

# Holy

# Week

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 8pm

Short service of reflection to set the scene for the coming week, at this time in our Church history with a new Pope Francis. PowerPoint presentations, readings, reflections on the week that changed the course of world history – and still does!

All welcome

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:25am – St. Brigid's.

Mass 10am – St. Brigid's.

Service of reconciliation in Foxrock Church at 7:30pm for our cluster area.



## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Known as Spy Wednesday.

Mass 7:25am – St. Brigid's.

Mass 10am – St. Brigid's.

Service of reconciliation in Johnstown Church at 7:30pm for our cluster area.

*Welcome to **Palm Sunday 2013**, and welcome too to Holy Week that begins with this day. The next week can be as different or as ordinary as you choose to make it – in terms of the real meaning of Holy Week 2013 – the choice is an individual one, not imposed by anyone else.*

*Again, as we say so often, the annual celebrations of events, anniversaries, or beliefs are never, (or rather should never be), simply a repetition of what we have done in the past. If they are, can you blame some people for thinking that they've been there already, done that, and worn the T-shirt, so what's the point of doing it again! And do you know? They're right if that's all we're doing.*

*With the stimulus of the election of Pope Francis, Christians of all denominations are reflecting on the value of 'witness' – maybe this is a good time for us Catholics in particular to retake 'stock' of our own lives – and our own witness.*

## Holy Thursday - 28<sup>th</sup>

Known more accurately as Maundy Thursday. The day when royal/ ruling families traditionally dispersed monies to the less well off in a token response to the Commandment of Jesus to love and serve one another, given at the last supper.

*This 'Holy Week' along with its ceremonies and demands, can easily be seen as a disruption of usual family/weekly/personal routine if we choose to go-with-it! – and if it is so what?*

*What is the disadvantage to disruption of routine, all the more so if the reason for doing so offers a reflection and a dimension to the at times tedium and hum-drum aspects of ordinary everyday life for most of us.*

## Good Friday - 29<sup>th</sup>

The day when the hand of God clasped the hand of history – the day remembered when it seemed evil and futility conquered good and humility with the mocking and tragic death of one who promised so much.

*The week that stretches out ahead of us before Easter Day, is one during which we are invited to walk with, to participate in, or to reflect on, why we say we hold this week Holy – why we believe it is, why at times we're so often tempted to wonder how it is.*

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Here's wishing all in St. Brigid's a meaningful celebration of Holy Week and Easter 2013. And thank you for your support in making it thus for us.

Fr Arthur/Conor/ Tom

## Holy Saturday - 30<sup>th</sup>

A day of quiet reflection wondering if the promise of Jesus was worth holding onto at all – if the ending of the day before in a city dump was truly the end. Confessions at 12 noon. 9.00pm – Mass of the Resurrection. The ultimate truth of life over death.