



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 24th March 2024



So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt."

Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor...

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for.

He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

Holy Thursday 28th March -

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm
We are looking for 12 parishioners to have
Their feet washed by Bishop Paul

THE COVERING OF CROSSES AND IMAGES IN CHURCH

Traditionally, crosses and images in church are veiled during the last 2 weeks of Lent, from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onwards. Crosses are unveiled after Good Friday celebrations, with all other images uncovered prior to the Mass of the Easter Vigil. This hails from the historical liturgical calendar, which saw the Passion read on this weekend, hence Passion Sunday. The Gospel that day tells us Jesus hid himself before leaving the Temple. The Lenten Veil expresses the church's sorrow and that the church is now in mourning for our Lord. The practice was lessened after the Second Vatican Council.

MISSIO RED BOX SCHEME

Please could Red Box Holders bring in your Red Boxes for counting. Many thanks.



LENTE PROGRAMME

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy (Maundy) Thursday 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm

Good Friday 29th March

Children's Stations of the Cross: 10.30am

Celebration of The Lord's Passion: 3pm

A day of Fast & Abstinence

Easter Vigil Saturday 30th March - 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 31st March 8.30am & 10.30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday 7th April Holy Hour and confessions at 3pm

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 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 8th 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.

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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

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CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

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.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group

For boys and girls aged 6 to 14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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 & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Men's Prayer Group -

Our next meeting will be on 13 April at 8.30am in the Parish Room. We are currently following a short series of very informative YouTube talks by Bishop Robert Barron on the Mass. We finish promptly at 10.30am.

Calling for Help! -

Spring is here and the small but perfectly formed Gardening Group needs more help with keeping our church grounds neat and tidy. Just an hour or two a month would make all the difference. Contact Charlie on 07941 327050 if you would like to help in any way.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

is having an evening of celebration for the North Herts District, we will be honoured to have the Stevenage Mayor, Myla Arceno joining us. This is an opportunity to hear more about the valuable outreach work of the SVP. You are warmly invited to join us at St Joseph's Church Hall, Stevenage SG1 1NJ on **Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm**. Please contact Rachel Spartan on 07941 965675 for more information on the SVP in our area.

Young People - Have you considered becoming a Server for Mass?

We are always looking for more young/older people to help with serving across all of our Masses. If you have made your First Holy Communion then why not come along and give it a try? Full support and training is given.

Please see Fr Denis if you are interested.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Peter Robinson, Mary Callaghan and Barry Evans, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Sylvia Kelly; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Maria Parisi; Elsie Shepherd; Sadie Dyson; Lilian Cook; Lilian Cook; Henry Davey; Brigid Randall; James McGrath; Helena Solich; Patrick Bowen; Marsha Long; Leon Grudulis; Josef Jarosz; Patrick Heffernan.

THE BIG CLEAN

The big clean will be held this Thursday, 28th March. It would be great to try and get as many as possible to help in preparing our church for the Easter weekend. If you are not a regular cleaner but would still like to help do come along. Church will be open from 8.30am onwards, all are welcome.

HOLY WEEK		
Sat 23 rd	6.30pm	The People of the parish
Sun 24 th	8.30am 10.30am	Patrick Cahalin & Family RIP Janet Gargaro RIP
Mon 25 th	10.00am	Private Intention
Tue 26 th		No Mass
Wed 27 th	10.00am	
Thu 28 th	7.30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Mass of The Lord's Supper
Fri 29 th	3.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of The Lord's Passion
Saturday	7.30pm	Easter Vigil

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered. Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All 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. The Wednesday word is available via: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19th to 26th July 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or through the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by 30th April.