

St Bride's Parish Bulletin



5th April 2009

Year of St Paul

Palm Sunday/Holy Week

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week in the Roman liturgical calendar. The **procession and blessing of palms** recalls Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The annual procession goes back to the first Christians at Jerusalem who re-enacted the event at the exact spot where it happened. In centuries that followed the liturgy was extended to different parts of the Church. Nowadays the emphasis in the Liturgy is on the procession while the rite of blessing of palms has been simplified. The priest and the servers wear **red**, a royal colour and the colour of the **victory of Christ over death**.

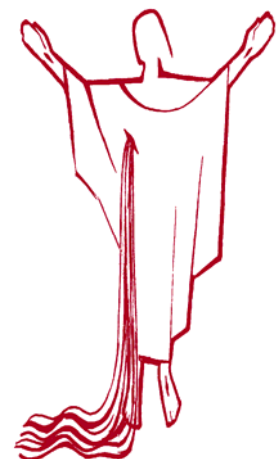


Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum. Again this day goes back to the first times of the Church, it was a day in which both penitents were reconciled and a day also in which the holy oils for the sacraments were blessed in anticipation of their use on the baptised at Easter. The **Eucharist** was celebrated in the evening,, around the time when Christ would have celebrated it. The **washing of feet** was originally an act of charity associated with the Eucharist but it didn't become a part of the rite of Holy Thursday until 7th century. The **procession with the Blessed Sacrament** to the altar of repose dates to 11th century and is done in the light of Good Friday when communion is received but no Mass is celebrated. Pius XII reformed the Holy Week Liturgy (1955) and emphasised that only one Mass should be celebrated in the evening. The washing of feet is placed within the Mass and the procession to the altar of repose takes place after Mass with devotion being encouraged around the altar. The main altar is stripped after Mass.



Good Friday is a day of remembrance of the crucifixion. The liturgy of this day differs little from previous centuries, comprising a **Liturgy of the Word** (including the Passion of John), **veneration of the cross** and **Holy Communion**. In former times the service took place in the evening but in the reforms of 1955 it was allowed that the service could take between 3 pm and 8 pm.

Holy Saturday is reserved as a day of rest, prayer and expectation of the resurrection. **Easter Vigil** starts at night fall and in former time the prayer lasted until dawn. The Vigil takes place at night because there is emphasis on the passage from one thing to another: darkness giving way to light; death giving way to life; sin giving way to grace; slavery giving way to freedom. The fire, the lit candles, the readings and the baptism emphasise the new life that comes with Easter. Traditionally, now it is the time when all adults are received into the Church as was customary in ancient times.



Easter Collection

Easter collection is now due, please be generous to the support of the parish.

Dementia Carers

If you know of any carers who wish to belong to a support group here in the parish, please get in contact with *Bernadette 641 8796*.

Help given

One of our parishioners, who has recently been unemployed, is willing to hire himself out for gardening or odd jobs. Contact Stephen 641 2288

Windows

£7800 has been donated over the last four months for the windows - thanks to everyone for their support.

Child Protection

The diocese is holding a training meeting for groups who work with children or vulnerable adults on 22nd April at 7.30 pm in the parish hall. Groups who have not at-

tended training at anytime or over a 2 or 3 year period are required to attend.

Come Fly With Me!

We are organising a formal style dance for September of this year. The dance will take place in the Institute and will be a big band sound evening with people invited to wear formal dress. Funds raised will go to Sciaf and ACN. More news will follow.

ACN

The group is looking for anyone who could help them with a fun run in Glasgow on 6th September. Tel Joan 641 9677

Zachary Logan

Payers asked for a young boy in USA who has leukaemia

Coffee morning/Info on ACN

A special coffee morning on 26th April. The morning will also help to inform you about the work of ACN in the world. There will be stalls and home baking.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday and ends on 19th April with a holy hour 2-3pm.

Silver Circle

£50: Vanessa Stephen 27 Fraser St (95)

Gift Aid

Please join the Gift Aid scheme in the parish, it is a great support to us. If you are new to the parish and wish to help, this would be a great help without any extra cost to yourself. **£22,267.55** was raised last year, the highest amount ever in the parish.

Altar servers

Altar servers are asked to collect their rota in the sacristy.

Holy Water

Easter water will be given out at the Easter Vigil and Easter masses.

Sciaf boxes

Please bring Sciaf boxes on Holy Thursday and thereafter.

Died: *Helmut Glacer; Paddy Young* **Anniversaries:** *Agnes McGuire; James Rooney; Mary Rooney; Rose Pelosi; Ian Cameron; Evelyn Hewitson;*

Holy Week

Monday	<p><i>Mass: 10am</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross 7 pm</i></p> <p><i>Confessions 7.20 pm</i></p>
Tuesday	<p><i>Mass: 10am</i></p> <p><i>Station of the Cross 7 pm</i></p> <p><i>Confessions 7.20 pm</i></p>
Wednes- day	<p><i>Mass: 10 am</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross 7 pm</i></p> <p><i>Confessions 7.20 pm</i></p>
Holy Thursday	<p><i>Morning Prayer: 10am</i></p> <p><i>Cathedral: blessing of the Oils 11.30 am</i></p> <p><i>Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm</i></p> <p><i>Washing of feet and proces- sion to the altar of repose</i></p> <p><i>Night Prayer: 10 am</i></p>
Good Friday Day of fast & abstinence	<p><i>Morning Prayer: 10 am</i></p> <p><i>Good Friday Liturgy: Reading of the Passion, Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3 pm</i></p> <p><i>Evening Prayer around the Cross 7 pm</i></p>
Holy Saturday	<p><i>Morning Prayer: 10 am</i></p> <p><i>Easter Vigil: 8.30 pm</i></p>
Easter Sunday	<p><i>Masses: 10 am & 12 noon .</i></p> <p><i>No evening Mass</i></p> <p><i>3.30pm (Indian)</i></p>

Pastoral Planning Team

The Pastoral Planning Team met to discuss forthcoming initiatives

Pastoral Council meets on 27th May at 7pm. All representatives of parish groups are asked to attend

A mini **parish retreat** is being organised for the month of June and it is hoped to invite religious order priests to direct the days.

Parish Assembly takes place on September 14th at 7pm. Looking at **adult education** and formation programmes for introduction in the parish during 2009. These will be provided from resources made available in English dioceses.

Next meeting will look at initiatives for Youth in the parish.

Fr Sebastian

Fr Sebastian will be going to help Fr Allison in St Anthony's for the next few months.

Fr Breslin

Please keep Fr Breslin in your prayers as he recovers after a recent illness.

Holy Week for the Indian Community

Palm Sunday: 3.30pm

Holy Thursday 5pm

Good Friday: 8pm

Easter Sunday: 3.30 pm