



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 28th March 2021



## MARK'S PASSION NARRATIVE

The Passion Narrative in Mark's Gospel is the oldest account of Jesus' death as told by the early Christian community decades before it was written down by Mark. The main impression we get is not from the sufferings endured by Jesus but of the calm certainty with which he goes to his death. The story written by Mark is one of stark simplicity. When Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" his simple reply is "Yes" and when all manner of accusations are brought against him Jesus is silent. He offered no defence, no argument. His example gave strength and encouragement to the early Christian martyrs who were persecuted in Rome by Nero in 64 AD. These brave women and men handed on the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus by word of mouth before Mark wrote it down around 90 AD.

Mark's Passion Narrative begins with scenes of hostility and betrayal, love and service. The plot against Jesus comes as no surprise to the reader. As early as chapter 3 his enemies were already discussing how to destroy him. His popularity with the crowd, especially during the festival, was their main reason for wanting to arrest him. They risked a riot if they arrested him in public. An inside collaborator was needed. Judas Iscariot fulfilled that role.

Before the betrayal, the noble action of an unnamed woman stands out as a gesture of love and discipleship. While he was at supper in the house of Simon, the leper, in Bethany, she comes in, breaks an alabaster jar of expensive ointment and pours it over the head of Jesus who points out to her critics that she was taking responsibility for his burial. Her faith and generosity stand in sharp contrast to the behaviour of Judas.

Jesus and his disciples move into the city of Jerusalem where preparations were made for the Passover meal. The "self-giving" of Jesus, represented in the giving of his body and blood juxtaposes with the "handing over" of Jesus by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane. "The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him away". As the arresting party laid hold of Jesus the disciples, leaving him, fled. Except for Peter, no more is heard of the disciples in the gospel of Mark, except the risen Jesus' message that they would see him in Galilee.

After recording Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin, the false accusations, the denials of Peter, the handing over to Pilate, the choosing of Barabbas, the roar of the crowd to "Crucify him", the mocking by soldiers, the journey to Calvary, the nailing to the cross, Jesus' "loud cry" and last breath, the confession of the Roman centurion and the hasty burial, Mark concludes the Passion Narrative as he began with an act of loving service by women who returned to anoint his body on Easter morning.

*Sr. Anne*

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus, and for ourselves as we live with the consequences of this virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen



## Masses

**Clondalkin Village**  
Sundays: (Vigil) Sat  
6.30pm, Sunday 9am (As  
gaeilge) 10am, 12 noon  
**All Behind Closed Doors**

**Weekdays (Mon – Sat)**  
10am ONLY  
**Behind Closed Doors**

**Clonburris**  
**Church Closed**

**Knockmitten**  
Sunday 11am

## Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:**  
Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30  
**Closed to the public but  
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Phone & Email**

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# HOLY WEEK



As we begin Holy week and Churches will remain closed we are encouraging you to put a piece of Palm or greenery on your front door on today to celebrate Palm Sunday and to create a simple, sacred space in your home for Holy Week -

*Please send us your pics, we'd love to see them!!*

As a vibrant and active worshipping community we have a great tradition of celebrating Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. As we are following the guidelines during the pandemic we will have a redacted version of the ceremonies and ask you to engage, journey at home and share.

**United in Prayer**  
Together as a Church. Praying at Home

- On **Tuesday at 7:30pm** there will be a penance service.
- On the mornings of **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10am** we will pray the morning prayer of the Church as we have in previous years.
- On **Holy Thursday at 3pm** there will be a reflection for Children "**Agape - Do this in Memory of me**" and **The Mass of the Lord's Supper** will be at **7.30pm**.
- **Good Friday 3pm Celebration of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross** and **Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm**
- **The Easter Vigil** will be at **9pm** on Holy Saturday.

All of these will be streamed via our Parish Webcam and you can also follow these and other prayers and reflections on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin> - (You don't have to be a Facebook user to access these!)

Also, to help you celebrate this at week home and as a community connected in faith we have a number of free, useful resources on our website - <http://www.clondalkinparish.com/?p=4125> - There is something for all ages - have a particular look at the "**At home**" resources for each day of Holy Week that we will also be sharing on Facebook.

We would like to offer a special word of thanks to all on the team, to staff and volunteers in the parish who are making extra efforts to facilitate our celebration of the Liturgical Celebrations this week and to all of you for your continued support and prayers - Happy nearly Easter!!

**Holy Week** is not an event but a profound journey.

It encompasses all our human and spiritual feelings, emotions and longings. It is a journey that ebbs through darkness and light, from lows to highs, from suffering to joy, from devastation to glory. Our natural reaction may be to move quickly to the resurrection and skip past the rest. But try, this Holy Week, to stay a moment with the story of each day as it is unfolding. Feel the emotion, the drama, the fear & the elation -

*Allow it to speak to your own story.*

## A Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in this sacred and solemn week  
when I see again the depth and  
mystery of your redeeming love & Mercy  
help me to have the courage;  
to follow where you go,  
to stop where you stumble,  
to listen when you cry,  
to hurt as you suffer,  
to bow my head in sorrow as you die,  
That I may share in and mirror the endless love  
and boundless joy, mercy & compassion of your  
resurrection. **Amen**

*Keep sending your prayer requests and petitions.*

*This week please say a special prayer for:*

Sarah, Louis, Catherine, Jason, Rosslyn, Michele,  
Kevin, Thomas, Regina, Aileen, David, Jason,  
Cormac, Robbie, Savannah, Patricia, Marian, Jim,  
Mairead, Sharon, Fergal, Rachel, Sheila, Karl, Lucy, Brendan,  
Nora, Joan, Conor, Victor, Lorcan, Sydney, Judith & Jean.

