

Gospel Reflection

Mark 15:1-39

Suffering is part and parcel of being human and, while we must readily acknowledge this fact, it is also true that we usually do all in our power to avoid it. The readings for today are an invitation to reflect on how it is that passion of Jesus can change our outlook on suffering. Our Saviour may be seen in these texts as a model of patient endurance and of faithfulness. We are not asked to believe that suffering is good in itself but to see that good can come of it and to recognise in Jesus God's solidarity with all those who endure suffering for doing what is right.

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Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill set to come into effect April 1

The bill proposes to modernise, consolidate and extend hate crime legislation in Scotland, including stirring up hatred, possession of inflammatory material, and new protection of freedom of expression provisions in relation to religion and sexual orientation.

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland responded in 2020: 'that any new law must be 'carefully weighed against fundamental freedoms, such as the right to free speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of thought, conscience and religion.'

The Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office, Anthony Horan said at the time: "A new offence of possessing inflammatory material could even render material such as the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church...inflammatory. The Catholic Church's understanding of the human person, including the belief that sex and gender are not fluid and changeable, could fall foul of the new law. Allowing for respectful debate, means avoiding censorship and accepting the divergent views and multitude of arguments inhabiting society."

Freedom to disagree must be protected say Scotland's Bishops.

Source: Scottish Catholic Media Office
scmo.org

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Sunday 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord – B

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Sunday Mass Time

ST MARY'S BEAULY 11:00am

OUR LADY & ST BEAN, MARYDALE 9:00am
(Confessions, 1st Sun) no Mass 2nd Sunday

ST MARY'S ESKADALE

2nd Sunday in the month, 9:00am

ST MARTIN'S ULLAPOOL

1st 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, 2:30pm

ST MAELRUBHA'S POOLEWE

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 2:30pm

LOCHINVER : To be arranged

FORT AUGUSTUS Sun 11:00am, Fri 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times & Devotions

Tues Mass 7:00pm (Beauly)

Wed Stations of the Cross/Mass
5:00pm/5:30pm (Marydale)

Stations of the Cross/Mass
7:00pm/7:30pm (Beauly)

Stations of the Cross
7:00pm (Fort Augustus)

Friday ~~Mass 10:00am (Beauly)~~

~~Mass 12:30pm (Fort Augustus)~~

Confession: call by the Parish House,
phone, or email to make an appointment.

Next Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday - B

Mass Intentions

Sun: Page Family (God's Grace and Love)

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

Please pray for the sick of our parishes and all who ask for our prayers.

Liturgical Calendar

Holy Thursday:

Beauly 8:30 pm

Marydale 6:00 pm

Fort Augustus 5:30 pm

Good Friday:

Beauly 3:00 pm

Fort Augustus 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday:

Ullapool 11:30 am

Poolewe 11:30 am

Marydale 6:00 pm

Fort Augustus 5:30 pm

Beauly 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday:

Beauly 11:00 am

Fort Augustus 11:00 am

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES (MARCH)

Alexander 'Sandy' Ritchie, John
Fraser, Marion Friel, Michael Elliot,
Karl Storey.

Gospel *(to be read outside)*

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said
to them,
‘Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no
one has ever sat;
untie it and bring it.
If any one says to you,
“Why are you doing this?” say,
“The Lord has need of it
and will send it back here
immediately.”’
And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in
the open street;
and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to
them,
‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’
And they told them what Jesus had
said;
and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it;
and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on
the road,
and others spread leafy branches
which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
‘Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father
David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!’

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me
a disciple’s tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the
wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck
me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my
beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

Response: *My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.’
R/
Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

R/

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

R/

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are
assembled.
‘You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel’s sons.

R/

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil2:8-9

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!**

Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a
cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above
all names.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!**

Gospel –

Refer to the booklet: The Passion of
the Lord.

PRAYER BEFORE THE HOMILY

We will make our lives your dwelling
place.
We will build your throne in our hearts.
Come Father,
Come Son,
Come Holy Spirit,
O come and take your place in our
lives.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH NO. 3

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and
Resurrection
you have set us free.