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#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 1st/2nd APRIL 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Palm (Passion) Sunday the liturgy sets before us, the great events of Holy Week – betrayal, the suffering, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We listen today to the drama of the Lord's Passion as given to us in St Matthew's Gospel. But let us not forget the message from the first reading, Isaiah 50, depicting the suffering servant, Jesus who suffered on our behalf.

We have the beautiful words written by St Paul to the people of Philippi from his prison cell in Rome. That new Christian community in Philippi, tormented by internal disputes and resistance from outsiders are reminded, as we are too, that Christ our Saviour suffered humiliation and therefore was raised to new life so that we could live that same new life.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave ... Therefore God raised him high...

Let us listen with attention to the drama of the Passion and with gratitude to God for sending his Son, Jesus to be our advocate, saving us from sin and eternal death. Jesus enters Jerusalem with shouts of welcome – it was those very same voices who chanted 'crucify him, crucify him' some days later. The Gospel challenges us to think of our Christian lives and how we face our commitment to living out its message.

**PASSOVER MEAL:** Our Passover Meal took place last Wednesday evening, with several parishioners taking part. Many thanks, to our caterers and those who have helped in the preparation.

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM:** On **Holy Thursday** we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We spend time watching at the altar of repose remembering Jesus' suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane.

**Good Friday**: We pray the Stations of the Cross in the morning. At 3pm, we join Christians throughout the world, commemorating the Passion of Jesus and his death on Calvary.

**Around the Cross:** There is an hour of prayer in the evening, at 4pm around the Cross, remembering Christ in the tomb.

All is still until we celebrate the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday** evening we baptise and welcome new members into our Church; the blessing of the Easter fire and the Mass of the Resurrection.

(You might like to bring your Holy Water bottle to be replenished with Easter Water).

This Holy Week is a time of blessing, let us pray that we can make the most of this special time. Please make sure to have a copy of the timetable for the Holy Week ceremonies and tell others too.

HOSANNA in the highest!

Have a Blessed Holy Week. God bless. Fr Joe

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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

#### PARISH ACTIVITY -TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass

#### **HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE**

Sat, 1st April, 6pm Mass Passion / Palm Sunday

Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> April,

9 am

11am Mass

Tue, 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Chrism Mass** (Westminster Cathedral)

12noon

Thu, 6<sup>th</sup> April **HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY** 

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7pm

With Altar of Repose - Watching before the Blessed

Sacrament until 9pm

Fri, 7<sup>th</sup> April **GOOD FRIDAY** 

11am **Stations of the Cross** 

Liturgy of the Passion of Jesus Christ 3pm

4pm to 5pm Meditation around the Cross

Sat, 8th April **HOLY SATURDAY** 

12noon Blessing of Easter food according to Polish tradition

SOBOTA ŚWIĘTA: Święcenie pokarmów, po

angielsku, ale według polskiej tradycji, odbedzie sie w tym kościele (St John Vianney's) w Wielka Sobote

(8 kwietnia) o godz 12.00

**Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection** 7pm

Sun, 9<sup>th</sup> April **EASTER SUNDAY** 

Mass of the Resurrection 9am Mass of the Resurrection 11am

**HOLY WATER:** Please bring your Holy Water bottle to be replenished with Easter Water.

### OLIVE WOOD CARVES FROM THE HOLYLAND

Chris of the are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) would like to thank the parishioners who purchased items last Sunday.

The total sales came to

Thanks for your support!

#### **LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome! Next session **4<sup>th</sup> April**, 2023

### INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# PLANNING GIVING & GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2023-2024 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

We thank all those who support our parish through the weekly offerings, offertory envelopes and Standing Orders.

This weekend and over the next three weeks, we will be giving out the envelopes for your offertory donations **from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

On collection of your envelopes, please give an update of change of address or whether or not you pay tax.

New members are welcome to join the Gift Aid - Planned Giving Scheme – register at the back of the church.

If you are an Income Tax Payer and not on Gift Aid please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration; as a registered charity, your offertory contributions increase this gift by 25p for each £1 given, if your annual income tax is more that the tax we will reclaim. An additional source of income to the parish at no added cost to you.

If you no longer pay tax please contact Germaine. Thank You!

### CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER:

We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the Church for Holy Week and Easter.

If you can help, please come along and join us

### after the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

We would need a couple of men to help the ladies. Thank you.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you very much for your generosity in supporting the 10 mile walk for the Royal London Hospital.

The total raised was £8,527. Una Daly

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> plus wedding anniversaries of Catholic marriage in 2023 are invited to the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2:30pm.

Couples celebrating their significant wedding anniversary are ask to contact the parish office with

their names, wedding date, full postal address and email address if they have one (or, if not, a telephone number).

Deadline 1st April 2023.

#### TOTTENHAM REFUGEE ALLIANCE,

has Home Office approval to bring a refugee family to resettle in Haringey under their Community Sponsorship Programme. It's one of the few safe, legal routes for refugees to enter the UK in the hostile environment and facing the illegal Migration Bill. We have been struggling for a year now trying to find suitable and affordable housing to rent for a refugee family. If you know a sympathetic landlord or think you could help us find one, please contact us on

housing@tottenhamrefugees.org.uk
Thank you! Please share

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

The repose of the souls of

#### **Bernadette Stapleton, RIP**

[widow of the late Anthony Stapleton mother of Katherine]

Funeral Mass on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am

#### **Ernest Carrott, RIP**

[father of Ernest Jr]
Funeral Mass on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am

We remember their families and friends in our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

#### **MASS TIMES**

Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

#### **ROSARY**

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays after Mass

#### **NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER SUNDAY**

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Psalm: Psalm 117

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

#### **PARISH TEAM**

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR The repose of the soul:

Bernadette Stapleton [mother of Katherine]
Ernest Carrott Sr [father of Ernest Jr]
Pietro Todesco [husband of Giovanna]
Mary O'Neill [sister of Gabriel]
Joy Dean of Christ Church
Peggy Egan
Joe Burke
Antonio Fiore
Severino Malata Jr
Malachy Cavanagh
John Danaher
Peter Stone

#### **RIP Anniversary**

Kathleen Tiernan
Frank Neary
Ambrose Cymbert Phillip
James Darcy
Anna Ciofi Larotonda
Patrick Aversano Gil
Diamund McDonagh
Mary Maher
Mary Sears
John Murphie

#### **Special Intentions:**

Paz [Beatrice's mother] Birthday Christina Danaher Josie Stone

#### And for the sick and those in our parish

Eduardo	Helen
Ivy	John T
Kathy F	Kim
Laura	Lenora
Merle	Michael J
Monica	Patricia
Pantaleone	Phil
Pierina	Rose
Sheila	Veronica

NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm To make an appointment Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

We cannot guarantee to have anyone available outside of these hours.