


**Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate  
& St Gregory the Great**


# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

The Lord Jesus Christ went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey."

As we welcome Palm Sunday and enter the most sacred time of Holy Week, God is asking us: 'Does Jesus Christ the King of glory find a welcome entry in our homes and heart?'

*St Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4)    **Fr John***

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Due to personal reasons, Fr Arnel is returning to the Philippines on Monday 29th April. Please join me in saying farewell to Fr Arnel at the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass on the 27th April followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. Please keep Fr Arnel in your prayers. Unfortunately there will be no Hospital Masses until a replacement is appointed.

## Sunday 14 April 2019

*(Blessing of Palms at all Masses)*

**6.30pm\* Mass**

**8.00am Mass** Fr Seamus Noctor +

**9.30am Mass**

*^(begins outside URC, Wood St @ 9.15am)*

**11.15am Mass** Private Intention

**6.30pm Mass** Parish & People

## Holy Monday 15

9.30am Morning Prayer

**10.00am Mass**

## Holy Tuesday 16

*(parish office closed)*

9.30am Morning Prayer

**10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**

*12.00pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral)*

## Holy Wednesday 17

*(parish office closed)*

9.30am Morning Prayer

**10.00am Mass** Bob Cammiade +

## Maundy Thursday 18

9.30am Morning Prayer

**8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

*followed by the watch until  
midnight in the JP Room*

## Good Friday 19

10.00am Young People's & Adult's Stations  
at Mount House School, Camlet  
Way (formerly St Martha's)

10.00am Children's Stations

11.00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness  
*begins at Hadley Common pond*

**3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion**

7.00pm Meditations around the Cross

## Holy Saturday 20

10.00am Office of Readings & Morning  
Prayer

11.00am Blessing of Food in Church

**8.30pm Easter Vigil**

*followed by celebrations in the hall*

## Easter Sunday 21 April

**8.00am Mass** Ida Reynolds +

**9.30am Mass**

**11.15am Mass**

*Please note there are no  
Masses Sat Eve 6.30pm and Sun Eve 6.30pm*

*After Easter Sunday  
the parish office opening hours  
will be limited for the week.  
Please telephone before your visit  
to ensure someone is there.*

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## NOTICES

**Poor Clare's Easter Retiring Collection** takes place TODAY after Mass. Any gifts can be placed in the boxes in the porch. Please note the sisters do not eat meat. Thank you for your support.

Please note there is Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Tuesday 11th at 10.00am in place of Mass.

**Planned Giving Boxes** will be available from the presbytery. (please telephone before you collect).

**Easter Blessing of Food** will take place on Holy Saturday (20th April) at 11.00am in church.

**Easter Flowers:** if you would like to make a donation towards the flowers for Easter, please place your contribution in an envelope this week and post it in the presbytery. Thank you from the flower team!

**Easter Spring Clean** is taking place on Maundy Thursday after Morning Prayer (approx 9.50am). Please come along if you can lend a hand to give the church that extra sparkle! Thank you.

**'Loose' Offertory Collection** on Easter Sunday will be for the 'Build' Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Car-Park:** at the back of the Church will be closed at 6.00pm on Holy Saturday (20th) for the evening. Please ensure you vacate the car-park during this time - thank you.

**St George's Day Coffee Morning** hosted by the Life Ascending Group. is on Tuesday 23rd April after the 10am Mass. Enjoy an English Tea. Raffle. All proceeds to go to the church build. Please come along and join us.

**Saturday RE Classes:** A programme for Primary School children attending non-Catholic school from Reception to Year 6. Sessions will be held in the JP Room at 09.30-10.45am on 4th & 18th May, 8th & 22nd June and 6th & 13th July. We will be using 'The Way, The Truth and the Life' primary books as our resource. New children are welcome to join the group at any session. Just come along, meet new friends and learn more about your faith!

You may wish to give an offering to your Priests for Easter. You can do this by placing your gift in an envelope (available at the back of the church) and posting it through the presbytery door. Thank you for your kind generosity.

**St Gregory's Tea Dance** is on Saturday 27th April, 2.30pm-4.30pm (doors open 2pm). Admission: £5.00 (refreshments & raffle) with popular local musician, Chris Sausman on keyboards/vocal. Come enjoy music, don't have to dance. All proceeds to go towards the Barnet YSVP Redcaps helping at Lourdes.

**Adoration** will resume from Wednesday 1st May. The church will remain open for private prayer.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick & Homebound**

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

**RCIA Candidates & Catechumens:**

**Recently died:**

### Music for the Liturgy 09.30 Mass

**Entrance:** 819

**Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me, my God, my God.

**Prayer: R/:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Offertory:** 749

**Communion:** Ours were the sufferings he bore. Ours were the sorrows he carried. He bears a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed.

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**Going Forth:** 225