

Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be To The Father.

8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

My greatest consolation would be to hear Thee say: "Many sins are forgiven thee, because thou hast loved much."

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9. Jesus falls the third time.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

O Jesus! when weary upon life's long journey, be Thou my strength and my perseverance.

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10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus, with the garb of patience and contrition.

11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

Thou didst forgive Thy enemies; my God, teach me to forgive injuries and forget them.

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12. Jesus dies on the Cross.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

Thou art dying, my Jesus, but Thy Sacred Heart still throbs with love for Thy sinful children

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13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

Receive me into thy arms, O Sorrowful Mother; and obtain for me perfect contrition for my Sins.

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14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

When I receive Thee into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus make it a fit abiding place for Thy adorable Body. Amen.

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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY 2020



Baptism: Adah May Nicholls, Drumharkin Glebe was welcomed into the Christian Community in Cloone on Sunday last.

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Chris Thornton (nee Kilkenny), Oxford, England and formerly of Tooma and Austin Reilly, Edgeworthstown (husband of Mae O'Neill, formerly of Drumcauskeen, Cloone) who died recently.

The celebration of weekend and weekday Mass:

- All parishioners are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.
- The public celebration of Mass on weekdays and at weekends continues to be suspended for the foreseeable future. First Holy Communion and Confirmation are also postponed until further notice
- Priests continue to celebrate Mass privately and pray for the needs of their parishioners. Some priests may be able to livestream Mass by means of the internet on Facebook or other platforms
- Mass will be available by webcam at Saint Mel's Cathedral www.longfordparish.com each day – 8.00am, 10.00am weekdays, 7.30pm Saturday, and 8.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am and 1.00pm on Sundays
- Weekday Mass is broadcast on RTE News Now at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Many people like to go to confession at Easter. Unfortunately this will not be possible this year. The usual schedule of Confessions will not take place. In the absence of Confession it is sufficient to confess one's sins to God, seeking forgiveness and having the intention of going when next possible. God forgives the sins and the person is renewed in heart and soul. In his homily on March 20th, Pope Francis spoke about fulfilling our Easter duty: "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father... I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with



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an act of contrition, and promise Him, ‘afterward I will go to confession.’ You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand.”

The Celebration of Funerals:

At this very sad time for families priests will pray for and with the bereaved. Arrangements for Funeral Masses will be made by telephone. Only immediate family members should be in attendance. Those attending are asked to sit at least two metres apart. Concelebration will not take place and Holy Communion will not be distributed. It may be that Funeral Masses will not take place. Christian burial will take place with the Rite of Committal.

The Seven last words of Jesus: (The First 4 words of Jesus were on last weeks Newsletter).

FIFTH WORD: “I Thirst”.

In saying “I thirst” your real concern is not the thirst of your body, that is covered with wounds, exposed to the scorching sun. Your real thirst is the fulfillment of the will of your father. But You have approached all Your suffering with all its terrible severity with this same attitude. It was a mission, not blind fate. It was the will of the father, not the wickedness of men.. It was the saving act of Your love, not the deed of sinners. You were lost that we might be saved; You died that we might live; You thirsted that we might find refreshment in the waters of life. You were tormented by thirst that from the heart in Your pierced side there might flow streams of living water. You thirsted for me, you thirsted after my love and my salvation: as the deer thirsts for the spring, so does my soul thirst for you.

SIXTH WORD: “It is Finished”.

Everything is over and done. Everything has been emptied out. Your life has run its course. You are hopeless and powerless. But this end is Your fulfilment. For whoever comes to the end in love and fidelity has reached fulfilment. Your failure is Your triumph. O Lord, when shall I once and for all grasp this, this law of Your life and so of my life? The law that death is life, losing oneself is finding oneself, poverty is riches, and suffering is a grace, that to reach the end in truth is fulfilment. O Jesus, may the mission the Father has given me be whatever He wants it to be—great or small, sweet or bitter, life or death. Grant that I might accomplish it as You did. For You have already brought everything to completion, including my life, so that I can complete it.

SEVENTH WORD: “Father, into Your Hands I commend my Spirit”.

O Jesus, utterly forsaken, tormented by suffering, You have come to the end. You give Yourself over with confidence into those gentle, invisible hands. We who are weak in faith and fearful for our own selves experience those hands as the sudden, grasping, merciless, stifling grip of blind fate and of death. But You know that they are the hands of the Father. And Your eyes, now grown dark in death, can still see the Father. They look up into the

large, peaceful eyes of His love, and from Your lips come the last words of Your life: “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.”

I embrace Your cross, Lord of eternal love, heart of all hearts, heart that was pierced, heart that is patient and unspeakably kind. Have mercy on me. Receive me into Your love. And when I come to the end of my pilgrimage, when the day begins to decline and the shadows of death surround me, speak Your last word at the end of my life also: “Father, into Your hands I commend his spirit.” O good Jesus. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. Jesus is condemned to death.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

O Jesus! So meek and uncomplaining, teach me resignation in trials.

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2. Jesus carries the Cross.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross

My Jesus, this Cross should be mine, not Thine; my sins crucified Thee.

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3. Jesus falls the first time.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

O Jesus! by this first fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.

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4. Jesus meets his mother.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

O Jesus! may no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the road of the Cross.

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5. Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the Cross.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by thy holy Cross,

Simon unwillingly assisted Thee; may I with patience, suffer all for Thee.

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6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

O Jesus! Thou didst imprint Thy sacred features upon Veronica's veil; stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.

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7. Jesus falls for the second time.

V/ We adore Thee, O Christ,

R/ Because by Thy holy Cross,

By Thy second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.