

***Kilcloon, Batterstown & Little Chapel Parish.***

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March 28<sup>th</sup>. Palm Sunday.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am.** Maureen Murray MM. Anne Lavin. Mona Ryan.

Ger & Brigid Brady. Pdraig Thornton.

**Easter Sunday.** Paul Gaughan. Elizabeth(Betty) Morris. Jackie Moran.

Maeve Murphy. Dermot Shaw.

### **Holy Week Ceremonies.**

**Blessed Palm Crosses;** will be in the churches for collection.

Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass of the Lord's Super 7pm.

Good Friday Stations of the cross 8pm.

Easter Sunday from Rodanstown at dawn. (viewing from 8am.)

From 12 until 2pm this afternoon there will be someone at the church in Kilcloon to arrange booking of anniversary masses or to receive parish contributions. Thank you.

## **Making Peace Possible**

An ancient tradition says that Jerusalem means City of Peace. Through the centuries Jerusalem has been anything but a city of peace. It has been attacked, destroyed, and plundered on numerous occasions. Today it is the eye of a storm that is causing death and destruction.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem to become its messiah. He came not at the head of a conquering army but riding on a donkey, the animal we refer to as an ass. He came not to play God but to “empty himself and take the form of a slave.” He came to face rejection: “with that, all deserted him and fled.” Mark’s picture of Jesus’ rejection is bleak. There are no disciples around at the end, no relatives, not even God: “Why have you forsaken me?”

What will it take for us to understand the meaning of the cross, how Jesus made peace possible by his own suffering and dying? We keep thinking that we will bring peace by killing others in war; Jesus showed us that we bring peace by dying for others.

That earthly peace which arises from love of neighbor symbolizes and results from the peace of Christ who comes forth from God the Father. For by His cross the incarnate Son, the Prince of Peace, reconciled all men with God. By thus restoring the unity of all men in one people and one body, He slew hatred in His own flesh. After being lifted on high by His resurrection, He poured the Spirit of love into the hearts of men. For this reason, all Christians are urgently summoned ‘to practice the truth in love’ ([Eph. 4:15](#)) and to join with all true peacemakers in pleading for peace and bringing it about.

[Vatican II, Church in the Modern World](#)