

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (10/04/2022-23/04/2022)

(Double Edition)

Dear Parishioners,

A lovely tradition, handed down among County Antrim's Glen people, tells how one of their number had been present at death of Our Lord Conall Cearnach of Dunseverick, whose ancient ruins can still be seen on the north coast of Northern Ireland.

According to the tradition, the valour of this Red Branch Knight so impressed Roman soldiers he encountered that they invited him to become one of their number. Most versions of the story identify him as the centurion on duty by the Cross, deeply touched by what unfolded there. Some accounts go further, with Conall abandoning military life because of what he had witnessed-the first act of his new discipleship to assist Joseph of Arimathea in caring for the dead body of Jesus.

Perhaps we were all present- one way or another-at Christ's death. The familiar lament 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?' asks us to, at least, contemplate the possibility. While our own presence will not have been physical, is it ultimately any less real? Haven't we too, through our own sinfulness, been complicit in Christ's death? Legend accorded Conall Cearnach an inevitably noble role, faith filled in the end and faithful after others after fled. We may more often resemble the disciples of the Gospel narrative abandoning ship in order to self-

preserve, or deserting so readily that a centurion's witness would be lost to us.

This Holy Week hymn 'Were You There' had its origins in the slavery experiences of the African American people. It is believed they drew solace from it, seeing their own hardships against the backdrop of Christ's agonies. This awareness should cause us to be mindful of suffering in our world today, what it can convey to us of the passion of Jesus and what we might do to help. In these ways, we can still very much be 'there'-in places where they have 'crucified my Lord' and continue to do so.

Have a Blessed Lent.

Canon Miall

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

Parish Baptism Preparation Course The next parish preparation course (Session 1) for the Sacrament of Baptism will be on Monday 25th of April at 6:30pm. Session 2 Monday 9th May 6:30pm due to bank holiday on 2nd May.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all Masses weekdays and weekends. Ask one of the priests.

Stations of the Cross for Children at 11am on Good Friday in the weekday chapel. Parents must accompany their children.

Easter Vigil: As with Palm Sunday, the Liturgy of Fire will take place , as former years , directly outside the church

Lenten Reconciliation Service 7pm Monday 11th of April (Holy Week)

Holy Week Ceremonies Holy Thursday -7:30pm, Good Friday 3:00pm and Easter Vigil 7:30pm

On the mornings of **Good Friday and Holy Saturday** at 10am we will see the return of the Office of Readings. All are welcome.

12 places left on the coach to Walsingham. Please print your name clearly.

Margaret (Peggy) Berslin, Rest in Peace Requiem Mass for Margaret Peggy Breslin will be on Wednesday 4th of May here in Our Lady and Saint George's Church at 11a.m. followed by interment in Wanstead Cemetery. Our sincere condolences to her son Redmond. May Peggy's soul and the soul of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace Amen. Our sincere condolence to Redmond on his death of his mother Margaret (Peggy) Breslin. Rest in Peace.

Rosalind Denahy, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rosalind Denahy who died last week. The Requiem Mass for Rosalind's soul will be on Friday 6th May at 11:30am.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Brian Baker (Rest in Peace) (Georgina)
Sun 10 April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
08:30am	Joseph Adu Ntowa (Rest in Peace) (Anthony)
10:00am	Tony Instrall (Rest in Peace) (Leone)
12noon	Margaret Hennigan (Rest in Peace) (Patrick Cassidy)
Mon 11 April	Monday in Holy Week
09:15 am	Carol Phillips (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
06:00 pm	Patrick Ramsay's Intention (Betty)
Tue 12 April	Tuesday in Holy Week
09:15am	Cecilia Moras (Rest in Peace) (Victor and Olga)
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Wed 13 April	Wednesday in Holy Week
09:15am	Parishioners
06:00 pm	Baby Ava Martha Peggy McGhie's Intentions (Keane)
Thu 14 April	Maundy Thursday
09:15am	Patrick Musa (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
07:30pm	Cecilia Moras (Rest in Peace) (Victor and Olga)
Fri 15 April	Good Friday
10:00 am	Divine Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
03:00pm	Passion of the Lord
Sat 16 April	Holy Saturday
10:00am	Divine Office of Reading and Morning Prayer
7:30pm	Juliana and Peter Garba (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 17 April	The Resurrection of the Lord
08:30 am	Richard Day (Rest in Peace) Goldrick)
10:00am	Bridie Cremin (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
12noon	Eileen and Ewin Wisniewski (Rest in Peace) (Theresa)

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Mon 18 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Tricia D'Souza's Intention (Norah)
06:00 pm	Jolly Thadathil (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
Tue 19 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Margarent Levine's Intention (Norris)
06:00pm	People of the Ukraine (Betty)
Wed 20 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Norah D'Souza's Intentions (Family)
06:00 pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Thu 21 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Holy Souls (Betty)
07:30pm	Peace in the World (Betty)
Fri 22 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
10:00 am	Deceased Maume Family (Mary)
06:00pm	Deceased Maume Family (Mary)
Sat 23 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Deceased of Flynn Family (Mary)
06:00pm	Deceased of Flynn Family (Mary)
Sun 24 April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
08:30 am	Prudencio Calacal (Rest in Peace) (Helen)
10:00am	Elizabeth Caulfield (Rest in Peace) (Brida)
12noon	Carol Legge (Rest in Peace) (Angela)

Saint Vincent de Paul Society The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is currently searching for more volunteers to represent this parish. Martyn Camilleri from the SVP will be giving a short address at Masses on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th of April to appeal for volunteers to join the current SVP conference for this parish. There will be short follow up meetings to provide further information for any who are interested starting on Tuesday the 3rd May 2022 a 7.00 pm in the meeting room. If you would like to find out more in the meantime, please contact the membership support officer for Brentwood Martyn on 07799 904732 and martync@svp.org.uk.

**A Blessed and Holy Easter to all Parishioners
From Canon Niall, Father Michael, Father Joseph and
Deacon Joseph.**