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The Entry into Jerusalem

Giotto di Bondone painted a fresco, called "*The Entry into Jerusalem*". It can help us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. Giotto enlarges the figure of Christ. He is wrapped in a blue cloak and a red tunic. The donkey that carries him is perhaps the happiest donkey that has ever been painted! The apostles are nervous, as they walk behind Jesus. They are alert, intent, and cautious as they know Jesus has made dark premonitions about this Passover in Jerusalem. They stand off a bit from the city, hesitant to draw near. Unlike the apostles, the crowd spills eagerly out of the Jerusalem gate, stripping off their cloaks and outer garments. In the olive trees in the background, two angelic-looking humans are reaching out to break off palm branches to honour Jesus. One of them has his arms outstretched, symbolising the crucifixion of Jesus. Herein lies Giotto's hidden message for us the viewer: a Christian willingly stretches out their arms to accept their own life crosses. Like this young man, we are called to ascend to the heavens and to "honour" Jesus by willingly accepting our own cross. Daily we should be spiritually "climbing up onto the tree". Giotto captures a profound aloneness and vulnerability in Jesus. As he enters the city, Our Lord is leaving behind him the years of teaching and healing and entering the days of violence, betrayal, and death that lie ahead. There are two "processions" today on Palm Sunday. Those who join the parade of Pontius Pilate are those who: *Prioritise their own good over the good of others. Seek out personal power and fame. Idolise pop stars and celebrities. If they get a "better offer" they miss Mass on Sunday.* Those who follow Jesus are those who: *Love deeply. Speak honestly and truthfully. Do what is right when nobody is looking. Take the moral high road, without inflating themselves in pride. Participate in the culture but also seek to change the culture. Have had personal setbacks by refusing to "join the crowd".* In which "procession" do we want to be in?



"Are we willing to change? I hope so. Almost every person I speak to about the future of Catholicism says, "The Church really needs to change," or something to that effect. What we perhaps forget in making this statement is that we are the Church, and so the real question becomes: Are you willing to change? Am I willing to change?"

[Matthew Kelly]

Liturgy for the Week - The Holy Week 2025

ST PETER IN CHAINS <i>Father Duncan McVicar Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST PETER'S MASS INTENTIONS <i>RD = Recently Died, A = Anniversary, T = Thanksgiving; SI = Special Intention</i>	ST BRIDE'S <i>Fr Duncan McVicar Fr Gerry Hamill</i>	ST MARY'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>	ST JOHN'S <i>Canon Martin Poland Canon Matt McManus Sister Ursula, Sister Anna</i>
SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL Palm Sunday Vigil Vigil Mass at 5.30pm	Rosemary Smith (RD)		Holy Mass at 4.30pm	
SUNDAY, 13TH APRIL Palm Sunday Holy Mass at 10.30am	<i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Peter's</i>	Mass at 12.15pm <i>For all the deceased members of our Parish of St Bride's</i>	Holy Mass at 10am	Holy Mass at 11.30am
MONDAY, 14TH APRIL Holy Week Rosary at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	Alex McPherson (A)	Holy Mass At 10am		
TUESDAY, 15TH APRIL Holy Week Stations of the Cross at 9.30am Holy Mass at 10am	<i>For the Collins and Upton Families</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.40am Holy Mass at 10am	Eucharistic Service at 10am	Funeral Mass for Mary Murphy at 10am
WEDNESDAY, 16TH APRIL REQUIEM MASS FOR WILLIAMINA McCULLOCH at 10am	<i>Offered for Wilma McCulloch and her Family</i>	Holy Mass At 10am		Holy Mass at 10am
THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm		Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm	
FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD at 3pm		The Lord's Passion at 3pm		The Lord's Passion at 3pm
SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL OF THE HOLY NIGHT Vigil Mass at 8.30pm			Vigil of the Resurrection at 8.30am	Morning Prayers at 10am with the Blessing of Polish Baskets

St Bride's and St Peter's
celebrate the greatest
week of our faith.



LENT MOTIVATION FROM POPE FRANCIS 2025

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs."
(Pope Francis)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
Archie Blades, Mary McKinney, Kevin Donahoe.



