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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**24 MARCH 2024:**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**  
**(Year B (II); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Resp. Psalm 21: 8-8, 17-20, 23-24  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians: 2: 6-11  
Gospel of The Passion: Mark 14:1-15:47

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 24 March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (pp. 232; 253)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 26 March	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass Intention: Czesław Mojścik, RIP (Recently Departed)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 28 March	MAUNDY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (pp. 277 ff.) Mass Intention: George Alexander MacLennan, RIP (Anniversary 29 March)	Mass Watching at the Altar of Repose & Night Prayer	8.30 pm
Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY: LITURGY OF THE PASSION (pp. 286 ff.)	Liturgy Sacrament of Confession Stations of the Cross & Veneration	3.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm
Saturday 30 March	EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD (IN ENGLISH)  ** NO EASTER VIGIL AT ST. COLUMBA'S **	Sacrament of Confession Liturgy of Blessing  VIGIL AT ST. MARY'S NAIRN	10.00 am 11.00 am 8.30 pm
Sunday 31 March	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (pp. 362 ff.) Special Collection: Holy Places	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

## Palm Sunday of the Passion: Darkness at Noon

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He re-enacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see Psalm 22:1). Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him.

Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormenters? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see John 18:36). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God. (Scott Hahn)

## PARISH NEWS

### Today's Liturgy: Palm Sunday of the Passion, Year B (pp. 232; 253)

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**A warm welcome to our visitors!** Toilets are available in the entrance foyer. Join us for tea/coffee & cake after Sunday Mass!

**New to the Parish?** Please introduce yourself to Fr. Domenico, and take a moment to fill in a Parish Register Form (forms are available in the entrance foyer).

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: washing of the feet** – Fr. Domenico is looking for volunteers for the liturgy of the washing of the feet.. can you assist? No experience required.. just clean, fragrant feet needed! Speak to Fr. Domenico if you can help.

**Easter Flowers:** we are blessed with the generosity and talents of parishioners, who always provide us with such beautiful flowers for Easter. Would you consider helping us with a donation, which will go towards making our church even more beautiful, and fitting for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Saviour?

**Clocks Change: 'Spring Forward'!!** Please note that we should change our clocks on Sunday 31 March, putting them FORWARD one hour. This means that we have one less hour in bed, so make sure you get a good night's sleep for Easter Sunday Mass!

**Piety Stall** – Looking for cards and gifts for the **Easter Season**, or for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**? We have a wide range for sale at our Piety Stall! We also have cards and gifts to celebrate First Holy Communion – please ask Helen Macdonald.

**Sacrament of Confession:** there will be extended hours for the Sacrament of Confession on Tuesday 26 March; on Good Friday, 29 March; and on the morning of Holy Saturday, 30 March.

**Highland Foodbank: items needed for March/April 2024** – 1 kg bags of rice, microwave packs of rice, tins of custard, cartons of long-life juice, UHT milk, tins of ham/corned beef, tins of macaroni cheese, washing-up liquid, cat food. All items can be placed in the box at the piety stall.

**A Pilgrimage with the Northern Saints, 25-31 August 2024** – A pilgrimage to northern England is being organised for the end of August, leaving from St. Mary's, Inverness. The trip, for up to twenty people, will include visits to the shrines of Blessed Dominic Barberi (St Helens); St. Margaret Clitherow (York) and St. Aidan (Lindisfarne) on their patronal feasts; plus excursions to St. Winefride's shrine in North Wales; Durham Cathedral, Ushaw (former seminary); as well as time in Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and Skipton. In order to minimise the expense, it is hoped that four or five cars could be taken, and the cost of the fuel divided. The approximate overall cost for six nights (25-31 August) bed and breakfast accommodation in mostly religious retreat centres (some sharing in twin rooms may be necessary) plus fuel will be around £600. Lunch, dinner and other expenses are not included. Anyone interested should contact the office at St Mary's, Inverness, on 01463 233519.

**90 Club: Draw today, Sunday 24 March!** Anyone who has yet to pay their dues: please see Amanda MacNeil. If you would like to try your luck, it only costs £2 monthly, and you could win one of 3 prizes.

**Prize Bingo will return on Friday 26 April** – Doors open: 6.30pm; eyes down: 7.00pm. Items to give as prizes are always needed, and gratefully received; thank you for your support. There is a box in the entrance foyer, under the Piety Stall, in which you can place your donations. NB. We are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo – can you help us? If so, speak to Don.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh, Katie MacCormick, Brian Hamilton, Dorothy Macdonald, Cathy Grant, Patrick O'Donnell

**R.I.P:** Czesław Mojścik, Ann Mackinnon, Joanne Macmillan, Esther Smith

**Anniversaries:** Canon Ray Coyle, Mary MacCormick, George Alexander MacLennan, Mary Armstrong, Maureen Harkins, Veronica Smith, Sheena Urquhart