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PASSION SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS



HOSANNA TO CRUCIFY HIM!

'Behold your King comes! Riding on a donkey!' The King on a beast of burden, for He carries the burden of the sin of the world, of the inhumanity that children of God are capable of. The donkey, the impure animal carrying the holiest of all our brothers and sisters - but a holiness that refuses to protect itself in sacred aura, but rather dives into the world of the impure to bring a love that purifies and cleanses.

They acclaim Him with Royal title - 'Son of David' and greet him with the ancient Battle cry - 'Hosanna!' as He rides towards the greatest of battles and the strangest of victories: the battle against hate and brutality, sin and unforgiveness; the Victory of Life over Death, Peace over Violence. He rides towards the Drama that will see Unconquerable Love born forever among us from the wounded lance-opened side of the Servant King enthroned upon the wood of the Cross and crowned with the thorns of the world's pain. These Palms of Victory that carry the scent of pain and death - for Life!

- SUNDAY:** ***PARISH MASS with Solemn Procession of Palms at 10.00am (begins at school)***
Solemn Stations of the Cross for Victims & Survivors of Abuse at 1.30pm
- MONDAY:** ***Adoration*** at 8.15am ***Morning Prayer*** at 8.45am ***Mass*** at 9.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.45-10.15am
- TUESDAY:** ***Adoration*** at 5.30pm ***Evening Mass for Refugees*** at 6.00pm,
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.45-7.15pm

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WEDNESDAY: Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.15-9.45am**MASS OF THE CHRISM** at 11.00am (Clifton Cathedral) - all invited**Adoration** at 6.30pm. **Evening Mass for Peace in Middle East** at 7.00pm**Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.45-8.15pm** (St Nicks)+++ *The Sacred Triduum* +++**MAUNDY THURSDAY: **Tenebrae Morning Prayer** at 9.00am.****MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER** at 7.00pm.*This beautiful Liturgy includes:**the Reception of the Holy Oils that were consecrated at the Cathedral Chrism Mass;
the Mandatum (or the celebration of the Servant Christ washing the feet of his disciples);
the Procession to the Altar of Repose, and Gethsemane Watching with Jesus until midnight.***"COME WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR":** *~watching with love for Him who is all love!**Rosary for Peace ... approx 10.30pm**Night Prayer of the Church ... 11.45pm***GOOD FRIDAY: **[Day of Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence]******Tenebrae Morning Prayer** at 9.00am.**GOOD FRIDAY UNITED OPEN-AIR WAY OF THE CROSS***Begins with at St Nicks at 11.00am, walks up Stapleton Road and Fishponds Road, concluding at Eastville Park around 1.00pm. We walk with Cross as witnesses to Christ's sacrificing love through our local community, praying for the needs of this community.***SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION** at 3.00pm*This meditative and moving Liturgy includes the Proclamation of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Solemn Intercessions, and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.***Prayer around the Cross** at 7.00pm.*Come for a little while quietly around the Cross, pondering this great mystery of Love and remembering Jesus as he is taken down from the Cross and laid in a borrowed Tomb***HOLY SATURDAY: **'Tenebrae' Morning Prayer** at 9.30am.***Today, we wait in stillness by the Tomb of Christ, the Crucified God. The Church celebrates no Sacraments, but holds a silent, mournful but hope-filled vigil at the tomb, waiting for death to explode into life with the dawn of Easter. Come and pray awhile waiting with love for the Divine Lover to wake from Sabbath rest and liberate the captive slaves of death as it's power is destroyed.*+++ ***The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*** +++**HOLY SATURDAY: **THE VIGIL MASS OF EASTER** at 9.00pm.***This is the greatest Mass of the year, one for which we prepare most especially, throughout Lent. We keep vigil into the dark hours of the night, opening ourselves in prayer, Word and song to the Rising of the Light of Christ's Resurrection Glory. Every shadow of death scattered! Every member of our parish family should be a part of the great Vigil Mass. Let us fill the church! During our Vigil, we have the joy of celebrating the Baptism of Molly, Yassin and Issa, the Reception into Full Communion of Beryl and David and the Confirmation of Molly, Beryl and David. We also renew our Baptismal Commitment to Christ, affirming our faith in the Gospel of Life and limitless love; decide afresh to be a community of faith and proclamation.**There is an Agape after the Easter Vigil: please bring some food to share - I will look after the liquids! Please bring your offering of food to the Parish Hall before the Vigil begins. [The Vigil Mass fulfils your Easter obligation, but you are warmly invited also to the Easter Morning Mass, a very different Liturgy]***EASTER DAY: **SOLEMN DAY MASS OF EASTER******with Child Baptisms** at 10.00am**PSALM RESPONSE: 'MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?'**

EASTER MONDAY: *Adoration at 9.15am. Morning Prayer at 9.45am. Mass at 10.00am*

PLEASE NOTE: IN THE ANCIENT TRADITION OF THE CHURCH, RECONCILIATION WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED AFTER THE WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Catharine, Frome and St Dominic, Mells, served by Canon Richard Dwyer, Deacon David Brinn, Parish Administrator Anna Pang and both their communities. We pray also for Bishop Crispian Hollis, emeritus Bishop of Portsmouth who lives within the parish.

TODAY: [1] **HOLY WEEK BEGINS with the Celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday** - we begin the great drama of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will bless and process with Palms - the ancient sign of victory, hailing a King, who will win our victory by embracing the failure of the Cross. We welcome our King who will be enthroned on the wood of the Cross, crowned only with thorns and whose death becomes our Life.

