

The Weave of Manquehue Prayer

Monday Motivation, Palm Sunday 28 March 2021

Mark 11: 1- 11

Almost there! Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the portico to Holy Week. On this day we remember, and actually live again through the liturgy, the coming of the Lord into Jerusalem, the Holy City, acclaimed by the people with greenery and shouts of joy: Hosanna! Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord!

As you listen to the Gospel of this day, I invite you to pay special attention to the people who take part in this event: the disciples sent out on a mysterious errand, the men who question them, the people spreading their cloaks and acclaiming, some going in front of the Lord, others following. Surely there were also some unmentioned bystanders, simply watching. Lastly, why not? there is the donkey carrying the Lord. As the Lord comes this Easter into the Holy City -yourself, your community, the Church-, Where are you? Which of these is you?

It may be worth noting that this Gospel is the one that is read before we process with palms into the Church. On this day, the Gospel of the Mass is always the Passion, this year according to Mark. That is why this Sunday is also known as 'Passion Sunday'.