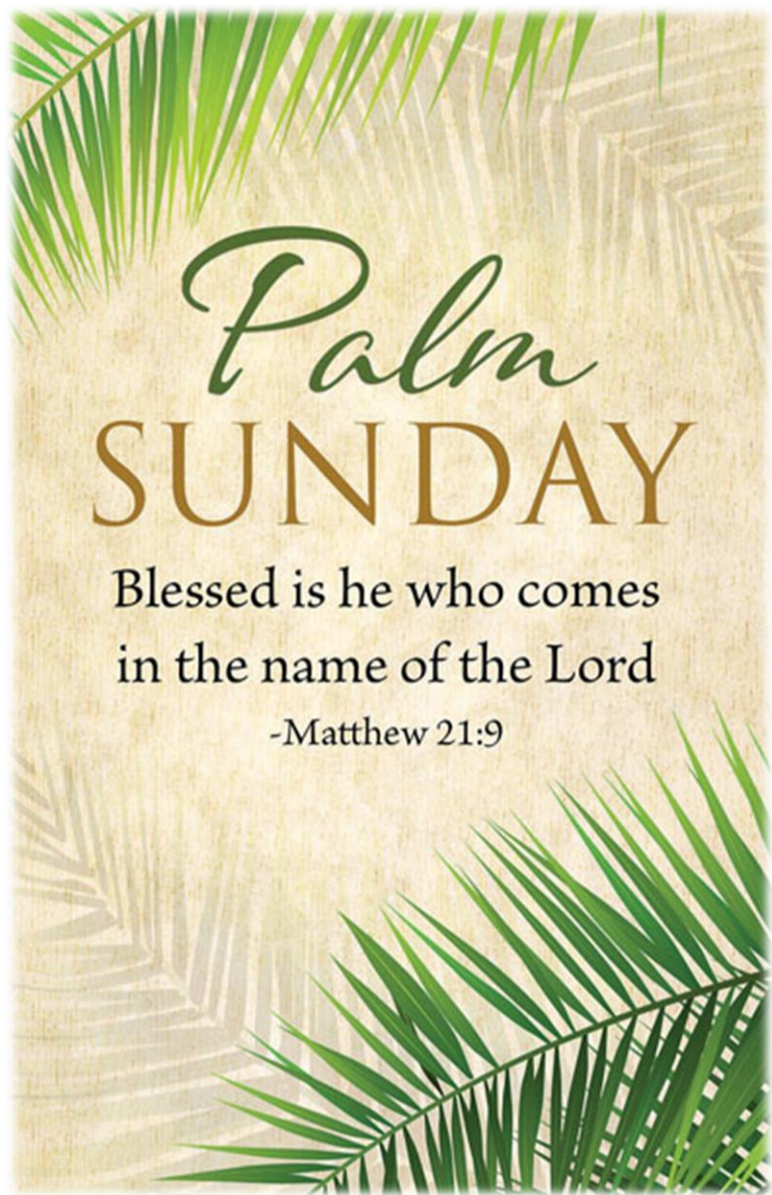


PARISH BULLETIN

St Kieran's, the Catholic Church in Campbeltown and Islay



Hymns

Processional

465 Ride on, ride on in majesty! (Mayhew)

Offertory

141 Fill my house (Keys)

Post Communion

427a O sacred head ill-uséd (Keys)

Final

455 Praise the holiest (Mayhew[6])

Ceann Loch Chille Chiarain

2nd April 2023

Passion (Palm) Sunday

St. Kieran's, Campbeltown, Kintyre

Sunday, 2nd April, *Palm Sunday*; The Bitter Lamentations, 9.40am;
Blessing of Palms, 9.55am; Holy Mass, **10.00am.**

Monday of Holy Week: Holy Mass, **6.00pm**

Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week: Holy Mass, **10.00am**

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 11.00am; Afternoon Prayer, 2.45pm;

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday 5.30-5.55pm; Wednesday, 9.30-9.50am

Saturday, 8th April, *Easter Vigil*, 8.30pm

Sunday, 9th April, *Easter Sunday*,

Holy Mass, **10.00am.**

St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Bridgend, Islay.

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, Blessing of Palms and Holy Mass, 4.00pm

Easter Sunday, 9th April, Holy Mass and the Blessing of water, 4.00 pm



Psalm response

My God, my God, why you forsaken me?

Gospel acclamation

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!

