

Simon of Cyrene

"As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus."

We often help other people to carry the burdens of life even when we don't fully realise what we are doing. It can be a kind word of support or a practical gesture that can make a real difference in the lives of others. We can never fully know the burdens that other people are carrying and sometimes its enough just to be there to listen and to support them.

The Women

"The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments."

The women in the gospel play an important part in Holy Week and stayed around when all the other disciples fled in fear apart from St. John. In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene (presumed from other gospel accounts to be one of the women) to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. The Vatican said at the time:

"Saint John Paul II paid great attention to the particular role of Saint Mary Magdalene as the first witness who saw the risen Christ, and as the first messenger who announced the Lord's resurrection to the Apostles."

The women observed carefully what was happening and prepared for the next part of the burial Jewish burial customs. Mary Magdalene, in particular, could not have known at this point that her actions would lead her to being the first witness of the resurrection in the following days. As we reflect on St Luke's Gospel during Holy Week let us remember the important role played by the people I have mentioned. And to recall that its not always the most important or high ranking amongst us who have significant roles to play but often its the more quiet, reflective people who can act decisively and get things done effectively in difficult times.

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Palm Sunday

10th April 2022

Today is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week and the day when we read the Gospel story of the passion of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

This year, it is the turn of St. Luke's Gospel and I would in particular like to focus on three people who are mentioned in the gospel today. In each case, they are not perhaps the most obvious people or the ones who were especially prominent but they showed great insightfulness and consideration in a very difficult and challenging situation.

Joseph of Arimathea

"Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action."

The figure of Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all four gospels. He was an important member of the Jewish community and Mark tells us that he was a member of the Council. It could be said that he

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brave people of
Ukraine**



was important enough for Pilate to take him seriously. John 19:38 confirms this by telling us that: "Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body."

We can conclude that Joseph was able to use his position and influence to ensure that Jesus had a proper burial. St John explains the rest of the story:

"Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They [Joseph and Nicodemus] took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid."



Advocate Collection April 9th/10th 2022- The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection in this Church and all Dublin Churches this weekend. This year they have decided to do an envelope collection rather than a bucket collection. Like all charities they have been unable to fundraise or operate properly over the last two years and so many children have missed out on a holiday. The envelopes are available in the Church and can be placed in the Church safes or posted back to the Sunshine Office. Please be as generous as you can.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2022

Timetable of Ceremonies

HOLY CHILD CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week Masses 9.15am
Reconciliation Service - Monday, 11th April 2022 at 7.00p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY 14th April

No morning Mass

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch and Pray - led by the Adult Faith Team

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
3.00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 16th April

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Confessions - 10.15a.m. to 12.00 noon

We invite you to be with us as we celebrate Holy Week in our Parish. We hope and pray that this Easter will bring renewal in peace and joy to all.

Recently Deceased:

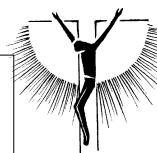
You are asked to remember in your Prayers:
Christopher Hughes, Noel Scully
David Kennedy, Matthew Redmond,
Paul Bernard Quinn,
Geraldine Whyte

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



We welcome in Baptism:
Ioana Audrey Jude O'Neill

May this newly baptised child always know and love Jesus as her friend.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last weeks' results :

1st Jackpot 1 15 25 29 2nd Jackpot 1 12 17 27

No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows: J. Maher: P. Fannin: M. Maguire: T. Tierney: M. Nolan: H. Lumsden: M. Rowe.



The winners of the extra €100 prizes were: A. O'Brien: M. McAllister: I. Macaranas: A. & M. Meehan: M. Maher. Next weeks' Prizes are as follows:

1st Jackpot €15,000 2nd Jackpot €1,950 Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25 Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.

W.A.R.A. Bowls

Monday Bowls have returned
2p.m. to 4p.m.
Main Hall,
Parish Centre

COPD Support Group – Exercise, Socialise, Education

COPD Support hold weekly exercise classes every Thursday in the Parish Centre from 11.45a.m. – 12.45p.m. Fully qualified trainer. Suitable for all fitness levels. The group meet 10.30a.m. for coffee and chat before class. All very welcome.

Mass Intentions for the coming week - Church of the Holy Child

Sat 9th April 7.00p.m. Julia Egan – 1st Anniversary, Stephen Walsh – Anniversary

Sun 10th April 10.30a.m. John Quinn – Anniversary
John Carney – Anniversary

Harry Garland – Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
12.30p.m. Charlie Cunningham – Anniversary
Paddy Ralph – Anniversary
Nancy Purtill – Anniversary

Mon 11th April 9.15a.m. Lizzie Sutton – 1st Anniversary
Maureen McGrath – Anniversary

Tues 12th April 9.15a.m. Donal Quigley – Recently Deceased R.I.P.

Wed 13th April 9.15a.m. James Heffernan – Anniversary

Holy Thursday 10.00a.m. Morning Prayer
7.00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch & Pray

Good Friday 10.00a.m. Morning Prayer

3.00p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 10.00a.m. Morning Prayer
9.00p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 10.30a.m. For all Parishioners living and deceased
12.30p.m. For all Parishioners living and deceased

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Sun 10th April 10.00a.m. John & Bridget Barry – Anniversaries

Wed 13th April 10.00a.m. Available for Intention

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Good Friday 3.00p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8.00p.m. Easter Vigil

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