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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 *of the Passion* at 10.00am. (*live-streamed on Parish Facebook*)  
Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm (*live-streamed on Parish Facebook*)

**MONDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Facebook at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass on Face Book at 6.00pm

**PSALM RESPONSE: 'MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?'**

**WEDNESDAY:** Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
Streamed Mass for Peace in the Middle East on Face Book at 6.00pm

+++ *The Sacred Triduum* +++

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Morning Prayer & Talk at 10.30am (live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

**MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER** at 7.00pm

**"COME WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR":** *~watching with love for Him who is all love!*

**Please observe if possible an hour of prayer - let us pray the Rosary together (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) at 10.30pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY:** ***[Day of Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence]***

**Stations of the Cross at 10.30am (live-streamed on Parish Facebook)**

**SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) at 3pm.**

*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 (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) 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:** **Morning Prayer of Waiting at the Tomb (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) at 10.30am.**

*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 its power is destroyed.*

+++ ***The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*** +++

**HOLY SATURDAY:** **THE VIGIL MASS OF EASTER (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) 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! We 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. As we are surrounded by death during this pandemic and as many people's fears are growing, we need the message of Life transcending death, death being the 'birth-passage' into the fulness of our life - the message of Easter!*

**EASTER DAY:** **SOLEMN DAY MASS OF EASTER (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) at 10.00am**

**EASTER MONDAY:** **Talk and Prayer reflection at 10.30am. Mass at 6.00pm. (both live-streamed on Parish Facebook)**

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**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhelm, Malmesbury and St Michael, Tetbury, served by Fr Philip Thomas, Fr Thomas Kulandaisamy MSFS, Deacon Steve Broughton, Parish Administrator Mrs Elaine Wright and all their communities.

**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 hail Jesus, our Servant 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 6.00pm. Please join us on the Parish Facebook page 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 our rebirth in Christ, we 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. **How important it is to celebrate unconquerable Life this Easter as so many are gripped by fear and surrounded by death. How important it is to prayer for our Health workers risking their own health to give life and to care for the dying. This strange Easter indeeds invites us to plumb the depth of Resurrection's meaning for our lives and discover a new freedom in Christ.**

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** This Collection is your contribution to the annual 'wage' of your parish priest, together with the Christmas Offerings. Please try to make your contribution at this time when we cannot gather for Mass. **Parish bank details available on request.**

**WORD OF GOD FOR THE HOLY WEEK LITURGY**

**Sunday** Matthew 21: 1-11 / Isaiah 50: 4-7 / Psalm 21 / Phil 2: 6-11/ Matthew 26: 14-27: 66  
**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**

22/03/2020 Env: £180.00 + Loose: £320.00 + S/O £90.58 = TOTAL £590.58 - Thank you

29/03/2020 Env: £100.00 + Loose: £0.00 + S/O £90.58 = TOTAL £190.58 - Thank you

**Foodbank donation £30.00**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

5th April **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**  
 9th April **Maundy Thursday - Streamed Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm**  
 10th April **Good Friday - Streamed Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm**  
 11th March **EASTER VIGIL MASS streamed at 9.00pm**  
 12th March **Streamed MASS OF EASTER DAY at 10am**  
 19th April **Low Sunday Mass streamed at 10am**

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**DAILY MASS AND TIMES OF REFLECTION BROADCAST ON FACEBOOK** It is especially important for you to join us and thereby the whole global Church during this Holy Week to celebrate together as best we can the Mysteries of our Salvation won for by the Passover of Jesus. You can see the times of live-streaming for Mass and the great Liturgies at the beginning of this Holy Week Newsletter. Try to join your community in Spiritual Communion, reflecting on the Scriptures, praising God and interceding for our world in these crisis days. In these times of severely restricted movement and activity, use some of that time to deepen your faith and your understanding of the Scriptures. Resources are posted on our Parish Website: [www.tolentino.org.uk](http://www.tolentino.org.uk) and Mass and other prayer and reflections are broadcast on the parish facebook page: [St Nicholas of Tolentino RC Church Bristol](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasofTolentinoRCChurchBristol). ***We had 450 to 650 viewings of the last two Sunday's Masses and between 150 and 250 for our weekday Masses!*** Thank God we can reach out to so many during this time of isolation.

**PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUES** [1] **The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday, 10am to 1.00pm on Good Friday and Saturday 10am-12noon** so that our ministry of care and support, especially for the poorest who need our Food Bank and Caritas Fund, can continue. Please phone the parish office (0117-9090419) during these times or myself at the presbytery (0117-9098810 – at any reasonable time) with your questions, concerns or need for any kind of support.

[2] **The Parish Office and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will co-ordinate care and support** for those who are in isolation or are vulnerable in any way. We must care for one another as well as pray for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support (telephone no above)

[3] Apologies, but a word about **Parish Finance!** We are experiencing a marked increase of calls on our Caritas Fund and Foodbank as the health crisis increases and many more people find themselves with little or no income. We are committed to meet this need as far as we possibly can – as Pope Francis says ‘we are the Church of the Poor, the Church for the Poor’. But we need your continued help and generosity! We are dependent upon our weekly collections but if no Public Mass there is problem! We ask you to continue your weekly offering: either by making a standing order to the parish account or filling in the Diocesan Standing Order and Gift Aid Form (email for details); or by giving you money offering and donations to the Food Bank to the Parish Office during Office hours.

[4] **Finally**, this is a Lent like no other – a call to walk with Jesus in the wilderness and in the emptiness and loss of the desert of this crisis to grow in love and deeper faith. This is **a call to prayer and care to a new sacrificial level. May the Holy Spirit lead us and empower our prayer and care for one another.**

**CAFOD LENTEN FASTS** This virus is a global threat - and CAFOD (a member of ‘Caritas International’) is part of the world-wide Church’s global response. Please do not forget to support CAFOD’s work in sacred communion with the world’s poorest by giving generously for development and aid, bringing more justice & equality to our world! Send your contribution direct to CAFOD or place them in the CAFOD envelopes, and drop them through the Parish Office or Presbytery letter box along with your normal parish offering. **Thanks!**

**FOODBANK - UPDATE** We have been providing food to at least 80 people each day. Thank you to those organisations that are providing us with fresh food - meat, vegetable and fruit (especially Fareshare and the Wild Goose Café) - but we do need more non-perishable items. **Pasta, tins of meat, soup, fish, fruit, vegetables, rice pudding, custard, jars of coffee. Also squashes and fruit drinks. Bars of chocolate and chocolate biscuits are also very popular.** - THANK YOU FOR SO MANY GENEROUS DONATIONS!

**PARISH MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR** This week we pray for our Maintenance Team, caring for the cleaning and upkeep of the Church and its surrounds, led by Andrew - thank you!

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