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THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM



THURSDAY 6TH April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER, 6:30PM

Tonight, begins the **PASCHAL TRIDUUM**: 3 days, counted from sunset to sunset, that will end on Easter Sunday evening. ONE feast. The holiest days of the year.

The **Washing of the Feet** will take place. After Mass, the Church will remain open for **silent adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose.

Friday 7TH April

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence

STATIONS of the CROSS, 11AM

with families and children

SOLEMN LITURGY of the CROSS, 3PM

The Passion from the Gospel of Saint John

The great prayers of intercession

The veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion



SATURDAY 8TH April

HOLY SATURDAY

Day of silence, prayer and expectation.

Avoid any shopping, entertainment, internet.

PASCHAL VIGIL, 8PM

Everyone should be seated by 7:45pm.

We move in silence to Wilmington Square where we begin the Vigil.

The Blessing of the Fire

The Exsultet

The Liturgy of the Word

Blessing of the Water

The Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

The Passover Eucharist

(we will have a little social afterwards in the Parish Hall)



SUNDAY 9TH April

EASTER SUNDAY

MASS 9:45AM

MASS 12NOON

We rejoice with the women and the Angels at the greeting of the **Good News**.

We sing **ALLELUIA** for 50 days!



MONDAY 10TH April

EASTER OCTAVE

Mass at 10am on **Easter Monday**, only.

No other weekday Mass this week.

who betrayed whom?



We are at the door of Holy Week. We all know the 'storyline'. We know the inside outs of the drama and its characters. But, do we know ourselves? Do we know God?

A patriot, a disciple, a good orthodox Jew, an intelligent, responsible and trustworthy man, a young fellow full of zeal, passionate for Israel, thirsty for putting things right. These ardent desires, these correct motivations moved Judas Iscariot to look for the Messiah and to find him, leaving everything - yes everything - and follow him. Three years at his side, day and night, faithfully, witnessing to miracles, hearing his voice... slowly slowly, the initial enthusiasm turns into doubts and doubts turn into question marks. Things do not seem to square up, things do not seem to move in the 'right' direction, *this* Jesus does not seem to do what I want him to do, he does not seem to respond to my expectations, he does not seem to be the Messiah I was waiting for, he does not seem to be the God I wanted him to be.

And so, in the eyes of Judas, the real traitor is Jesus himself. Yes. For Judas the betrayer is Jesus, because he did not fulfil his vision of the Messiah... and so, without even realising it, the idea of the 30 coins of silver, the events precipitate, the kiss, the lanterns, the night, the darkness...

It is (far too) easy to label Judas Iscariot as 'the traitor'. Can you not see how easily our religious zeal and enthusiasm, our correct and well-built ideas, good plans and substantiated motivations, can open the way to doubts and a subtle suggestion: 'God, the Church, the Pope, that bishop, priest, catechist... has betrayed me', 'I know better, I will put things right'.

Who betrayed whom, then? And yet, this man, this 'wrong' Messiah, calls me, his enemy, "my friend". Me, his traitor, he calls a friend. No rancour, no hatred, but only love, a love that turns an enemy into a friend. It is all very odd, very strange, it is Holy Week...

fr. Ivano

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