

**PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** Baddesley Clinton.

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**Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement**

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*Holy Week begins today and it is the most important week in the Church's calendar. Holy Week opens with Palm Sunday when we carry palm crosses in procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. During Holy Week we celebrate the Easter Triduum, comprising the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday evening). The liturgy of Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper; also there is the Washing of Feet in remembrance of our Lord's example of humble service. On Good Friday we celebrate the Lord's Passion and venerate the Cross. The wonderful liturgy of the Easter Vigil is celebrated on Saturday of Holy Week with the blessing and preparation of the Easter Candle and the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. The celebration of Easter Sunday completes the celebrations we have prepared for during Lent. These sacred liturgies shine forth as the high point of the Church's year. The Paschal Triduum is at the heart of all that it means to be the Church and we owe it to ourselves as Christians to be present at these key moments in the life of the worshipping community, for the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate on these three days, are not only the most beautiful liturgies of the Church's calendar; they are also the axle on which the rest of the liturgical year turns.*

**Opportunity for Adoration and Confession** On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Mass at BRG will be at 7.00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for Confession. There will be no 10.00am Mass.

**Easter Offering** As is customary, your Easter offerings are for your Parish Priest. Fr Frank is so grateful for the generosity of spirit which is shown in so many ways in the life of the Parish.

**Collection on Good Friday** There will be a collection on Friday for the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

**Adults seeking reception** Adults seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should email Fr Frank.

**Altar Servers** If you would like to serve at the altar please contact Fr Frank.

**Parish Council** Please contact Fr Frank (using the email at the top of this newsletter) if you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council.

**New Flower Rota** Please find a new flower rota (which begins with Easter weekend) at the back of the Church. Many thanks to all those that volunteer, it is much appreciated.

**Holy Week and Easter Masses** Please see separate sheet for a full list of all Masses taking place during Holy Week and Easter at both Churches.

**Clocks go forward** next Sunday.

**Holy Week and Easter Masses** (BRG – Blessed Robert Grissold, SF – Saint Francis of Assisi)

Sat 23 Mar **Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass** at SF – 6.00pm

Sun 24 Mar **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass** at BRG - 9.30am  
Patrick Flynn (RIP)

Sun 24 Mar **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass** at SF – 11.00am  
Amy Norman (RIP)

Tues 26 Mar **Tuesday of Holy Week Mass** at BRG 7.00pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Confessions.

Wed 27 Mar **Chrism Mass - Wednesday of Holy Week** at St Chad's Cathedral – 11.30am

Thur 28 Mar **Maundy Thursday Masses** at SF & BRG – 7.00pm.

Fri 29 Mar **Good Friday** at SF & BRG – 3.00pm.

Sat 30 Mar **Easter Vigil Mass** at SF 6.00pm and at BRG 7.00pm.

Sun 31 Mar **Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass** at BRG – 9.30am  
Anna-Marie Higgins (RIP)

Sun 31 Mar **Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Mass** at SF – 11.00am