



## Palm Sunday B, 2024

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### Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10.00am.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Maundy Thursday: 7.00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00p.m. The watching is in silence.

Good Friday: 3.00p.m. Passion of the Lord.

7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 9.00p.m. Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday: 10.00a.m.

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30p.m.

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday at 7.00p.m. and Friday at 7.00p.m.

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

*Isaiah 50:4-7* — Describes someone putting up with a lot of suffering. Our tradition teaches us that these lines apply to Jesus.

*Philippians 2:6-11* — An ancient hymn about Christ, which tells us that Jesus achieved glory through suffering.

*Mark 14:1 to 15:47* — Mark's account of the passion is in a lively style which relishes detail and doesn't avoid what might appear offensive. His message is that Jesus freely gives up control.

Please pray for **Lindsay McKenna** who has been receiving instruction in preparation for being received into the church this Easter. May the Lord continue to bless her in her faith journey.

This Week is **Holy Week**, the most important week in the calendar of the church. As well as attending the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (referred to collectively as the Triduum), the Church also asks us to ensure that we are reconciled and at peace with God and neighbour for the worthy celebration of Easter.

Pilate, the mob, Herod, the leaders failed to live up to their responsibilities because they did not recognise Jesus for who he really was. The reading of the Passion and the celebration of Holy Week is an opportunity to avoid the same fate. How do I act like Pilate in my daily life? Do I join in with the mob and crucify someone today? Do I act like Herod? Am I like the religious leaders of Jesus day? May God give us the courage to be witnesses.

A **Parish Retreat** open to all parishioners will be held in the Schoenstatt Centre, Kentenich way, Campsie Glen, Glasgow, G66 7AT between Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May and Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Nestled in seventeen secluded acres at the foot of the Campsie Fells around sixteen kilometres north of Glasgow, Schoenstatt has become for many a haven of peace and refuge from the bustle and clamour of the outside world, a true sanctuary and simple retreat. Ten places are available for our group. The Retreat will include two nights full board: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.....bring your own packed lunch. A meeting room will be available for the duration and teas and coffees: £195 per person.

The emphasis of the Retreat is “going off to a quiet place for prayer, reflection, rest, relaxation”. The Retreat will be minimal rather than a packed programme. It would benefit especially those who were keen to get away to catch up on rest, reflection and walking. Please sign your name on the sheet provided in the church porch if you intend to go on the Retreat. A meeting for those who sign up will be held at a later stage to plan things further.

**Gift Aid Donations:** Gift Aid is extremely important to the Church. Last year our parish received £8174.50 back from HMRC for our funds because of donations paid through the scheme. Basically, Gift Aid is a way of increasing the donations you make to the Church if you are a UK tax payer. If you are signed up to the scheme, the Inland Revenue pays the parish an additional 25p for every £1 you donate. To participate in the scheme you must be a UK Taxpayer and complete and sign a mandate confirming that you wish to use the Gift Aid Scheme. You need to decide on a method of donating – pre-numbered envelopes, standing order or cheque. Anyone

wishing to join the scheme should leave their name and contact details with Fr. Roddy. Mrs. Elaine Brown, who looks after the Parish Gift Aid Scheme, will contact them to arrange signing of mandate etc.

**St Mun's Singers rehearsals:** The choir will be rehearsing in the lead up to Easter on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00p.m. in the parish hall. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible for a good sing, lovely company with the much appreciated and needed (after all the singing!) cuppa and blether.  
'I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live.' Ps 103.

**Parish Quiz Night:** Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm until 10.30pm in Parish Hall. Prizes, Raffle, nibbles, music. Bring your own bottle. Entry: £10 for a Table of Four (if you have a team) or Single Entry: £2.50 (and we'll find you a table to join in with). Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses as from Saturday Vigil Mass, 23<sup>rd</sup> March onwards. Come and test your quizzing knowledge, have some fun and support the parish fundraising efforts.

**Pupils Recipe Book:** As part of St. Mun's primary school Lenten fundraising the P5-7's have created their own recipe book. Copies will be on sale after the weekend Masses.

**Parish walking Group:** Saturday morning at 11am, meeting in the church car-park. All welcome to come along and meet fellow parishioners and have tea/coffee/cake after the walk.

There is an active **Fraternal** in the Dunoon area between the clergy and churches of all the Christian denominations and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy week all the Christian churches advertise their ecumenical services which are open to all people..

The services will be held each evening at 7.00pm. Monday – The Baptist Church, Tuesday – Holy Trinity, Wednesday – St Mun's (Stations of the Cross). The **Holy Saturday Walk of Witness** will be held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 2.00p.m. Hymn singing in St. John's Church Gardens, If you would like to volunteer to carry the Cross or be a scripture reader or steward for the day, please 'phone Norman on 07901502588/702355.

**Teas/Coffee** are available in the Church hall after 11am. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

#### Reflection:

A Daily Prayer: Dear God, thank you for this brand new day. Let us be rays of the light of peace to all we meet. Allow us to be filled with light also. Help us to truly experience your company along the paths that we walk today. Bring the light of healing, consolation and forgiveness to all of us who need these things. Amen. (Jim Deeds).

With Jesus in the Night: Lord, it's time for me to rest now. Sometimes my rest is troubled. Sometimes I have good reason to feel restless. Sometimes I simply invent reasons in my restless mind. I ask you to give me rest. I place all my cares and worries into your hands. I want to trust you. I want to have faith in you. Help my lack of trust. Help my lack of faith. Love me in my imperfections and in my desire to be who you made me to be. Thank you for God this day. Amen. (Taken from 'The Sacred Heart Messenger').