

# *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

This **Fifth Sunday in Lent** marks the start of what used to be called **Passiontide**. In fact before the liturgical revision in the 1960s this Sunday was called the First Sunday in Passiontide. The second Sunday in Passiontide is next week, **Palm Sunday**, a celebration which marks the start of **Holy Week**. On this fifth Sunday many parishes cover their statues and crucifixes with purple a colour which dominates the Church until the glorious whites of the Easter Vigil. We will become more aware of a sense of darkness engulfing Jesus. In more recent years a sense of darkness has affected the life of our Church. The evangelists are aware of Satan returning at the '**appointed time**' to cripple Jesus. Could it be that Satan has managed to undermine the credibility and confidence of the Church through the scandals? As parishioners of St Teresa's let us use these final weeks of the Lenten season and the **Triduum** to pray for the Church and all God's people who may feel terribly affected by it all. The Resurrection of Jesus reminds us that he is with us always until the end of time. We will trust in him.

Next weekend we will celebrate **Palm Sunday**. On Saturday evening Mass will be at the usual time of 4.30 pm with the simple blessing of palms. **The passion of St Luke will be read**. On Sunday morning we will begin our liturgy at 09.45 am in the hall with the solemn blessing and procession of palms (weather permitting). The passion of Luke will also be read. As in previous years parishioners are invited to sit throughout the reading of the passion and enter into the mystery of the death of Jesus our Lord. Every encouragement is given to parishioners to attend the **Easter Triduum**. Notice the times: **Holy Thursday Chrism Mass at 11.30 am. Thursday of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm. Good Friday at 3.00 pm. Holy Saturday at the tomb of Christ (Easter Vigil) at 8.30pm**. Each of these liturgies has a beauty all of its own. Is there something about Holy Thursday which touches people in particular our Ministers of the Eucharist?

We are indebted to the **great men and women** from this village who built up, encouraged and fostered all that is wonderful about the parish of St Teresa's. Devoted to the Lord and his Church these people might be described as '**Legends**' and in spite of their gentle humility, these people are legends to whom we owe so much. Isaac Newton spoke about 'standing on the shoulders of giants'. On **Thursday 11th April** we shall celebrate the **90th birthday** of **Joseph Collins** a fantastic person, a member of the **St Vincent de Paul Society for 76 years**. We wish him every birthday blessing and good wish. Who will be 91 years old on April 24th?

There will be a day of prayer on **Sunday 07th April** at St Mary's Church, George Street, Paisley from 1.00 pm led by Fr John Baptist Bashoboro. **See the notice board for details.**

**Thank you** to parishioners for the very prayerful Masses celebrated each weekday. The devotion has been very noticeable. The **SCIAF collection** will be left open for another few days to enable any parishioners to make further contributions. **The box is available at the back of Church.**

**Monica Quadri** and **Lucille McQuade** are embarking upon their annual 24 hour fast from 6.00 pm on Saturday 13th April until 6.00 pm on Sunday 14th April in support of the poor and needy of Sopa, Sumbawanga, Tanzania. **Sponsor forms at the back of Church.**

A **Race Night** will be held on **Friday May 10th** beginning at 7.30 pm supporting the work of the **Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans)**. **See the noticeboard**

**Thank you** to the **Hall Committee** and helpers who began the preparation for the 40th anniversary of Fr Kevin Ryan on the weekend of Corpus Christi (22nd and 23rd June). A number of events are being planned and we look forward to welcoming **Fr Kevin who will celebrate both the weekend Masses of the Solemnity**. From the first sign of the Cross which started the meeting until the final moment of the celebration we will commend this parish celebration to the Lord with thanks and praise.

*Attendance: 238, Collection: £596*  
**Thank you to the parish for this generosity.**

**Recently Dead:** Dawn Onungwa,  
**Anniversary of:** Molly and John Collumb, Jack Thomas, Margaret Toolan,  
Anne V. Belford, Mgr John Gillan and Canon Dennis Power

# Stations of the Cross

*We have entered into the most solemn time of the year. It is called Passiontide. For a moment let us focus our attention on the last two stations.*

## **The Thirteenth Station:**

Jesus is taken down from the Cross and laid in the arms of his Mother. We remind ourselves that it was only a short time ago we listened to the story of his wonderful birth at Bethlehem. We think today of mothers who may have lost their children and are still grieving for them. We send them our blessing.

## **The Fourteenth Station:**

Jesus is buried. It must have seemed that his life had been a waste of time, but this is the way it had to be. This was the will of God, his Father. Out of death would come life. The glorious life of the Resurrection. But that is another story. In the meantime we must experience the tragedy of Passiontide and do our best to be with Jesus over the next couple of weeks. In addition let us commend our dead to the gracious mercy of God. We will trust in the promise of the resurrection of the dead.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame and I loved that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 7th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	Dawn Onungwa <i>No afternoon devotions</i>
Monday 8th April <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:30pm	Prayers Before The Cross Ellen Skiffington Mass at Carstairs
Tues 9th April <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:00am 9:30am	Stations of the Cross Anne V. Belford
Wed 10th April <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Stations of the Cross Margaret Toolan
Thurs 11th April <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:05am 9:30am	Stations of the Cross Joe Collins 90th Birthday
Friday 12th April <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:00am 9:30am	Stations of the Cross Molly & John Collumb and Jack Thomas
Saturday 13th April	10:30am to 4:30pm 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confessions at the Cathedral Holy Rosary Helen Clark

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 13th April.	Palm Sunday Readers	M Connor, A M Lynn, C Morrissey
Sunday 14th April.	Palm Sunday Readers	M Green, J Mullen, F Carroll

**Response to Psalm 50:**

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*