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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)*  
*Signed Mass with Catholic Handicapped Fellowship and*  
*the Catholic Deaf Association at 3.00pm all welcome*

**MONDAY:** *No Liturgy*

**TUESDAY:** *Adoration at 6.00pm Mass for Refugees & Peace in Ukraine at 6.30pm,*  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.15-7.45pm*

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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. **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 7.30pm*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 11.15am, walks up Stapleton Road and St Mark's Road, concluding at St Mark's Baptist Church 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 (live-streamed on Parish Website)*This meditative and moving Liturgy includes the Proclamation of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Solemn Intercessions, and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified. **This is the most important Service of the Day, so please prioritise attending the Liturgy of the Passion.*****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 its 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 Alifa's Baptism and the Confirmation of Alifa and Deborah. 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]***PSALM RESPONSE: 'MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?'**

**EASTER DAY: SOLEMN DAY MASS OF EASTER****with Child Baptisms** at 10.00am (live-streamed on Parish Website)**EASTER MONDAY: Adoration** at 9.30am **Mass** at 10.00am

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

**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] **Signed Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship and the Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm - all welcome

**NEXT SUNDAY:** **EASTER CELEBRATIONS!!** We celebrate the incomparable joy of Love's victory over hatred, Life's victory over death, Light's victory over all darkness, Holiness' victory of 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 Alifa during our Vigil Mass and 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.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of Christ the King, Amesbury, served by Fr Saji Mathew, and all their community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for the **Ministry of Healing Prayer**. Every parish is called to be 'God's field hospital', welcoming into a caring, listening and safe place, where the wounded and hurting can find healing, support and peace. It is the responsibility of the whole parish family to build such a community among us. We have a team of those who have been trained in praying healing with others who come to our healing Masses or at other times. We often pray healing and offer the Sacrament of Healing during our Thursday midday Mass. This ministry is co-ordinated by Fr Richard and Mary Hopper. If you wish to know more and/or help with this ministry please contact them.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** This Easter Collection (together with the Christmas Offerings) is your personal contribution to the annual 'wage' of your parish priest. Envelopes are available at the door - you can give through the digital card reader; thank you for your generosity.

**ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK** Would all Altar Servers please attend the following serving practices to prepare for the most important week of the year - Holy Week. Please arrive on time - thank you!

Thursday 6th April at 10.00am - for Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper

Friday 7th April at 10.00am - for Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday 8th April at 10.30am - for the Great Easter Vigil.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

G.A. Env £125.00 + Loose £196.71 + Card Reader £9.84 + S/O £165.88 = £497.43 - thanks!

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY £327.91 - still open, thank you!**

**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!**

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

2nd April	<b>PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b> Mass at 10am (beginning with procession of Palms at School)
5th April	Mass of the Chrism at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am
6th April	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm, followed by Watching until midnight
7th April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - DAY OF CRUCIFIXION</b> Walk of Witness & Way of the Cross at 11.00am (starts at St Nicks) <b>SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION at 3.00pm</b>
8th April	<b>THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL - WELCOMING THE RISEN CHRIST</b> <b>MASS OF THE VIGIL at 9.00pm</b>
9th April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!</b> <b>SOLEMN DAY MASS OF EASTER with Baptisms at 10.00am</b>
25th April	Parish Finance Committee at 7.15pm (via Zoom)
29th April	Joint Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and Legacy Group 9.30am-1.30pm (Assisi Centre)
11th May	Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council with Bishop Declan at 7.00pm (Assisi Ctr)
13th May	Lay Readers ('Proclaimer of the Word') Training Day 9.30am to 1.00pm
18th May	<b>Feast of the Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation</b>
4th June	Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday
11th June	Feast of Corpus Christi - First Eucharist Sunday

**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 - 11.00am Weds 4th April - do come!

**'PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD' - LAY READERS TRAINING DAY** This is a very important Ministry - people of faith and love for the Word of God, called to proclaim the life-giving Word to God's people at Mass. We are seeking to call more people to this Ministry, so if you are interested and have a love of the Scriptures, please let Richard or Reagan know. There will be a Training Day for **ALL LAY READERS ('PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD')** on Saturday May 13th from 9.30am, concluding with Mass at 12noon. Please keep this day and time free - thank you!

**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

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS RE-INTRODUCED POST-PANDEMIC** It is a great joy that we can resume from today receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice ('communion under both kinds') during our Mass. I encourage everyone 'to drink from Cup', but understand if some feel unable to do so (or receive by 'intincture') for health reasons. Do please read the leaflet issued by our bishops as the Cup is restored to us all.

**'LIGHT OF TRUTH' - a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith**

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| 1. How to talk about God                                 | Apr 20 |
| 2. How to talk about Jesus Christ                        | Apr 27 |
| 3. How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) | May 4  |
| 4. How to talk about the human person                    | May 11 |
| 5. How to talk about the Church                          | May 18 |

To sign up, parishioners need to click on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

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