

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord B
Isaiah
50:4-7
Philippians
2:6-11
Mark
14:1-15:47

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Recently Dead:

Nan McCready (née Divers), Maureen (Mary) Chinskie.

Funeral Arrangements

Derek Macey Requiem Mass: Wednesday 20 March 9.30am

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

John Brennan, James Duffy (13 March), Stephen Leiper (16 March), Robert Payne (17 March), John Brennan (17 March), James Hynds, Teresa Lynch (25 March), Chales, Bridget & Philip MacHolland (31 March), Bernard Bradley, William (Bill) McKelvie (9 years).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Nina Brown; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; Ann Paterson; John Dobbin JNR; Baby Alfie James Milligan; David Clegg; Rosanna Bulmer; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Evelyn Ringer; Elaine McCarren; George O'Hara; Angela McLaughlin; Laura McIntosh; Thomas Lally SNR; Liam Benham; Bridget McIlvaney; Peter Convery; Margaret Bartlett; Bill Wood.

Those who will received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. Amen.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 18 March

St Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Cyril was bishop for over thirty-five years in Jerusalem, where he was born about 315 and where he died in 386. He was deeply involved in debates with the Arians over the divinity of Christ and was exiled three times. He is remembered especially for the illuminating baptismal catechesis he gave in the new Constantinian basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

Tuesday 19 March

St Joseph,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. He was venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - B

17 March 2024

10.00am Holy Mass
12noon Holy Mass

SUNDAY 17 MARCH
Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.10am Holy Rosary
9.30am Holy Mass
6.30pm Confessions until 7.00pm
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

MONDAY 18 MARCH
St Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8.15am Holy Mass
8.45am Confessions until 9.20am
9.10am Holy Rosary
9.30am Holy Mass

TUESDAY 19 MARCH
St Joseph,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30am Holy Mass
9.10am Holy Rosary

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

9.30am Requiem Mass for Derek Macey

8.15am Holy Mass
9.10am Holy Rosary

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

9.30am Holy Mass
7.00pm Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal
with conferral of Sacrament of Confirmation

9.10am Holy Rosary
9.30am Holy Mass
1.15pm Stations of the Cross
led by the children of St Ignatius

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

3.00pm Confessions until 3.40pm
4.00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

10.00am Holy Mass with Procession of Palms
12noon Holy Mass

SUNDAY 24 MARCH
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Loose plate £989.35 SCIAF £1428.30
Gift Aid £468.70

Many thanks for your donations to support the parish and the work of SCIAF.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Penitential Liturgy: In preparation for Easter there will be a Penitential Liturgy in St Ignatius' on Monday 25 March, 7.00pm, with visiting priests to hear confessions. This is an excellent opportunity to examine our conscience and seek forgiveness for our sins and faults, and prepare well for the joy of the Resurrection at Easter. Please share this with friends and family in the district.

Donations are needed for the parish foodbank this weekend. Please leave donated items in the belfry.

Giftaid envelopes for the coming financial year are currently being prepared and will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Diocesan Youth Evening: Please join the diocesan youth group on Palm Sunday, 24 March, in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.30pm. The evening will be a prayerful preparation for Holy Week.

Easter Vigil: We are hoping to reestablish the tradition of gathering in the hall for refreshments after the Easter Vigil. Please do put your name down on the list at the back of the church, if you're able to join the celebration.

Children's Liturgy: Fr Krzysztof is looking to reestablish a Children's Liturgy group. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch.

Trip to Poland: Monday 14- Friday 18 October 2024: Cost is £450 for Bed & Breakfast, plus approx. £300 for flights. Booking Forms available at the back of the church and from alba-tours.co.uk Deposit £250- required before Easter- by cheque, made payable to Alba Tours Ltd or by Bank Transfer to Alba Tours Ltd, sort code 802260; account number: 00898164, using reference STPI410 plus your surname.

Veiled crosses, statues and sacred images: This weekend marks the beginning of the time known as Passiontide, as we draw closer to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to suffer, to die and to rise again. Veiling sacred images is a sort of 'fasting' from depictions which represent the glory of our salvation. Just as our Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too our fasting from the cross culminates with the adoration and veneration of the holy cross. In a similar way, fasting from the images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory culminates at the Easter Vigil with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the dead to win for us eternal life. (Adapted from USCCB Committee on Divine Worship)

Volunteers are needed to help clean and prepare the church for the Easter liturgies. Please be as generous as you can with your time on **Friday 22 March** after the morning mass to help pristine our beautiful church. Men and women are required. Many thanks. Please note the change of date, necessitated by Thursday evening's Confirmations.

THE LOYOLA CENTRE

Bingo Night

Friday 5 April,
7.30pm

The Loyola Centre is available to hire. Call Heather on 07780 136369.
Raising funds for the parish.
Cash prizes and raffles on the night.
We're looking for donations of prizes.
Cash entry on the door.

Holy Week: Please take away the flyer which contains details of all the liturgies this Holy Week. Do make every effort to attend and so enter deeply into the mysteries being celebrated: Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Make Holy Week a time for your spiritual growth! Share the flyer with anyone you think would appreciate it.

The first reading sets forth the theme of today's liturgy of the Word: facing death with hope in the resurrection.

The Jews were suffering under captivity in Babylon, exiled as a result of their unfaithfulness. Among the citizens in exile was a young priest, **Ezekiel**. He was chosen by God to give a message of **forgiveness** and a promise of **restoration** to come in the future. In his vision, he compares his fellow exiles as like bones scattered on a battlefield. God intended to gather them, and with his own breath restore them to life, and resettle them in the Promised Land. Ezekiel is urging them to **look beyond** their current devastation to a the future where **God's promises** will be fulfilled.

The psalm, one of the seven **penitential psalms** which expresses a desire for conversion and repentance, was one of the psalms of ascent, sung as the pilgrims climbed up Mount Moriah to enter the temple in Jerusalem. The psalmist expresses his hope in God's mercy, as sure to come as daybreak follows night. His confidence is founded on God's faithfulness, his steadfast love (kindness).

St Paul addresses the Christian community undergoing persecution - surrounded by a **culture of death**. He reassures them: the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead already dwells in us and will **raise our mortal bodies** on the Last Day.

Jesus, as we hear in the Gospel according to St John, raises Lazarus his friend from the dead, the **sixth sign** that he is the Messiah, the one sent by God. Jesus explains the 'why' of this miracle as it will show **'God's glory'**, and through it the Son of God will be glorified. First, when Jesus brings Lazarus back to life, people will give God glory for the miracle. Second, in this Gospel, **Jesus' glorification** involves the **cross**, and verses 45-53 make it clear that Lazarus' raising will lead to Jesus' death and Resurrection. This is another way of saying that Jesus' death on the cross will lead to his glorification. This miracle, taking place as Jesus is on his final journey to Jerusalem, prepares us for his death and Resurrection.



THE WORD THIS WEEK

