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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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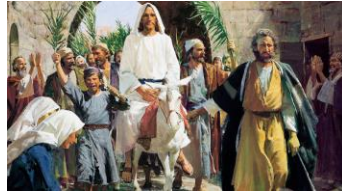
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**Confessions on
 Monday
 12Noon-1PM
 6-7:30PM**



Welcome to you all this Palm Sunday, today we begin the week of our salvation, the week above all others - Holy Week. We commemorate the final week in Jesus' earthly life, His giving gave disciples the Mass at the Last Supper, His arrest, trail and shameful treatment, His death and Resurrection, is all at the very heart of the Christian faith. When a close friend or family member passes away, their memory stays with us for a long time. We frequently find ourselves recalling their words to us, their actions, and their continuing impact on our lives. During these days known as Holy Week, the Church goes through an experience to which we can all connect: the loved one is Our Lord Jesus Christ. We recollect the significant events and His final words throughout our liturgy, prayers, and hymns. Jesus's final words focused on three things: serving is the path to greatness, forgiveness is essential for restoring peace, and we should all love one another as much as He did. Our longing for inner calm is taken from us by busyness and never-ending activities. It's easy to forget what sustains us — time spent with God. Jesus offered his life in order for us to experience the fullness of life because he loved us so much. This week we welcome the parishioners of Sacred Heart, English Martyrs and Our Lady & St. Wulstan for the Lenten Penitential Service on Monday at 6PM as we did in Advent. We are not 'guests' in each other's churches but all Christ's people coming together in the local community. Do try to come to confession at some point in Holy Week and to the liturgies. It is a way in which, we can draw nearer to Christ and each other, we may thank Him for lavishing such love upon us, make time for this to be a Holy Week for you.

Sat 23rd March 2024	Lent Feria	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Thanksgiving
Sun 24th March 2024	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10.00AM 18.00PM	Den Harries RIP, Derek and Declan Larkin RIP John O'Byrne
Mon 25th March 2024	Monday of Holy Week	10.00AM <u>19.30PM</u>	UCM Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue 26th March 2024	Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00AM 19.00PM	Armando Mascarenthas For Peace
Wed 27th March 2024	Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00AM 19.00PM	For all the unwell in the Parish All Parishioners
Thurs 28th March 2024	Mass of the Lords Supper	19.00PM	Evening Mass of the Lords Supper followed by the Altar of Repose to Midnight.
Fri 29th March 2024	Good Friday	15.00PM 19.00PM	The Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
Sat 30th March 2024	Holy Saturday	20.00PM	The Easter Vigil Mass

This week's Gospel – Mark 14:1-15:47
'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark'

Please follow in the Palm Sunday booklet, your Missal or on the Universalis App.

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Penitential Service for Easter

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Monday 25th March 6-7:30PM with Mass at 7:30PM

We have all made a special effort for Lent with Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and an acknowledgement of our need to grow closer to God and to one another. We have become more aware of Jesus' passionate love in giving up his life for us and His doing of the will of the Father. As we draw towards our celebration of Easter may we be strengthened in our passionate love towards Jesus and one another. We can deepen our closeness to Jesus by availing of the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions can be heard by Fr Aji and Cannon Gerry on Monday between 12noon and 1PM, with our parishes working closer together there will be a Penitential Service at 6PM with Canon Gerry Murray from Sacred Heart & English Martyrs, Fr Arul Samy from Our Lady and St. Wulstan, Fr George Puthoor and Fr Aji Alphonse from St. Maries. All are welcome no matter how long since your last confession.

Children's Liturgy

There will be children's Liturgy on Good Friday. This will not be announced in Church in the usual way as this is a solemn service, so please can we ask that children either make their own way to the hall or be dropped off before entering the church. The children will return in time for the veneration of the cross. We have decided to add this liturgy as we appreciate that it is a long service and the children's liturgy may benefit their understanding and growth in faith.

Rite of Renewal for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

On Maundy Thursday all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to attend The Mass of the Lord's supper at 7PM where the renewal of vows will take place, this has been changed to this date to allow for greater attendance of the ministers. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: there will be a parish collection after The Lord's Passion Service on Good Friday for all Catholic Churches in the Holy Land. Please, help them survive this difficult time of war and anxiety.