[2] **Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross** at 1.30pm. Please come and pray in solidarity with the world's suffering in this journey with the Christ of today's Calvaries. We will be praying for the victims and survivors of Child Abuse, especially for those whose abuse was perpetrated by clergy and religious.

NEXT SUNDAY: **EASTER SUNDAY!!** We celebrate the incomparable joy of Love's victory over hatred, Life's victory over death, Light's victory over all darkness, Holiness' victory over sin. The Spirit raises the dead Jesus into our Risen Living and Life-giving Lord. As we celebrate with such joy the rebirth in Christ of a number of our child catechumens on Easter morning, we too renew the promises of our baptism and commit ourselves to serving the Kingdom, living the Resurrection and being Good News to the Poor of the world.

EASTER OFFERINGS: This Easter Collection is your personal contribution to the annual 'wage' of your parish priest, together with the Christmas Offerings. Envelopes are available at the door ... thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK Will parents of all Altar Servers please ensure their sons and daughters arrive on time for each practice - thank you!

Saturday 13th April at 10am for Palm Sunday

Thursday 18th April at 10am for Holy Thursday

Friday 19th April at 10am for Good Friday

Saturday 20th April at 10.30am for Easter Vigil

These practices are essential for all and I ask parents please to ensure your daughter/son arrives promptly. Each practice will be an hour or less. Thank you.

WORD OF GOD FOR THE HOLY WEEK LITURGY

Sunday	Luke 19: 28-40 / Isaiah 50: 4-7 / Psalm 21 / Phil 2: 6-11 / Luke 22: 114-23: 56
Monday	Isaiah 42: 1-7 / Psalm 27 / John 12: 1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49: 1-6 / Psalm 70 / John 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50: 4-9 / Psalm 68 / Matthew 26: 14-25
Thursday	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14 / Psalm 115 / 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 / John 13: 1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12 / Ps 30 / Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 / John 18: 1-19: 42
Saturday	the Vigil Readings

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Env: £205.19 + Loose: £442.61 + S/O £90.58 = TOTAL £738.38 - Thank you

CAFOD Lenten Fast £493.00 **CAFOD Cyclone Emergency** £383.07

Covenant with the Poor £12.50 **Project 170** £25.41 - many thanks

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EASTER FLOWERS: Donations of money towards flowers will be gratefully received, to help decorate the Hall for Easter (& at other times). Please see Minette. Thank you. **There is a Retiring Collection for Church Flowers - thank you!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14th April **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**
Mass begins at School with Procession of the Palms at 10.00am
- 17th April Mass of the Chrism at 11.00am (Clifton Cathedral)
- 18th April **HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm**
followed by Watching until midnight
- 19th April **GOOD FRIDAY** - **United Open Air Stations of the Cross at 11.00am**
 - **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm**
 - **Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.00pm**
- 20th April **HOLY SATURDAY** **Great Easter Vigil at 9.00pm**
- 21st April **EASTER SUNDAY** **Solemn Mass of Easter at 10.00am**
- 24th April Eucharist Programme resumes (with Parents meeting) 4pm at Assisi Centre
- 24th April Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm (Assisi Centre)
- 25th April Parish Finance Committee in Presbytery at 7.00pm
- 28th April Senior Citizens Mass with Sacrament of Anointing at 3.00pm
- 4th May Borderlands Fundraising Organ Concert at Clifton Cathedral at 7.30pm
- 11th May A Day of Prayer with Mary, Mother of the Poor 10am to 4pm St Nicks
- 16th May LBGT+ Ministry and Mass at 3.00pm
- 25th May A Retreat Day led by Little Sisters of Jesus on charism of Bl. Charles de Foucauld

JOURNEY OF FAITH Our next meeting is on **Friday 26th April** at 6.30pm. **We will share and explore the experience of Holy Week with our new sisters and brother.**

BISHOP DECLAN INVITES US ALL TO SHARE IN THE MASS OF THE CHRISM

Come and celebrate with our diocese this special Mass to renew our commitment to Ministry and Mission and to consecrate the Holy Oils used to bring God's Healing and Liberating love to the world. Because of 170 Anniversary year five of our parishioners will be carrying the Oil of Chrism for consecration during the Mass - 11.00am Weds 17th April - do come!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES Please be especially generous to this collection, supporting both the Holy Places and the beleaguered Christians of the Holy Land and the Middle East, supporting the many refugees fleeing the terror and civil war

DAY WITH MARY, MOTHER OF THE POOR, PROPHET OF JUSTICE As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer, we will hold a special **Day of Prayer with Mary on Saturday 11th May**, beginning with Morning Prayer at 10.00am, teaching on the Mary we find in the Scriptures, the Rosary, Adoration and Mass with Anointing for Healing. The Day will conclude at 4.00pm. Bring food to share for lunch together.

BORDERLANDS FUNDRAISING ORGAN CONCERT - Saturday May 4th at 7.30pm

Our Borderlands Charity is holding a spring fundraising concert in Clifton Cathedral. Accomplished Organist Joachim Schwander will be leading us on an exciting journey, with a recital titled 'From the Bachs to the Archers'. This is a fundraising concert to raise money for our projects supporting asylum seekers and refugees. More info here: <https://www.borderlands.uk.com/> Entrance free, but a donation on the door. The event is free for Borderlands asylum seeker and refugee members. To come, to give organisers some idea of numbers - thank you! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/borderlands-fundraising-concert-with-joachim-schwander-tickets-59373001245>

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