

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Noticeboard

Monday Mass at 10.15
Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7 to 8 p.m. (*Father Wynne*)

Tuesday Mass at 10.15

Wednesday Mass at 10.15

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mass at 7 p.m.

Vigil at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

(*Day of Fast and Abstinence*)

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3 p.m.

Way of the Cross at 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 to 11 a.m.; 4 to 4.30 p.m.

(*Fr. MacKinnon*)

**THE EASTER VIGIL WILL BEGIN AT 8 P.M.
EASTER MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 10.30 A.M.**

We wish you every blessing in the week that lies ahead, rightly called Holy Week. We join with our Saviour in his suffering and death. He, the Risen Lord, comes to us on Easter Night and Easter Morning with a love and a peace and a joy that he alone can give.

We pray for our Faithful Departed, especially for **Sandra MacPherson** who has died peacefully after a long illness. We give thanks for all that was goodness, compassion and care for others in Sandra's life and for the love she shared with Donnie, Stephen and Caralyn and all the family. May she now be welcomed into the peace and joy of Christ her Lord, and may the Lord who suffered for us give comfort to those who mourn her. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are about this time: **Lily MacDonald, Fred MacLaren, Sarah Kennedy, Margaret Deeny, Flora MacInnes, Hugh Davidson, Sheen MacConachie, Agnes Maguire, Simon MacKinnon, Marianne Brooks, Frank Keenan and Winnie MacLellan.** May they rest in the peace of Christ their Saviour.

The **Peter's Pence** collection in support of Pope Francis will be taken this Sunday. Good Friday is the day set aside for a collection for the **Holy Places** in Israel and Palestine and the **African Missions**. Baskets will be placed at the back of the church and we ask you to give your donations as you leave after the Good Friday Liturgy. Please be generous as ever in your support.

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

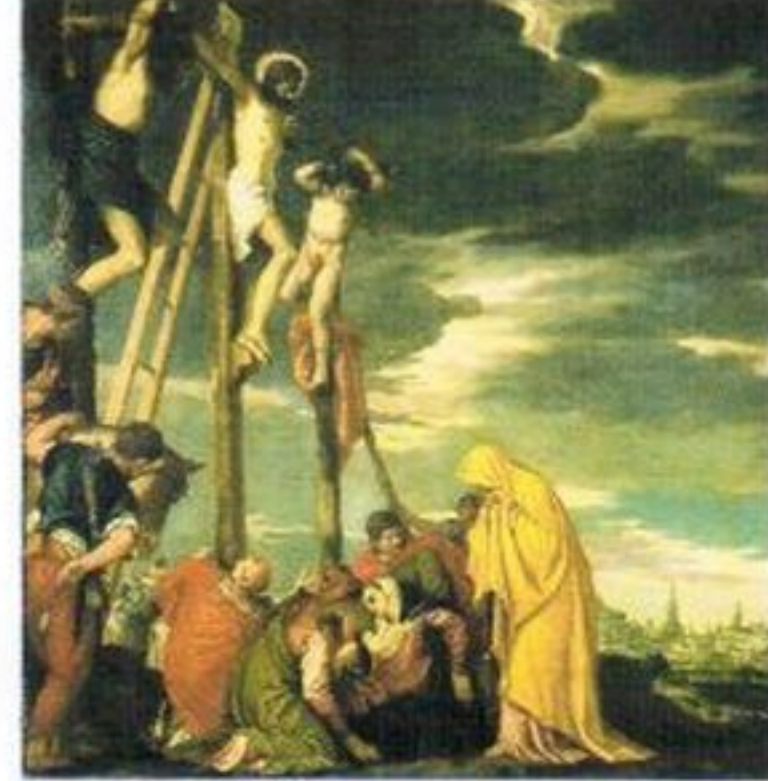
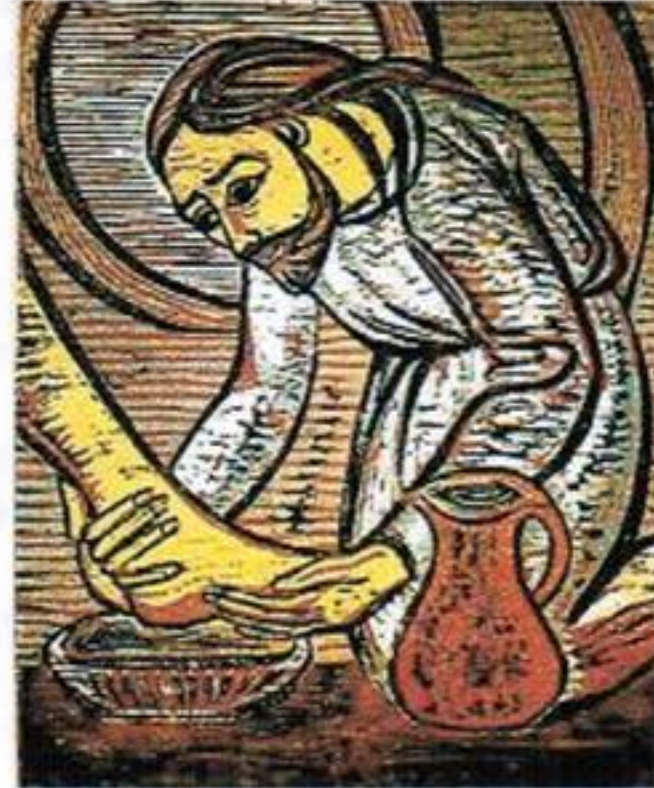
The Polish community's traditional **Blessing of the Easter Baskets** will take place in St. Mary's on Holy Saturday at 11 a.m.

