



5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:7-9 ; John 12:20-33

Jerusalem is full of pilgrims, arriving for the Passover celebrations. Jesus is thinking of the cross he must take up. The cross is the drawing of all the people to himself, inviting a faith response to the love of God, the love that Jesus has manifested. We as Christians of Faith have a distinctive claim in Jesus' death. God reaches out to us in tender and vulnerable love, becoming our companion. As Jesus said –



*whoever serves me, the Father will honour.
'Father glorify your name.'*

A voice came from heaven -

I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.

Some there thought an Angel had spoken, others thought it was thunder. But Jesus answered -

*This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.
When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.*

In the first reading, Jeremiah the Prophet is saying a new covenant will be made, meaning the restoration of Israel following the Exile. Jerusalem will be the New Heaven, where they will be with the Lord. They will –

*learn to know the Lord, from the least to the greatest,
for the Lord will forgive their iniquity and remember sin no more. (Jer ;34)*

The second reading from Hebrews teaches that Christ learned to obey through suffering. But having been made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation.

*A pure heart create
for me O God
Give me again the joy
of your help
And sinners may return
to you.*

Lectio Divina

MASS INTENTIONS

- ✦ Sat 20th 10am: Rory Ward, Catherine Lacy, Marie Claude Jorez
- ✦ Sat 20th 6pm: Richard & Mary Maguire, Mary McDonagh, Helen Ward
- ✦ Sun 21st 9.30am: Vincent Woodlock MM, Joe & Bridie Conroy, Willie & Teenie Tallot
- ✦ Sun 21st 11am: Josephine Flanagan, Michael McKenna, Brian Taylor, Pat, Lil, John, Rae & Catherine O'Brien, Mona Wall, Rosemary Malone
- ✦ Mon 22nd 10am: Mass Card Intentions
- ✦ Tues 23rd 10am: Laurence Kennedy
- ✦ Wed 24th 10am: Joseph Shiels 1st A

- ✦ Thurs 25th 10am: Thomas & Mary McNally
- ✦ Fri 26th 10am: Billy McCleery, Patricia McCleery, Mary Murray, Tom & Peter O'Rourke
- ✦ Sat 27th 10am: Daniel Crowley,
- ✦ Sat 27th 6pm: Jenny Hyland, Sean Farrell, Brian O'Loughlin
- ✦ Sun 28th 9.30am: Tom, Lily, Carmel and deceased members of Doyle family
- ✦ Sun 28th 11am: Ronan Browne, Margaret Tully

OUR SYMPATHY

To the families of Mairead Kilbride, RIP, Thomas Hand Street, and Terry O'Reilly, RIP, Strand Street, who died recently.

PALM CROSSES

As you know Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week celebrations. With the restrictions, people will not be present in the church for the Blessing of Palms on Palm Sunday, 28th March, where you would normally take some blessed palm home with you. To help with this we are making 'Palm Crosses' available to you. They will be left on a table in front of the altar **from Wednesday 24th March**. Simply take a Palm Cross home with you (**ONE PER FAMILY**) and during the Masses on the following Sunday (Palm Sunday) when we are blessing the palms – please raise the Palm Cross you have and it will be blessed in this way. Please keep these Palm Crosses safe as we will ask you to venerate them during the Veneration of The Cross ceremony on Good Friday.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR EASTER

Parishioners who would like to celebrate the service of reconciliation for Easter can do so by joining us via the Webcam/Radio. During the service forgiveness will be celebrated with all who join us in prayer. At the start of the pandemic, Pope Francis said that saying a sincere Act of Contrition is sufficient for the forgiveness of sin.

Mon 29th March – Reconciliation in Skerries, 7.30pm

Tues 30th March – Reconciliation in Lusk, 7.30pm

Wed 31st March – Reconciliation in Rush, 7.30pm

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!



It is good to see all our primary school students and some secondary students back at school. We wish you all a safe and happy return.

30 YEARS AGO IN THE PARISH

- It was St. Patrick's Day and greetings were sent to all parishioners
- Children from Réalt na Mara were making their First Confession
- The Parish Choir was recruiting for the Easter Ceremonies
- Skerries Choral Society was joining with the Third Day Chorale to perform Stainer's "Crucifixion" and Rossini's "Stabat Mater" in the Parish Church
- The Active Retirement Group was setting up a Water Colour Art Group
- The Community Games was running a Badminton tournament to form a team for the coming season
- Irish Wildlife Conservancy, Skerries group was organising an outing to the Bull Island
- The Marian Players successful run of "The Plough and the Stars" continued for another two performances

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

This year Trocaire Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the impact of conflict on families in South Sudan. We learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. More information from www.trocaire.org.

TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

LENT / EASTER PROGRAMME 2021

The Tarsus Scripture School are offering reflections on the readings for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The programme offers one webinar and one meditation. The meditation — after Easter — will be an opportunity to "take in" what we have celebrated over Holy Week and Easter.

For registration and further details, please go to: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone-In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. Get more information about the groups and all of our services on www.aware.ie.

SKERRIES HARPS GAA CLUB

Zingo result Sunday 14 March 5-1-2-3-4-6-7, no winners. Jackpot now €5,600. Entry, online, is €5 for 3 lines – join before 6 pm on Sunday. See link to Zingo on www.skerriesharps.ie. Juvenile Virtual Academy and Skills Sessions every Saturday morning LIVE with Louise Byrne. It's FREE to join and open to Boys and Girls. See our video on Skerries Harps. Facebook page. Sign up at 10am for ages 4-7: and at 11.30am for ages 7-9 at <https://forms.gle/zx7qwiwZAGBMqtQW7>.

We have had an amazing response to our International Women's Day series of videos. All 3 videos can be viewed on our website blog and Facebook. Membership for 2021 is open and can be paid online – before 31st March if possible. This ensures your vote at AGM and participation in draw for All Ireland tickets. Details on club website. Skerries Harps is part of the GAA Healthy Club Project.

LOST

Pair of glasses, not in case, outside McMeel's Chemist, Strand Street on Saturday afternoon 13th March. Please contact Marguerite at 0877618645.



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