*Our candle is always lit !*



He's here, a March Wonder, the Mallard Duck, on the Camac, in Watery Lane. He rests on an underwater cement platform, sitting patiently to catch the passing trade, roots, berries, seeds, insects and small fish.

"Foighid ar fad mo cheirde, samhail agam iascaire, ag fanacht le breac."

"It's all patience my craft, I'm like a fisherman, waiting for a trout."

Máirtín Ó Direáin, (1910 - 1988)

## Village Church

**Sunday 28th March**

**6.30pm Vigil** Chris Stapleton (An)  
Ronan O'Connor (Get Well)

**10.00am** Mary & Jim Minogue (An), Stella Hegarty (MM)

**12noon** Mary O'Shea & her mother Mary Furlong (An)  
Liam Callaghan (B'day Rem), Frank & Patricia Farrell (An),  
Josephine Keane (MM), Patrick Broughan (MM)

**Tuesday 30th March**

**10.00am** Pat Ryder (B'day Rem)

**7.30pm** Penitential Service (via webcam)



## Recently Deceased

**Mary McClelland, Theresa Hyland,  
Ann Campbell**

*May They Rest In Peace*

## Free Bereavement Counselling during Covid

If you have lost loved ones through bereavement or are Frontline Workers, and would like to talk to someone in confidence, contact **Eileen at 087 6380994 or**  
[covidbereavementcounselling@gmail.com](mailto:covidbereavementcounselling@gmail.com)

## Free Online Adult Catechism Course.

**Continues Sunday - Theme - Jesus' Passion & Death**

An online course, presented by Joe Keegan, clerical student in the parish, will cover the catechism of the Church, dealing with a different topic each week.

No enrolment is required, just access the video which will be posted on the *Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin* facebook page every **Sunday at 12.30pm**  
(<https://www.facebook.com/TheCCPCDublin>)



## TIMELY REMINDER!

**Clocks go forward by one hour today  
Sunday 28th March**

*Acknowledging the good you already have in your life is  
the foundation for all abundance. Eckhart Tolle*



The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly. Gautama Siddharta

## GET FREE SEEDS DO GOOD DEEDS



### How to Grow it Forward:

1. Contact your local library
2. Receive your growing pack
3. Get growing & share with friends & family

LOTS OF GROWING TIPS  
ON [GIY.IE/GROWITFORWARD](http://GIY.IE/GROWITFORWARD)



**GROW IT  
FORWARD**



A HUGE thank you to all who have supported (and continue to support) the **Clondalkin Cares Food Bank** - especially the number of younger Children who donated Easter eggs for our "Secret Easter Bunny" appeal - You are an inspiration!

You can now donate & Support through  
<https://gofund.me/65e9cb0f>

You can drop donations into

- The Parish Office in the Village and into Neilstown Church **Mon - Wed 10am - 3:30pm**
- Ronanstown Youth Service on a **Tuesday from 10am - 12 Noon**
- The Presentation Sisters have a Collection Bin at their Front Door where you can drop food donations into anytime.

**If you need support, know someone who needs support or can help in anyway please do not hesitate to email or call**

Karin Jonsson at  
[manager@quarryvalefric.ie](mailto:manager@quarryvalefric.ie) or **085-202 0300**

## A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners Thanks Chris



Have you ever wondered why our Lord Jesus did not save us in a different way? I am convinced that his disciples, when they saw him ride a colt into Jerusalem, thought that he would now become the true king of Israel. He will destroy all enemies and use his supernatural powers to rule the chosen people. But Jesus is not like a comic book superhero. He is a loving God. And it is His unconditional love for each of us and respect for our free will that are the supernatural power and a sign of His kingdom which can change everyone, including us.

Just let Him touch our heart.

Czy zastanawiałeś się kiedyś, dlaczego nasz Pan Jezus, nie zbawił nas w inny sposób? Jestem przekonany, że jego uczniowie, gdy go zobaczyli wjeżdżającego na zrebiciu do Jerozolimy, pomyśleli, że teraz On zostanie prawdziwym królem Izraela. Zniszczy wszystkich wrogów i użyje swojej nadprzyrodzonej mocy, aby rządzić narodem wybranym. Ale

Jezus nie jest jak superbohater z komiksów. On jest kochającym Bogiem. A Jego bezwarunkowa miłość do każdego z nas i szacunek dla naszej wolnej woli są tą nadprzyrodzoną mocą i znakiem Jego królestwa, które może odmienić każdego, także i nas. Po prostu pozwólmy Mu dotknąć naszego serca.

