

# Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Red • Psalter Week 2



## HOLY WEEK BEGINS

(LUKE 22:14–23:56)

Throughout the account of the Passion of Jesus, which takes us from the Last Supper to his burial, we find that many of the themes which characterise Luke's Gospel narrative recur.

Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives while he is tested as to whether he will be obedient to his mission from the Father and finds it a struggle, which the sweat falling *like great drops of blood* indicates. He heals the wound inflicted on the servant of the high priest by one of his disciples, and curtails the use of violence. Herod and Pilate are reconciled after their separate examinations of Jesus. Women have played an important part in Luke's version of the story, and Jesus takes time to speak to the *Daughters of Jerusalem* as he makes his way to Calvary. He prays for forgiveness for those who are crucifying him out of ignorance. He promises a place in Paradise to the criminal on the cross who appeals to him. His final words are a prayer of confidence in the Father. His death results in the conversion of those who witnessed it and return to the city *beating their breasts*, both of these verbs suggesting conversion. Luke omits the mention of the crown of thorns, which is an instrument of ridicule rather than torture. Finally, we have the women as witnesses to the place of Jesus' burial, thus setting the scene for the events of Easter day. ■

### SAY

Father, into your hands I commend myself.

### DO

Take a palm cross home and look at it during the week. Notice how one arm is horizontal, the other vertical. It may suggest that where the vertical (divine) world meets the horizontal (human) we find the cross. Make sure you attend the Holy Week services, if you can.

### LEARN

Crucifixion was a *vindictive* punishment: it was not intended to reform the person.

It was also a deterrent to anyone who might be contemplating a similar crime.

Calvary was a mound just outside the city walls not far from a main road so that the warning would be most effective.

The upright bar of the cross may have been the trunk of an olive tree still rooted in the ground.

### REFLECT

As we read or listen to Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus, we might be aware of a certain note of serenity about it. Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching by word and example continues. His death is of a piece with his life. His final words are a prayer of confidence in the care of the Father, not the cry of despair about being abandoned which we find in Mark. Jesus is very much in charge of himself and what happens to him. There is often a tendency to treat the Gospel accounts of the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus as simply different versions of the same event, in the way that witnesses to a traffic accident might give wildly differing accounts of the one incident. But the differences are due to the individual evangelists' understanding of who Jesus is. At the heart of our redemption is Jesus' willingness to accept the will of the Father, an acceptance which finds its clearest and most dreadful expression on the cross. During Holy Week, we are given the opportunity to contemplate the human cost to God and to Jesus of God's reaching out to human beings to invite us into a covenant relationship of life and love: this we do as we celebrate in the liturgy the events at the climax of Jesus life and ministry. As a result, may we respond positively to God's initiative at the Easter Vigil ceremonies. And the reason for our positive response, hopefully, will be that we are overcome with wonder and gratitude. ■

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

### Palm Sunday Mass Times

<u>St Colman's, Dromore</u>	<u>All Saints, Ballela</u>
Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 9.45am

### Holy Week at St Colman's

**Mon** - 9.30am: Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist

**Tues** : 9.30am: Mass

**Wed**: 7.00pm - Meditation on the sorrows of Mary Mother of our Lord

#### ly Thursday

Confessions: 5.00 – 5.45 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6.00 pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose

#### Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00 pm

Confessions: 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Stations of the Cross: - 7.00 pm

#### Holy Saturday

Confessions: 10.00 – 11.00 am

Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection: 9.00 pm

#### Easter Sunday

Mass: 11.00 am

### Holy Week in All Saints, Ballela

#### od Friday

Messy Children's Liturgy: 10.30 am in Ballela School

Stations of the Cross at 3.00 pm

#### Easter Sunday

Mass: 9.45 am

### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 14:** Vera Beeton, William & Christina Beeton  
Kathleen McGregor

**Sun 21:** Barney Doyle  
Desmond O'Rourke

### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 14:** None

**Sun 21:** None

**Offertory Promise Collection** £860.10

### Readers - Dromore

**Sun 21:** John McKeown

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Parish Draw Winners Week 3

£100	Morgan Thompson	133
£50	Liam Haslem	429
£30	Pamela Newell	223
£20	Daryl Marks	080

### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April : 7 10 16 24

No £10 winners Seller : John Doyle

Jackpot £2000

Draw will take place in Anglers Rest

### Ballela Community Group

The Committee would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped in with the Spring Clean last week. There was a tremendous turn out of volunteers who cleaned up a lot of roads in the Ballela and surrounding area.

### Messy Children's Liturgy (Easter Activity)

Exploring the Easter Story with crafts for children and their families from 10.30am on Good Friday morning in Ballela School.

### Do This In Memory

Will take place in both churches on:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April ( Week 7)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (Week 8).

### Tea and Chat

Will take place in St Colman's hall on Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April and Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April after mass. Everyone welcome.

### Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service

#### seeking marriage preparation facilitators

If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Contact Aisling on 015053112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

### Lough Derg One Day Retreats

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and continue on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)