SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B

*A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially to those visiting the Cathedral.*

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| **DAY** | **TIME** | **HOLY DAY** | **MASS INTENTION** |
| Sunday 25th  | 6.00pm (Vigil)9.00am10.30am | *Polish* | Michael J McHale, RIPAnn Fagan |
|  | 12 noon5.45pm 7.30pm | *Polish* | Margaret Scanlon |
| Monday 26th  | 8.00am12.45pm1.15pm – 6pm | *Confessions* | Chris KeaneHarry Reynolds |
| Tuesday 27th Wednesday 28th Thursday 29th **SACRED TRIDUUM**Friday 30th Saturday 31stEaster Sunday | 8.00am12.45pm1.15pm – 6pm 7.00pm8.00am12.45pm1.15pm – 6pm1.15pm – 6pm 7.00pm11.00pm3.00pm4.30pm - 7pm5.00pm7.00pm9.00pm7.00am9.00am10.30am 12 noon5.45pm | *Confessions*Chrism Mass*Confessions**Confessions*Mass of the Lord’s SupperNight PrayerPassion of the Lord*Confessions*Passion of the Lord (Polish)Stations of the CrossEaster VigilPolish (with procession)PolishPolish**No 7.30pm Mass**  | Henry Stanton, RIPSpecial Intention Priests of the Diocese and VocationsRoseann WalshLenn McGradeOwens FamilyJack Sun, RIPAnna McManusAnthony Fox, Sp. Int. |
| **Confessions**: Saturday 10.30am to 12 noon, 5.00pm to 5.45pm |
| **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.45pm, Saturday 10.30am to 12 noon |

**Welcome…**to Alfie and Myla Coughlan-Fowles who will be baptised in the Cathedral today.

**Collection** for 18th March: £1,938.97. Many thanks.

**Marriage & Baptisms:** Couples should contact the parish office at Cathedral House at least six months prior to their proposed wedding. For baptisms also contact the parish office.

***Please join us for tea and coffee in the hall after the Sunday morning Masses***

**Keith Patrick Cardinal O’Brien RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal O’Brien, Archbishop Emeritus of this Archdiocese, who died on Monday. After discussions between the family of the Cardinal and the Holy See, the funeral arrangements for the late Cardinal are as follows: The Requiem Mass will take place at the Church of St Michael, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle on Thursday 5 April at 1.00pm. As requested by the Holy See, the main celebrant and homilist will be His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. The family have asked that donations be sent to the SCIAF Lenten Campaign in lieu of flowers. The interment of the body of the late Cardinal O’Brien will then take place at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh on 6 April at 1.00pm The Cardinal’s body will be laid to rest in the grave of his mother and father. This was in accordance with wishes expressed by Cardinal O’Brien himself. The Archbishop will offer a Month’s Mind Mass here at the Cathedral at 12.45pm on 19 April.

**Holy Week and the Easter Triduum**

Today we begin the most sacred week of the Church’s year as we commemorate the events which lead to Christ’s death before celebrating with great joy his Resurrection. I would encourage you to come to as many of the services as possible this week, especially the Chrism Mass, where the priests of the Archdiocese will join the Archbishop to renew their priestly promises, and also the beautiful liturgies of the Triduum which will be accompanied by our wonderful choir and organ. The highlight of the Church’s year is, of course, the Easter Vigil. Please do consider coming along to this beautiful and ancient celebration of the Resurrection.

**RCIA**

At the Easter Vigil we will receive six people into the Church: Ross, Morag, Jennifer, Lesley, Jaimie and Tracey. This is the end of a long journey of faith for them and I ask you to keep them all in your prayers this week as they prepare to make this important step in their lives

**Young Adults’ Group – This Wednesday**

The series concludes this Wednesday at 7pm in the hall with a talk by Sr Anna Christi of the Nashville Dominican Sisters. Sister will speak on the vocation to religious life, and its contribution to the Church. The sisters are young, dynamic and enthusiastic nuns and passionate about their way of life, so it promises to be a great end to a great series. All under-35s welcome.

**All those of you who signed up for Gift Aid …**

Please pick up your new sets of envelopes for 2018 which are at the back of the Church.

**Cathedral Repairs**

Also, just to thank again the many people who have handed in donations for the repairs on the Cathedral. Remember that a very kind benefactor has offered to double any donation handed in before the end of March - so if you do want to give please think about doing it this week by handing in an envelope marked Cathedral Repairs.

**Rosary on the Coast**

Catholics of the British Isles are organizing a massive prayer circle which they hope will stretch the length of the British coast. The [Rosary on the Coast initiative](https://www.facebook.com/rosaryonthecoast/) will pray for Our Lady to arouse a renewal of the Christian faith in Britain, for an end of the scourge of abortion, and to bring peace to all nations. For more information see [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/copy-of-resources-1](https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/copy-of-resources-1)

**The Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 8th April at 3pm**

The celebration of the Feast here in the Cathedral will start at 3pm on Sunday, 8th April. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for confession. Please come along.

**Knitted Goods for Sale – Today!!**

A great selection of knitted goods will be available in the porch after Mass today. Proceeds to the Cathedral.

**Visitor to Edinburgh?** Why not see the best of Scottish scenery and take a day out for pilgrimage to historic Rosslyn Chapel, or do part of St Margaret’s Way, the great pilgrimage route from Edinburgh to St Andrews? For details on the “Little Camino” please visit www.thewayofstandrews.com

**First Confessions – Rescheduled.** Having consulted with St Mary’s Primary, the first confessions will be celebrated on Thursday 19th April at 7pm. If this presents any problems, please speak to Fr Patrick or Fr Nick.

**The Knights of Malta Ball** which raises funds for Knights of Malta charities take place on 14 April. Visit [www.orderofmaltaball.com](http://www.orderofmaltaball.com) for more details

for booking will follow soon. Save the date.

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**Please remember in your prayers the following people and those who care for them:** Vittoria Alongi, Gloria Crolla, Mary Foster, Danny Gallagher, JosephGilhooley, Thomas Kerr, Rose Maughan, Patsy McArthur, Andrew and Mary MacDonald, William McNair, James McManus, Janette Myles, Hugh Nicholson, Theresa Nihill, James Robertson, Pat Robson, Bridget Sweeney, Mary Turnbull, Jean Wilson.

*We wish you a blessed Holy Week,*

*Fr Patrick, Fr Nick, and Deacon Peter*

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