Communion Antiphon

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

Take Five

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Monday, Apr 03, 2023

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Final accounting

The seventh corporal work of mercy is to bury the dead. Everyone deserves a dignified burial, and anyone who has lost a loved one knows how many arrangements go into caring for the body of the deceased until they are interred and making sure their soul is commended to God. The process is an act of love. It can go beyond the burial too — ongoing prayer for the deceased, visiting the gravesite, and even disposing of their material things. If you're skilled with numbers and transactions, then helping to sell a person's home and volunteering for the stressful task of settling their finances — which can take months or years — can be a special kind of charity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11. "Mary took a litre of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair."*

Tuesday, Apr 04, 2023

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Practice extreme love

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died this day in 1968. On the night before his assassination, King gave his famous "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" speech. But it's King's words in "Letter from Birmingham Jail" that provide a lens to the Lord's Passion this week. "Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist," King wrote, "I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you.'" How will you acknowledge God's extreme love this week?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38. "Jesus answered him, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later.'"*

Wednesday, Apr 05, 2023

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Love the Lamb

It was at Passover time that Jesus came to Jerusalem knowing he would be betrayed and put to death as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus fulfilled the Passover. His death and resurrection, which occurred at Passover time, redeems us from enslavement to sin, death, Satan, and the world. His blood, like the blood of the first Passover lamb, protects God's people from the angel of death and breaks the oppressive rule of Satan. Easter is the Christian Passover (1 Cor. 5:7-8). Do you celebrate the Passover with sincerity and truth (see 1 Cor. 5:7-8)?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25. "Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"*

Thursday, Apr 06, 2023

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY); EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Break bread together

The Eucharist, instituted at the Last Supper, which we commemorate today, is called the "source and the summit of Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium* 11). The idea is that we become what we eat, that we take on the characteristics of Jesus by consuming his body. Because of the centrality of the Eucharist — and to uplift its unifying force — the Church has to have to its focus on the Eucharist that continually renews the Church and encompasses our redemption and salvation. As these sacred days unfold, allow the Eucharist to unite you to Christ and your sisters and brothers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15. "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 07, 2023

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Words count

"It is finished" is among the final phrases of Jesus found in the four gospels, collectively known as the "Seven Last Words." The others are "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." "Woman, behold your son. [Beloved disciple], behold your mother." "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" "I thirst." "Father, into your hands I commend your Spirit." Taken together these words tell us everything about who Jesus was, why He lived and died, and what He calls His disciples to do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42. "When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."*

Saturday, Apr 08, 2023

HOLY SATURDAY

Silent emptiness

Christ has died. The church is empty. The altar is bare. The tabernacle is vacant. The Real Presence feels like the Real Absence.

Following an ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the sacraments on this day. For that reason, Holy Saturday is a great time to visit your church and meditate on the emptiness and silence of the building. Our experience of God often seems empty and silent, with no outward sign of the divine help we always need. All we have is our faith, hope, and trust in God's abiding attendance in our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10. "His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow."*

Readings for the Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

The just one will not yield to evil, trusting in God's help.

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

God comes to the aid of the one who relies on God's promises.

Philippians 2:6-11

The humble one will go down to death and be raised to exaltation.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The sanctuary is exposed, the Earth quakes, tombs open, and the dead are raised at the death of Jesus.

Words on the Word

What distinguishes Holy Mass (on Palm Sunday), is an exceptionally solemn reading of the Lord's Passion. According to the three-year cycle, the Gospels according to St. Matthew, St. Mark or St. Luke, but it is traditional to read the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

The Gospel is not preceded by an introductory prayer – no candles, no incense, even the sign of the cross is omitted. Only a simple announcement: "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew". The Gospel of the Passion needs no additions, introduction or homily, it speaks for itself. Read with emotion, it must make a deep impression.

There are many books on the life of Christ, many meditations and treatises on His Passion. Nothing is more impressive than the sober but poignant description of the Passion of Christ given by the evangelists. There is no attempt to play on our feelings or to colour relations. Nor is there any minimisation of our Lord's physical and moral sufferings. It is a story told in simple words, with dignity and restraint. However, it

tells us everything enough to make us feel as if we were eyewitnesses to the described events. It is a drama that is moving and at the same time brings peace. The figure of Christ dominates the accusers and torturers.

The Gospel is read by three lectors, because it helps to focus attention. This helps to emphasize the words of Christ read by the main celebrant. The second voice is the narrator, and the third plays the other characters (Veronica Ryan OSB).

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Prayer



Please pray for those who are sick, in need or have asked for our prayers: Lilian Cox, Madge McWhirter, Sarah Carmichael, Catherine Walker, Ailsa Stewart, Meg Douglas (Mull), Doleen Durnin, and Russell Carroll.

Please remember in your prayers Margaret Barratt, whose funeral was on Friday, as well as Patrick Dunne (1986) and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

News and Events

Tea and coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass. Our visitors are most welcome, please come along.

SCIAF Boxes: please return any by Holy Thursday, if possible..

The special collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places.

Fr Tony away on this Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday after Mass, but will be back for Monday's Mass. The Mass on 10th April will be at 10.00 am.

Holy Week and the Triduum: the liturgies will be as follows –

Holy Monday-Wednesday: as usual.

Maundy Thursday: 7.00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper;
8.00-8.45 pm, watching with the Lord
8.45 pm, Night Prayer, 8-9.00pm

Good Friday: 11.00 am, Stations of the Cross;
2.45 pm, Prayer in the Day (Afternoon);
3.00 pm, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday: 4.00 pm, Blessing of Easter Food
8.30pm, Kindling of the Easter Fire
. . . . followed by the Service of Light and the Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday: 10.00 am, Holy Mass (Campbeltown)
4.00 pm, Holy Mass (Islay).

Live streaming – on Facebook (see below for link).



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