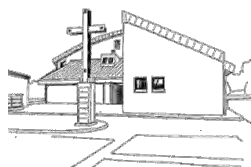




St. Mary's Duntocher

St. Joseph's Faifley



Passion (Palm) Sunday B
28th March 2021

Justice and Peace Scotland

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Pope Francis said on twitter

Those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and "accumulate" the treasure of a love received and shared. Understood and practiced thus, fasting helps us love God and our neighbour, because love focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves.

St. Mary's Gift Aid Envelopes

Due to the continuation of the Covid 19 virus we will not be providing any Gift Aid envelopes this year. Should you wish to continue to support the parish, you can set up a standing order in your bank. All our accounts are held in the Royal Bank of Scotland, Sort code 83-17-10

St. Mary's Parish Account: N° 00253583;
St. Mary's RC Church, Duntocher.

St. Mary's Building Fund: N° 00254571;

St. Joseph's Parish Account: N° 00253591;
St. Joseph's RC Church, Faifley.

Parish overheads continue, even during a period such as this. Your generosity is as always most appreciated.

Masses

See Page 2 for this week's details

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuK-9mvdWnQ2-Hs0f3Cl3bA/videos>

1st Reading **Isaiah 50.4-7**
2nd Reading **Philippians 2.6-11**
Gospel Reading **Mark 11.1-10 / Jn 12.2-16**
Mark 14.1 - 15.47



Plan ahead: *Make Mass Make Sense*

Next Sunday: **Easter Sunday (B)**

1st Reading **Acts of the Apostles 10.34,37-43**
2nd Reading **Colossians 3.1-4 / 1 Peter 5.6-8**
Gospel Reading **John 20.1-9 / Mark 16.1-7**

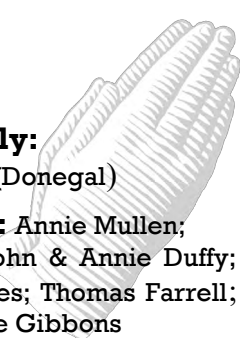
Please pray for...

those who have died recently:

Cathie McDonald; Edward McKay (Donegal)

and on the anniversaries of: Annie Mullen; Bill McLaughlin; Alfie Jennings; John & Annie Duffy; Sister Mary John Duffy; Ann Hughes; Thomas Farrell; Joseph & June Reid; William & Anne Gibbons

Please email any names
that you wish to be added to the bulletin



Look

All the time stuff

♦ Gift Aid paid into bank

St Vincent de Paul Contact ☎ 07432 879831

Bulletin notices & names to arrive by Thursday

2nd Collection: St. Mary's for the Building Fund

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Holy Week

The Main Events



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Palm Sunday



Monday

- 9.30am** St. Mary's: Mass live-streamed only
- 1.30pm** 1st Confessions in St. Joseph's school
- 6.30pm** Holy Week live-streamed reflection by Fr. Paul

Tuesday

- 9.30am** St. Mary's: Mass (maximum 50)
Open to the public
no booking required
- 1.30pm** 1st Confessions in St. Mary's school

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper



Wednesday

- 9.30am** St. Mary's: Mass live-streamed only

Saint Joseph's 6pm
Saint Mary's 7pm

Good Friday: The Lord's Passion



Saturday, the day of waiting and watching

Saint Joseph's 12 Noon **FULL**
Saint Mary's 3pm



Easter Sunday

Saint Joseph's 4pm
Saint Mary's 7pm Vigil **FULL** Noon **FULL** 10am **FULL**



Reflection for Passion (Palm) Sunday, 28th March 2021

As places of worship reopen this weekend albeit with ongoing restrictions, we now stand at the threshold of the holiest week in the Church's liturgical calendar starting with Palm Sunday. God's drama will unfold the week. Humanity's drama, however, continues to unfold as it comes to terms with Covid-19. The vaccine continues to be rolled out across the world while, at the same time, there is concern of a third wave beginning to manifest and mutate in different parts of Europe. We are living in a time of great uncertainty and insecurity. We can also feel a little frightened. As spring arrives, we would all like to plan. Many of us would like to have booked a holiday abroad for some Mediterranean sunshine. Some would like to visit a restaurant and have a nice bottle of wine and others would simply be content to welcome people into their homes without any fear of contracting the virus. We all need to be patient and it is not easy. We all hope, one day, that we might be able to look to a brighter and more secure future. For many Christians, this is the week when we plunge ourselves into the mystery of God in a profound and radical way. This week is not a soft option; nor is it for the faint-hearted. The contours on our personal map of faith may shape and determine where we might experience our faith in a creative, new and life-giving way. A freedom in faith is a freedom for life in God. This is not the end; it is about a new beginning. It is not about death; it is about life with God, living a renewed experience of faith in an authentic and energising way. Many people will probably pause on Good Friday to remember Calvary and the Cross. Memories of Hiroshima, 9/11, Iraq and other historical events often play a part on our reflections on Good Friday. Light still conquered darkness when Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris was destroyed in 2019. These events remind us of humanity's fragility, brokenness and woundedness which often find their answer in the Cross of Calvary. Perhaps these words from Thomas Casey, s.j., an Irish Jesuit and philosopher, might help us contemplate the Easter Mystery with a very human face.

"Whether we are Jewish or not, we should not let our thinking forget the sinister shadow of Auschwitz that lurks behind us. Auschwitz is above all an actual place where unspeakable things happened, a harrowing symbol of the extermination of millions of Jews throughout the Nazi era. It has come to represent all the horrific world events that have fractured sense and meaning. Auschwitz is not dead: this horrible memory still threatens to put our world into a coma from which it might never wake up. There is also a darkness looking over our culture because of the many other inhuman acts that have cast a pall over the last century. Yet the long and terrible wound of Auschwitz can keep us vigilant and awake, precisely because it has sliced open the flaccidity of complacent theology and self-indulgent spirituality. With the memory of Auschwitz in our hearts, we more more easily resist the temptation to descend into sweet and saccharine spirituality, or to become warm and fuzzy Christians. It ensures that we will remain real, even if reality is not always as nice as we would like it to be.

Auschwitz raised troubling questions for the Jewish people. Many Jews had taken God's omnipotence for granted because of the stories of creation and Exodus. But this understanding of God abruptly went up in smoke, like the clouds that rose from the chimneys of the death camps. How could they reconcile the Creator of the universe and the Mighty Liberator of the Israelites with the apparent powerlessness of the "Omnipotent" one in the face of the Jewish suffering during the holocaust? After wrestling with agonizing question for a long time, Emmanuel Levinas, (a French Jewish Philosopher) came up with a novel answer. He decided that God had pulled back as it were, not because he did not care, but in order to allow the rest of us freely to decide what kind of people we wanted to be: lifesavers or killers. God withdraws in self-effacement in order to allow human beings the space and freedom either to respond to others or else to petrify into stony egoism."

Thomas G. Casey, s.j., "**Humble and awake: Coping with our comatose culture,**" pages 61/62