

A Short Reflection for Holy Week

Holy Week is a sacred journey that invites us to walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. It is a time to pause, reflect, and enter deeply into the mystery of God's love for us.

As we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His Last Supper with His disciples, His agony in the garden, and His suffering on the Cross, we are reminded of the depth of His sacrifice. He endured all of this out of love for us, to redeem us and bring us back to the Father.

This week calls us to examine our own lives: Where do we need to surrender to God's will? How can we love others more selflessly? What burdens do we need to lay at the foot of the Cross?

But Holy Week does not end at the Cross. It culminates in the joy of Easter, the triumph of life over death, and the hope of resurrection. Let us walk this journey with faith, knowing that through Christ's sacrifice, we are offered the gift of new life. May this Holy Week deepen your relationship with Jesus and prepare your heart to celebrate the joy of His Resurrection. Amen.

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For all who have lost hope	Be with them, Lord.
For all who suffer	Be with them, Lord.
For all who are sick and in pain	Be with them, Lord.
For all who are struggling	Be with them, Lord.
For all who have been badly hurt in life	Be with them, Lord.
For all who are grieving	Be with them, Lord.
For all who are depressed	Be with them, Lord.
For all who feel rejected	Be with them, Lord.
For all who feel unloved	Be with them, Lord.
For all who are oppressed	Be with them, Lord.
For all who are anxious	Be with them, Lord.

Come adore this wondrous presence, bow to Christ the source of grace. Here is kept the ancient promise of God's earthly dwelling place. Sight is blind before God's glory, faith alone may see his face. *(St Thomas Aquinas, 13th century)*

A Prayer to Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be canonized a saint on Sunday 27th April in Rome

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Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all.

You made him fall in love with Your Son Jesus, making the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven".

You gave him Mary as a beloved Mother, and you made him, through the Rosary, a cantor of tenderness.

Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted. Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need. (here make your request).

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be.

Parish of Gallen and Rynagh

St. Mary's, Cloghan and St. Rynagh's, Banagher.

~ Holy Week Ceremonies ~

Palm Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

Saturday: Mass - St. Rynagh's at 6.30 p.m.
 Saturday: Mass - St. Mary's at 8 p.m.
 Sunday: Mass - St. Mary's at 9.30 a.m.
 Sunday: Mass - St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.
 (Blessing of Palm Branches at all Masses)



Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Rynagh's at 6.30 p.m. and St. Mary's 8 p.m.
 (The Gift of the Eucharist and the call to Humility and Service)



Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St. Rynagh's 3 p.m. and St. Mary's at 8 p.m.
 (The Veneration of the Cross at both Ceremonies)



St. Rynagh's 6.30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil

St. Rynagh's 6.30 p.m. and St. Mary's 8.30 p.m.
 (Blessing of the Easter Holy Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises)



Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

St. Mary's Church 9.30 a.m. and St. Rynagh's 11 a.m.
 (We are Easter People and Alleluia is our song)