Institute of Charity Offering Envelopes: IOC envelopes are available from the porch for personal offerings or gift at Easter to continue their missionary work and for the retired clergy. Please only use these envelopes if you are able to gift aid the donation to minimise wastage of envelopes.

Please pray for Fr John Daley IC who passed away on the 10th March in the parish of St. Josephs his home for the last 23 years. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 11th April at 11AM at St. Josephs, Leicester. May his soul rest in peace.

UCM

The next meeting is Monday 25th March after the 10AM Mass. We welcome Mrs Anne O'Callaghan as our new president, if you would like to join the UCM please join us at this meeting. Our charity for this year is our church, we will start with a cake sale after Easter Sunday 10AM Mass. There are also raffle tickets sold at the back of church for an Easter Simnal Cake, please put your money inside the envelope with your name and number outside the envelope and pop into the collections box. Thank you

Parish Choir

The choir with our Organist leads the 10AM Mass on Sundays which we are most grateful for. As we head towards Holy Week, where the choir will be involved in almost every aspect, now is a great time to join if you have ever been interested. The choir are a friendly group of all ages, and accept people of any age and experience. If interested, pop up to the choir loft after Mass when they practice or ask for more information from the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Sunday

We will have a 9day Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for the Feast of Devine Mercy, there will be a Service on Sunday 7th April at 2.45PM followed by refreshments for the Feast.

Monday of Holy Week - Adoration 9AM-6PM, Confessions 12Noon-1PM, Reconciliation Service 6-7:30PM

Maundy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM, followed by the Altar of Repose until midnight

Good Friday – Passion of the Lord 3PM, Stations of the Cross 7PM

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil 8PM

Easter Sunday – Solemn Dawn Mass 8AM, Mass of the Resurrection 10AM

Easter Monday – Morning Mass 10AM, No Adoration

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Griffin, Georgina Nourse, Fr John Daley IC

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Mary Smyth, Roy Williams, Derek Larkin, Beatrice Potter, Janina Machnik, Christopher Smith, Ann Bailie, Elizabeth O'Driscoll, Theresa Payne, Annabelle White, Patrick Moyney, John Maloney, Teresa Sharp, Cicely Friel, Teodor Solowij,

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock

Chrism Mass - Wednesday of Holy Week

The Annual Chrism Mass takes place at St Chad's Cathedral on **Wednesday 27 March** at 11.30am. At this Mass, the priests of our Archdiocese and all priests working in the Archdiocese gather with the Archbishop to renew their priestly promises. It is the Mass at which the oils for use in the Sacraments for the coming year are blessed and the oil of Chrism is consecrated. Although space in the Cathedral is limited, everybody is welcome. If you prefer, why not join on the Cathedral live stream and pray for your priests and bishops on this special day. We pray also for those who will receive the Sacraments in the year ahead.

HOLY COMMUNION:

If you are not a Roman Catholic, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Please cross your arms across your chest in order to receive a blessing. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of unity in the faith. Communion is not bread and wine, but the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for true unity among all Christians, as God wills.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

A gentle reminder that as the Eucharistic Minister makes their way to the Choir Loft they are carrying the Body of Christ, it is respectful to step aside and bow.

Rite of Initiation into the Catholic Church

We welcome Alex, Anne, Ben, Bill and James into the Catholic Faith this coming Saturday at the Easter Vigil 8PM. The parish welcomes each one of you as you embark on a special journey of faith, it will serve as a lifelong guide for your spiritual path. We experience a genuine period of growth and fortitude throughout Lent as the Church journeys towards her heavenly home and all of you are bringing individual gifts that will play a huge role in the parish and the church's life and mission. Your path begins with Jesus, and you will spend the rest of your life focusing on Him. He is the one who has been calling you. Remind yourself that He is constantly there and filled with love, even in moments when you feel like straying. Join us in discovering new joy and life in the living Christ. May God bless each one of you, your families, and your sponsors.

Corpus Christi Procession

As we move to the final stages of planning with the council and Rugby First we are looking for volunteers to now step forward for some of the roles, organisation on the evening, first aiders etc. If you are able to help please write your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of Church or speak with Jimmie for more information on the support needed at this stage. Thank you.

