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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 Website](#))

MONDAY: *Adoration* at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Adoration* at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: Mass of the Chrism at 11.00am (live-streamed on Cathedral website)
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass for Peace (with General Absolution) at 6.30pm

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

+++ *The Sacred Triduum* +++

HOLY THURSDAY: **Tenebrae Prayer** at 9.30am (live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER at 7.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

“COME WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR”: *watching with love for Him who is all love! Please note there can be no ‘Watching’ in the church this year - but you are asked to join in Watching from the Presbytery Prayer Room from 9.30pm to 11.30pm. (live-streamed on the Parish Facebook) observing if possible an hour of prayer - let us pray the Rosary together (live-streamed from Presbytery on Parish Facebook) at 10.00pm and the Night Prayer of the Church at 11.15pm.*

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

Tenebrae Morning Prayer at 9.30am (live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION (live-streamed on Parish Website) at 3pm

This meditative and moving Liturgy includes the Proclamation of the Passion, a form of Veneration of the Cross, Solemn Intercessions, and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.

Prayer around the Cross (live-streamed on Parish Facebook) at 7.00pm

This will be led from the Presbytery Prayer Room - share with us (through the Parish Facebook) for a time spent 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 (live-streamed on Parish Facebook)

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. Join us in the Presbytery Prayer Room through the Parish Facebook 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** at 9.00pm

(live-streamed on Parish Website)

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** at 10.00am

(live-streamed on Parish Website)

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th March **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**
 29th March Vaccination Clinic in St Nicks Church all day
 31st March Borderlands Trustees meeting at 2.00pm (Zoom)
 1st April **MAUNDY THURSDAY - Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm**
 2nd April **GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fast and Abstinence)**
 3rd April **GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS at 9.00pm**
 4th April **EASTER SUNDAY - Baptismal Sunday**
 6th April Parish Finance Committee meets (on Zoom)
 7th April Diocesan Safeguarding meeting (on Teams)
 8th April Parish Pastoral Council meeting (on Zoom)
 8th April First Meeting of First Eucharist Programme for children and parents (4.00pm)

FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME 2021 BEGINS Now our children have returned to teaching in school, we can begin the First Eucharist Preparation Programme for 2021. The start has been delayed because of Covid restrictions, but at last we can begin. We have had our first meeting with parents (on Zoom), and now the Programme begins for the children on **Thursday 8th April at 4.00pm in the church. Each session will be one hour so please collect your children at 5.00pm - thank you. The First Eucharist Sunday will be on 18th July at 10am Mass.**

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 in the basket with your normal Sunday Offertory, or through the Parish Office or Presbytery letter box.

TALKING AND LISTENING GROUP - the group runs every Tuesday from 4.00pm to 5.30pm and offers a safe place for people to come and talk about the issues which are effecting them and listen to others. The group supports those with low mood, lack of self-esteem and anxiety as well as those struggling with, for example, bereavement, isolation, guilt, serious illness and relationship issues. One to one sessions over the phone or social media are available. Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Robert on 07767 706 163 or robertvh@hotmail.co.uk. Or, just come along.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE ASSISI CENTRE (Ground Floor) BEGINS The work began on Monday as contractors came on site and will continue for at least 14 weeks. It will mean some disruption. The Parish office has temporarily moved to the 'New Room' where normally we have the Children's liturgy of the Word (next to the main Lawfords Gate entrance); the Sacristy has moved temporarily to first 'side room' off the church where the 'Reconciliation Room' (or Confessional) is sited. **FOR THE DURATION OF THE WORK ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH IS NOW ONLY FROM PENNYWELL ROAD - NO ACCESS FROM LAWFORDS GATE.**

POST-PANDEMIC CHALLENGES It is clear that so many are struggling with physical and emotional exhaustion because of the Lockdown and especially serving the sick and vulnerable during this Public Health Crisis. Enforced isolation has worsened the mental health of so many people. How can we respond and develop our parish as 'God's Field Hospital'.

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