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As we prepare for the Journey of Holy Week...  
Take a moment to think about

## The parable of the pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside - just before putting him into the box.

"There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world.

Always remember them and never forget - and you will become the best pencil you can be."

"One: You will be able to do many great things - but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time - but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark."



## We are like pencils...

We are created by the  
Maker for a unique and  
special purpose.

You were made to do Great  
Things!!!



The pencil understood and promised to remember - and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replace the pencil  
with yourself...

Be the message you want to see!!

**It's worth repeating!!** Holy week approaches and Churches will remain closed, we are encouraging you to put a piece of Palm or greenery on your front door on Sunday to celebrate Palm Sunday and to create a simple, sacred space in your home for Holy Week - Please send us your pictures, we'd love to see them!! [#holyweek2021](#) [#HolyWeek](#)

You can download the **Holy week at Home booklet** we put together for you with suggestions, activities, recipes, etc. for each day of Holy Week from <http://www.clondalkinparish.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Week-at-Home-Booklet.pdf>

## Create a Prayer Space for Holy Week



During a time when our Church buildings are closed, the Church as the people of God continues in our homes. With a few everyday items, you can create a special worship space in your home which can serve as a focus for your Holy Week Journey and remember this is a journey that you don't make alone, we all journey together

If you live on your own, remember that you are 'surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1) as you pray, so you never worship alone! Also, in his letters, Paul frequently sends greeting to people and adds the phrase 'and to the church at your house' (see Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:19 and Colossians 4:15, for example). From the earliest time, worship happened in homes, not in special buildings. This could be an opportunity for us to walk in the shoes of those early followers of Christ.

This guide will help you set up a space to mark the events of Holy Week and Easter in your homes.

### **Scared Space**

We invite you to create a simple sacred space in your home. This could be in the corner of your bedroom or sitting room. It should be somewhere that you can go for some quiet time each day. Use some symbols in your space – such as a cross, candles, a bible or some significant symbol for you. Try to add to this each day of Holy week that represents the day for you & your family - significant prayers, events, people, symbols, pictures, etc. Be creative, yet keep it simple. Let it be your little oasis, sanctuary, it can also be the a gathering place for your family. It doesn't have to be a big space, but it should be somewhere that you see every day and can spend time – a family room or dining room is good. You could also make it the centerpiece of your table.



Set the space apart by using a tablecloth or other piece of fabric – colours like purple, red and white are good. Use the visual symbol of a cross to show that the space is holy. It could be as simple as two sticks from your garden tied together with string. Add a candle to your space as a symbol of Christ's presence with you as you pray. Make sure that you never leave a candle burning unattended and that the candle is only lit for the duration of your prayer time.

If your house doesn't have much space, perhaps a special chair with a plant or a picture beside it will be enough to set apart that space as you Holy Week worship space. As Holy Week progresses, you can add different symbols to illustrate the story and help you enter into the journey.



Create sacred time, choose a time when you know you won't be distracted by other things. Turn off your computer or TV for a little while. If you are connecting to the Easter Liturgies through the TV, Social media or Parish webcam and disconnect from any social media. You may like to phone a friend and have your worship time together. Or just arrange with others in your parish to be praying at the same time.

Mark the beginning and end of the worship time with a sound – it could be a bell if you have one, a sentence of scripture, a piece of music, or something else you choose. Sit in such a way that you are able to focus on your prayer.

### **Sacred Conversations**

Prayer time doesn't have to be just the liturgy or prayers. When you gather with the you family in your home, or when you phone a friend after your private prayer time, talk about the events of Holy Week and the bible stories which record them. Talk about your response to God's love which is  
For children especially, these conversations don't have to be deep or complex. Starting a conversation with "I wonder..." is a great way to have a conversation about Easter. Even if you think you know 'the answer', there is much to be gained by wondering together.

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A light is gone from our household.  
A voice we loved is still.  
A place is vacant in our home,  
That never can be filled.  
Lonely is the home without you,  
Life to us is not the same.  
All the world would be like heaven,  
If we could have you back again.  
The happy hours we once enjoyed,  
How sweet their memory still,  
But death has left a vacant place,  
This world can never fill.  
How dearly we loved you,  
And prayed you might live,  
But Jesus just beckoned,  
And we had to give.  
God gave us strength to bear it,  
And courage to fight the blow,  
What it has meant to lose you,  
God alone will ever know.  
May the God of love and mercy,  
Care our loved one who is gone,  
And bless with consolation,  
Those left to carry on.

In Loving Memory of  
James Moore



Who Sadly died  
on 15th December 2045  
Aged 39  
Sadly missed by her loving husband  
and family xxxxxxxx xxx  
Rest in Peace



Picture

Vincent Byrne

31st May 1946 - 15th March 2020  
Aged 73 Years

forever in our hearts  
Rest in Peace

Picture

In Loving Memory  
of

Mary Byrne

31st May 1946 - 15th March 2020  
Aged 73 Years

May the Light always Shine  
Rest in Peace