Parish Lenten Retreat

We would like to thank Fr Ted Mullen IC for his relaxing but most thought provoking retreat that he provided in Hibberts Hall. All that attended said how much they enjoyed the morning and was a positive way for them to begin Holy Week. Thank you to those who took the opportunity out to attend and reflect.

Altar Servers Retreat

Last Saturday the Altar Servers had a day of retreat where we were warmly welcomed by Fr Teddy O'Brien at St. Annes in Wappenbury. We thank the Altar Servers for their commitment to serving and for attending on the day and to you their parents for supporting their ministry. The day started with getting to know each other as we had servers from Saturday evening, Sunday mornings and Sunday Evenings and therefore do not always get to see each other. We then celebrated Mass together in the Church. After lunch we reflected on Prayer and how we Pray before Eucharistic Adoration. The day finished with a video from Fr Pat explaining the significance of Altar Servers and Unveiling this Sacred Role; Altar Servers assist in the Proclamation of the Miracle that's taking place in the Sanctuary, they are not merely just being helpful on the Altar, they are an integral part of the Proclamation of the Miracle.



Good Friday Walk of Witness

Birmingham - 10AM starting at The Church at Carrs Lane, finishing at St Chad's Cathedral.
Rugby - 10AM starting at Rugby Baptists, Regent Street and finishing at St Andrews.
All are welcome to attend at either location.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Deputy Diocesan Solicitor Vacancy

Permanent/Part-time (21 hours per week) Salary range: £45,000 to £55,000 fte p.a. plus benefits, hybrid remote working. The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced Deputy Diocesan Solicitor to support the Diocesan Solicitor in providing high quality legal advice to the trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust, colleagues, and clergy. The work will from the outset include general property work, particularly title investigation, advice on property issues and queries, agreements relating to property and property transactions. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by 8 April 2024. Shortlisting: 8 April 2024 Interviews: TBC w/c 15 April 2024 for more info then please visit

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Administration Support Officer

Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) Salary range: £21,000 to £25,000 fte p.a. plus benefits, hybrid remote working. The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced Administration Support Officer for our Safeguarding Team, which is based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. The post holder will support the work of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust's Safeguarding Team by providing general administrative support. For an informal discussion about this role please call Claire Reay, Head of Safeguarding on 0121 230 6240. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by Monday 8th April 2024. Shortlisting: 9th April 2024 Interviews: TBC w/c 15th April 2004 for more info then please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Christian film at Daventry cinema in Holy Week Cabrini (12A) is at Daventry's Arc cinema

Mon. 25th March until Thurs. 28th March: daily at 4pm
Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant and Catholic Missionary Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen. An Angel Studios release who made The Chosen. For the trailer and to book, visit:

www.daventry.arccinema.co.uk

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage

On the evening of the 21st of August 1879, a heavenly Apparition occurred at the gable wall of the Parish Church when Our Lady appeared, in the company of St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist.

Anyone who would like to join a small group of parishioners, for a visit to Knock Shrine in the West of Ireland, is invited to a meeting with Elaine Jeffrey (a native of Knock). The meeting will be in the Coach House, after 10 am Mass on 5th April to discuss, dates, duration, accommodation, flights etc. if you are unable to make the meeting, and are interested, please phone Elaine, on 01788 541513 after 5th April.



St. Patrick's Day

It was great to see the hall full last Sunday to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick and you all joining in with the singing and fun. Thank you to Virginia for organising the music and to Kelly and Louise for organising the event and all the food etc. in the hall. They have donated £330 to the Church from the proceeds from the day. Thanks again to you all for making it a special day with parishioners coming together.



Stations of the Cross - Good Friday at 7PM

One of the beautiful Lenten disciplines we undertake is praying the Stations of the Cross.

St Francis of Assisi, at the time when pilgrims were unable to go to the Holy Land because of the Crusades, was the first person we know of to encourage a prayer procession using a sequence of scenes from the passion and death of Christ. In the 18th century St Alphonsus of Liguori composed a set of reflections and prayers based on a set of 14 stations. The Way of the Cross will be on Good Friday at 7PM, walking the way of the cross means honoring Jesus' sacrifice. Seeing the horror of Jesus' suffering reminds us of something wonderful: how much He loves us. Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person that would ever live, and so the Stations of the Cross remind us of how much we are loved. If you have not attended this Lent, maybe you could find the time this Friday before Easter.

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