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April 4th/5th 2020 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

❖ Palm Sunday

Holy Week gives us the opportunity to accompany Jesus on his final journey. On that journey, he suffered betrayal, torture, crucifixion and death. This week gives us an insight into what Jesus went through for love of us

❖ First Reading: (Isaiah: 50: 4-7)

The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him.

❖ Second Reading: (Phil. 2:6-11)

Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made Him Lord of heaven and earth.

❖ Gospel: (Matthew 26: 14-27. 66)

In his Passion narrative, Matthew follows Mark closely. Like Mark he presents Jesus as being abandoned by his followers and having to face his hour alone. Jesus dies dejected and mocked.

Reflection

The day on which Jesus died
Might well have been called 'bad Friday'.
But we call it Good Friday.
We do so because that dark day
Was made luminous by the goodness of Jesus,
And because we see it in the light of Easter.
His death may have seemed a defeat;
It was not a defeat, but a victory,
The victory of love over hate,
Of good over evil, and of life over death.

❖ Programme for Holy Week

There are no public Masses or religious services during this special week in the calendar of all Christians.

Palm Sunday

- ❖ Mass on Saturday at 6.30pm and Sunday at 10.00am.
Both Masses will be streamed.
 - ❖ Blest Palms will be available on Sunday from 10.45am to 12noon.
The palms will be located at the back of the church and we ask you to respect the guidelines regarding social distance.
 - ❖ Mass from Monday to Wednesday at 10.00am
 - ❖ **Holy Thursday:** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
 - ❖ **Good Friday:** no Mass.
3.00pm – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.
7.30pm – Stations of the Cross.
 - ❖ **Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil at 9.00pm
 - ❖ **Easter Sunday** – Mass at 10am
- All of the above ceremonies will be celebrated behind closed doors and are available on live stream.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Christina Byrne, Kathleen Barry – Anniversaries

Noel Walsh – 2nd Anniversary

Kathleen and Dick Freeman – Anniversaries

Sean Sneyd - Anniversary

*also Eugene Kettle RIP, Eamon Hall (Birthday Remembrance),
deceased members of the Seymour family,*

Brothers John and Willie Judge, John and Moira Cullen,

Josephine Byrne, Eileen Dineen, Mary Conroy and

Gerard Killock *whose anniversaries occur at this time.*