church for the blessing of palms and then process together inside for the celebration of Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the deanery during Holy Week. All the services other than Shotts begin at 7pm:

*Friday 12th April St Patrick's Shotts 4-7pm;
Monday 15th April St Ignatius' Wishaw; St Mary's Cleland;
Tuesday 16th April St Aidan's Wishaw; St Brigid's Newmains;
Wednesday 17th April St Mary's Lanark; St Athanasius' Carluke.*

Our parish focus last year was "Participation in the Eucharist". This year's focus is "Growth in Holiness through Prayer." During this Lent let's keep these two themes in mind—through our deeper participation at Mass may we grow together in holiness of life. Remember the church is open for prayer from 7am until dusk. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 7am-9.45am;

The parish Garden Party will take place on Sunday 2nd June, beginning straight after Mass. Let's make this a happy and successful parish event. Volunteers to help out will be needed. Just now we're looking for some people who could do face-painting.

Our Lenten Service of Reconciliation will take place on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 17th April, at 7pm. Please make a note in your diary. Various priests will be available for Confession.

Our celebration of First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 11th May and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th June. Parents are asked to come along to our preparation evenings: for Communion, the meetings take place on Tuesday 16th, 23rd and 30th April; for Confirmation, the meetings take place on Wednesday 24th April and 1st & 8th May. All the meetings will be held in the Oratory from 7-8pm.

Everyone who is going on pilgrimage to Rome is asked to come along to a meeting in the Oratory on Thursday of Easter week, 25th April, at 7pm

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Thank you for last week's collections. Please see the noticeboard for details. This month's 50/50 winners are: 1st Maureen O'Doherty No 54; 2nd No 42 John Milloy; 3rd No 41 Maureen Doherty. There is no 2nd collection this month for the church refurbishment.

Choir Practice for Easter takes place after Sunday Mass. New members welcome.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: A SONNET FOR PALM SUNDAY

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The Saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the door, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus, come
Break my resistance and make me your home.
Matthew Guite

Roisin Rea, one of our parishioners, is travelling to Uganda in October 2019 with 10 senior students from Holy Cross & St John Ogilvie High Schools in Hamilton. They hope to visit schools in Kampala and beyond as part of a Mission Experience with *Missio Scotland* who are travelling with them. There is a Charity Bingo in St Athanasius Church Hall on Sunday 12th May 2019 at 7.30pm. (Doors open at 6.30pm) to help raise funds for this trip. Please also pray for them as they prepare for this Mission Experience. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Mass over the next few weeks.

Please pray for our sick and housebound. A Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of Your love, I pour out to You, My Saviour the memories that haunt me, the anxieties that perplex me, the fears that stifle me, the sickness that assails me and the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me. Lord, help me to see Your peace in my turmoil, Your compassion in my sorrow. Your forgiveness in my weakness, and Your love in my need. Touch me, Lord, with Your healing power and strength. Amen

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Antonio Loia, Mr Quinton, James McIlroy, Peter Fyfe, Paul Hawthorne & Ellen Diamond.



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.

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Macmillan in Lanarkshire will be in Crossford village hall again on 2nd May, 6th June and 5th September. Please see the poster.

The St Margaret Pilgrimage to Dunfermline will take place on Sunday 2nd June. See the noticeboard for more details.

On sale in the shop, Easter cards and First Holy Communion cards and gifts.

Good spiritual resources for Holy Week can be found at www.creighton.edu

If you use envelopes for the collection, please pick up your new set today.

Please return your SCIAF "wee box" in the next few days. Your donation will be part of the presentation of gifts during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.



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