

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Due to the Corona Virus, all public worship is suspended until further notice.

Please pray and worship with us online. This is a vital way for us to stay in and even build community. We would urge those comfortable with technology to reach out to family and neighbours and to show them how to connect with the community in this way.

We live stream the Mass daily at 10am, on [www.falkirkcatholics.org](http://www.falkirkcatholics.org) and on our Face Book page, Falkirk Catholics.

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, including following online with us on Monday evenings at 6pm on Facebook Live—Falkirk Catholics

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue, and will be streamed after the Friday Mass at approximately ten thirty on the parish website and on Face Book.

Confessions are available on request. We ask you to carefully consider the risks to both yourself and the priest.

### Act of Spiritual Communion:

Please be aware you can pray this prayer in the absence of receiving the Eucharist:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

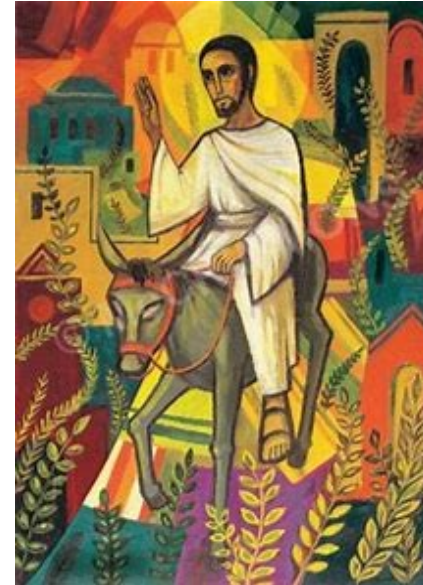
The Parish of

**St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk**

**The Church of St Anthony, Rumford**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, 5th of April 2020, Year A**

*“ Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord!”*



**Procession: Matthew 21:1-11; First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66.** Today we hear the story of victory, the triumph of love over hate, light over darkness. That victory is woven *throughout* our readings—in each way Jesus responds to what is being done to him. He transforms every act of violence and degradation with love and forgiveness. It is hard to meditate on His suffering, perhaps more painful than ever as we experience different sufferings in isolation. So this Holy Week lets us enter the suffering of our beloved Christ with deepened understanding, and take strength from His example of endurance in love. We pray that when the pandemic is over that good *will* triumph over evil, light over dark. We pray *we* will be obedient to whatever God calls us in the rebuilding phase. Christ shows it's not suffering that redeems us, but love. Jesus made His suffering holy, and calls us to do the same. May we show up in the days ahead in great love.

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