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
Williamina McCulloch, Jim Donnelly,
John William Hendry, Michael Sweeney, Margaret Shearer,
Josephine Brown.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR
Father David Barr 2012, Thomas Clarke 2019, Martha Lynas 2009,
Jessie Stevens 2000, David Walsh 1962, Janie Clark 2010, James
McKibben 2002, Margaret Spencer 1954, Ann McEvoy 1980, John
McLaughlin 2020, Kathleen O'Donnell 2011, Francis Joseph Smith
1999, Jean Taylor 2006, Cliff Atkey 2000, Arthur Jenkins 2015,
Francis McEvoy junior, Jean Robertson 2009, Mary Ann Walsh
1955, Noelle Collins 2007, Francis Coulter 1976, Marie McCarroll
1982, Rosina McPeake, William McPeake, William Main 2007,
Robert Tracy 2004, Rose Bowers 2023, Margaret Lesley Cahill
2018, Marie Louise McCarroll 1982, James McCool 2009,
Jane Tumilty 1983.

■ Collection Envelopes now available

The new Collection Envelopes for 2025 – 2026 for St Peter's and St Bride's are now available to collect at the Stall or at the back of Church.

■ Holy Week Meditations

VERY IMPORTANT

The Ardrossan Churches have organised a Meditation for the days of the Holy Week: Monday to Friday at the Ardrossan Parish Church [Park Church], at 11am. This gives us a chance to get together as Christians for the greatest week of our faith and come together as a community.

■ On-Call at Ayrshire Hospitals

Father Duncan is available for emergency call-out at Ayr and Crosshouse Hospitals from Friday, 18th April until Sunday, 20th April. Please keep everyone in hospital at this time in your thoughts and prayers.

■ Requiem Mass for Williamina McCulloch at St Peter's

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Williamina McCulloch, who died on 24th March, 2025, aged 85 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 16th April at 10am, followed by Interment at Ardrossan Cemetery. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

■ HCPT Lourdes Group 376

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the group this year. We are travelling to Lourdes at Easter with a group of adults who have additional support needs. A mass will be said in Lourdes for all. Our lady of Lourdes pray for us. *[from Esther Coulter]*

■ Chrism Mass Bus

VERY IMPORTANT

The time of the Chrism Mass at St Margaret's Cathedral has changed to 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, 15th April. The bus will now leave St Peter's at 5:45 pm. Please put your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church. *Thanks!*

■ What is the meaning of Holy Week?

Holy Week, particularly Christ's Passion and Death, is a great reminder of God's Love for humanity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 604) says: "By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." The triumphant entry of Jesus riding into Jerusalem was predicted by the prophet Zechariah more than 500 years before it happened. The Holy Week brings the Lenten season to a close. This was the most intensive week in the life of our Saviour Jesus Christ. On Palm Sunday, it began with a marvellous praise-filled entrance into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus riding into the city on a donkey is symbolic of peace. The people spread their coats and palm branches along the road for Jesus and shout "Hosanna." The Jewish people have not had a king in many, many years and they are jubilant about the "Messiah" who enters the city. The people were correct to recognise Jesus as a king, but they failed to recognise that his kingdom was in heaven. As the week continues, Passover begins and Jesus meets with the 12 men who have been by his side for three years. One of these men would betray him in a few hours. During the

supper, Jesus talks about a new covenant. He establishes the first holy communion and asks us to do it often in "remembrance of him." As His imminent death draws near, Jesus goes off to the Garden of Geth-



semane. His human nature agonises over the task he must endure for humanity. It states his agony was so great that his "sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. (Luke 22:43)." Yet the power of the Holy Spirit encouraged him to pray to his Father..."Yet not as I will, but as you will." His betrayer, Judas, kisses him as he steps from the Garden. Jesus is arrested and taken away by the soldiers. His followers run and leave him. Peter denies the same man he called the "Son of God" not once, not twice, but three times. Jesus is slandered before the Sanhedrin, beaten, spat upon and a crown of thorns is brutally placed on his head. The same people who praised him as he entered Jerusalem, now demand his death. The coward Pilate did nothing but wash his hands in a bowl of water. That old rugged cross ... nails through the wrists...nails through the feet... placed between two criminals under the hot rays of the sun... blood drips down his face from the wounds caused by the crown of thorns... he promises the thief beside him entrance into the kingdom... his pain and agony is watched by many... insults are hurled at him... Jesus calls out to his Father: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"...he thirsts..."It is finished!" This week spend time reflecting on the most intensive week in Jesus Christ's life. *Do you know He went through this for you and me?*

JUST FOR A LAUGH...

The Parish Priest had been advised by his doctor to lose 30 pounds or risk serious health consequences. The priest took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to the church building to avoid his favourite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived for the refreshments after Mass, carrying a gigantic cream cake. The parishioners chuckled and chided him, but the priest's smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special cake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of really nice cakes. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

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