Please note that **Fr. Wynne** will be our visiting confessor, on Monday from 7 to 8 p.m.

We thank all those who have volunteered to read during Holy Week, and we ask our **altar servers** and **cantors** to be on standby for times of practice.

And please remember that **Good Friday** is a very special Day of Fast and Abstinence!

Follow Me



They gave our Master a crown of thorns. Why do we hope for a crown of roses? *(Martin Luther)*

Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity. *(Pope John Paul II)*

Into each of our lives Jesus comes as the bread of life...to be eaten, to be consumed by us. Then He comes as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the bread of OUR life, our hearts loving, and our hands serving. *(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)*

The world takes us to a silver screen on which flickering images of passion and romance play, and as we watch, the world says, "This is love." God takes us to the foot of a tree on which a naked and bloodied man hangs and says, "This is love." *(Joshua Harris)*

Our tendency in the midst of suffering is to turn on God. To get angry and bitter and shake our fist at the sky and say, "God, you don't know what it's like! You don't understand! You have no idea what I'm going through. You don't have a clue how much this hurts." The cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses, and arguments. The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, "Me too." *(Rob Bell)*

Stop trying to love God and let God love you. *(Fr. Eric Doyle)*

During an earthquake it sometimes happens that fresh springs break out in dry places which water and quicken the land so that plants can grow. In the same way the shattering experiences of suffering can cause the living water to well up in a human heart. *(Sadhu Sundar Singh)*

We must learn to regard people less in light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer. *(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)*

To some, the image of a pale body glimmering on a dark night whispers of defeat. What good is a God who does not control his Son's suffering? But another sound can be heard: the shout of a God crying out to human beings, "I LOVE YOU." Love was compressed for all history in that lonely figure on the cross, who said that he could call down angels at any moment on a rescue mission, but chose not to - because of us. At Calvary, God accepted his own unbreakable terms of justice. Any discussion of how pain and suffering fit into God's scheme ultimately leads back to the cross. *(Philip Yancey)*

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. *(C.S. Lewis)*

Tears are often the telescope by which men see far into heaven. *(Henry Ward Beecher)*

Jesus Christ is God's everything for man's total need. *(Richard Halverson)*

The Eucharist is the Church at her best. *(Gabriel Moran)*

The Eucharist is the silence of God, the weakness of God. *(Carlo Carretto)*