



PALM SUNDAY
10th April 2022



We begin the holiest week in the Church's liturgical year! It is a time to enter deeply into the solemn events of the week leading up to Easter. The Tridium is ONE liturgical celebration beginning with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. There is no dismissal at the end of the liturgy. Good Friday is a celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death and the EASTER VIGIL begins in darkness and bursts into Easter light and joy, concluding with the Solemn Dismissal to Go in the peace of Christ. ALLELUIA

The Paschal Fast

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II has a remarkable little paragraph: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming heart."

This is a "paschal" fast, the Easter fast. The two words don't seem at first to go together at all. This is not the Lenten fast for that has ended as Lent ended before the evening liturgy of Holy Thursday. It is paschal, that is, "Passover" fasting that we are invited to do here. Something is being left behind. Something is beginning. And it sounds like a serious fast, not just a no-eating-between-meals sort of thing. It sounds serious because of what it is meant to accomplish: "a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming heart." Such a fast that has its good effects on mind and heart, as well as body, is a solemn and very infrequent undertaking.

What kind of a fasting is this? It is that kind of fast, the fast of excitement, the fast of being so full of what is to come that food is almost forgotten. A Friday and Saturday like that will give us hearts uplifted and ready to welcome the Vigil. The fasting is not only from food. Even more important may be the fasting from our normal work, the fasting from seeking ways to

be entertained, the fasting from anger and harsh words. In all of this is the way we pass the first two days of these Three Days. There are the liturgies on Holy Thursday night and Good Friday, but the special character of these days cannot be restricted to these more formal times. All the ways we fast bring us to the EASTER TRIDUUM, make it ours, let it shape our lives.

Mass Readings for Palm Sunday Year C
Procession - Luke 19:28-40 : "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."
First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7 : "The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22 : "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"
Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11 : "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."
Gospel - Luke 22:14-23:56 : "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left."

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Communities around the world celebrate The Lord's Passion in very different ways:

Procida, an island off the coast of Naples, sees a wooden statue of Christ, made by the Italian sculptor Carmine Lantriceni in 1728, paraded through its streets.

In Andalucia, men dress as jesters and torment Jesus as he is paraded through the streets carrying the cross. Penitents whip their own backs with bamboo during a re-enactment of the crucifixion in The Philippines.



SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

<u>Holy Thursday 14th April:</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
<u>Good Friday 15th April:</u> Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am Celebration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm <i>A day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>
<u>Easter Vigil 16th April:</u> begins at sunset at 8.30pm
<u>Easter Sunday 17th April:</u> at 8.30am & 10.30am

RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital
Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colete Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -

Sunday 26th April Holy Hour and confessions at 3pm

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter, was extended to the entire Catholic Church by St John Paul II in 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. There will be a holy hour in honour of Divine Mercy here in the church on Sunday 28th April at 3pm. There is a novena which begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. **Priests will be available to hear confessions during holy hour.**

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes for the next year will be available in Church from 20th March. If your circumstances have changed ie you no longer a taxpayer or you have become a taxpayer please speak to Catherine or Father Denis. Thank you for your continuing support.

Your Prayers are asked for:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish especially Celia Sheehan and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Joe Partridge and Dorrie Randal and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Teresa Casey; Patrick Bowen; Margaret Lee; Nuala Darling; Ivy Cesvette; Patrick Hearne; Arthur Dilley; Abina Taylor; Mary Knowd.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up and easy to stop, if you want to, when this difficult period has passed. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can write to, telephone or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or, of course, you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided. *Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic.*

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>

Sat 9 th	6.30 pm Vigil Mass	Bridie Noone
Sun 10 th	8.30am	Margaret Lee & All Deceased Lee Family
	10.30am	Dorrie Randall RIP
Mon 11 th	9.00am	
Tue 12 th	No mass	
Wed 13 th	10.00am	Joe Partridge RIP
Thu 14 th	10.00am	
Fri 15 th	No Mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday at 10am. Both are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: *Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury*

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE

The Celebrating Young People Awards honour the achievements of those truly remarkable young people who make our communities and our world a better place.

Nominated by anyone from friends and family to teachers and clergy, the winners are drawn from throughout England and Wales and reflect achievements in every area of social action. Their achievements will be an inspiration for us all. They will show us all how ordinary young people can do the most extraordinary things. Nominees can be ages 11 to 25 from anywhere in England and Wales and they should be doing something extraordinary.

<https://millionminutes.org/national-awards>

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT ACTION AID- UKRAINE.

The group is here to provide a single point of reference for our local community, where information can be found on what's needed and how get it to the people who need it fast and effectively. This will include accommodating refugees with volunteer families and individuals, as well as support for families, sponsors, schools and others involved, both in the short and longer term. We will have the latest government guidance, links to other charities and insight directly from Ukrainian members and contacts. We also want to provide support and information to enable displaced women and children from Ukraine to join our community for as long as is needed. Contacts: Facebook page Vivienne Reed 07815308124

LEFT OUT THIS WEEK - INCLUDE NEXT WEEK

VACANCY FOR NEW SCHOOL GOVERNOR

St John's Catholic Primary School, Baldock is looking to expand the number of Foundation school governors supporting the school. Foundation governors preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school. Governor training is provided on the core elements of the role: If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity please email the Chair of Governors, Deborah Lodge at debs.lodge@stjohns4.herts.sch.uk with "New Governors" in the subject.

Baldock Festival are holding their Street Fair on Saturday May 14th. As in previous years we are asking for donations toward the bottle tombola. This has always been a good fund raiser for the Church helping with the cost of repairs and refurbishments. Any donations can be left in the church porch. Thank you.

Baldock Festival are also holding a Book fair on Saturday 7th May in the Community centre. If you have any books you have finished with please bring them to the church. All proceeds go to the Garden House Hospice.

It's Time to Celebrate Young People