



St Joseph's Church, Boyle

28th March 2021

Sunday Mass Times: 10.30a.m. on our Webcam

Weekday Mass Times: Monday - Saturday: 10:00am on our Webcam

Mass Intentions for Week Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th March 2021

Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

Monday 10am	Agnes and James Meehan and Michael Murray Eamonn, Elizabeth and Anthony Dinneen Carmel and Tommy Doherty
Tuesday 10am	Annie and Michael Mullany and The Deceased Members of the Mullany and Hogan Families Paddy, Mary, Sean, Maura and Michael Nicholson
Wednesday 10am	May Dempsey and The Deceased Family Members Sean Mc Carthy
	Holy Thursday at 8p.m. on Webcam
	Good Friday at 3p.m. on Webcam The Seven Last Words at 7.30p.m. on Webcam
	Saturday – Day of Prayer and Reflection
Sunday 10.30a.m. Easter Sunday	Nora Healy

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The journey of discipleship: by (Triona Doherty)

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning. *'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.'* (Bishop Donal McKeown)

Holy Week:

Blessed Palm Crosses and Prayer Cards will be available at the front door of the Church after Mass today Palm Sunday.

All Ceremonies during the week are on our Webcam.

On Holy Saturday we invite you to watch the Easter Vigil from Knock Shrine which will be broadcast live on RTE TV at 10.40p.m.

Trocaire Boxes/ Envelopes:

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent. Trócaire Boxes and Envelopes can be returned to the Church on Monday to Wednesday of this week from 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.