



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Passion Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

## HOLY WEEK

### **PALM SUNDAY - 10th April**

(Blessing of Palms at all Masses)

- 6pm\*:** The Gallagher Family (int)  
**8.30am:** Sr. Jo Chambers (int)  
**10.30am:** Gerald Crowley (ann+)  
**6pm:** Mary Stella Soosay+

### **HOLY MONDAY - 11th April**

- 6.00pm:** James O'Brien (ann+)

### **HOLY TUESDAY - 12th April**

- 9.30am:** Morning Prayer  
**10.00am:** Liturgy of the Word  
 with Holy Communion  
**12.00pm:** Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

## PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 14th April**

- 9.30am:** Morning Prayer  
**8.00pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 (followed by Prayer Vigil until midnight)

### **GOOD FRIDAY - 15th April**

- 10.00am:** Children's Station in the Church  
**11.10am:** Ecumenical Walk of  
 Witness begins at Joslin's  
 Pond (north end of High Street)  
**11.30am:** Short Service at St John's  
 Courtyard finishes at 12pm.  
**3.00pm** Liturgy of the Passion  
 (Meditations at 7pm around the Cross in the Church)

### **HOLY SATURDAY - 16th April**

- 10.00am:** Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
**8.00pm:** Easter Vigil  
 (followed by celebrations in the Hall)

### **EASTER SUNDAY - 17th April**

- 8.30am:** Mary Long (int)  
**10.30am:** Rita McKenna (int)

“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!’”

On this wonderful Palm Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ desires to find a welcome entry into your home and heart. Jesus 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. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Let us not stop praising Jesus, as a Parish and also personally. As the Psalmist reminds us, ‘I will praise Him at all times.’ May we learn to praise him on the mountain top, and praise him in the valleys.

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)

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# NOTICES

Blessing of Palm Crosses at  
Every Mass today



Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday



Jesus washes the feet of Peter

Ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday



From Joslin's Pond (north end of the High Street along Barnet High Street)

## Refrain

Ours were the sorrows He bore  
Ours were the sorrows He carried  
He bears a punishment that brings  
peace, and through His wounds we  
are healed.

**LOOSE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** on  
Easter Sunday will be for the 'Build' Fund.  
Thank you for your continued support.

## WELCOME!

**HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?** We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue & Customer to give us the tax you have paid on your donations. **If you have stopped paying tax**, please email the Presbytery on [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) so we do not ask you for the tax if you haven't paid. **Planned Giving Boxes will be available for collection from the Presbytery during Office Hours.**

**POOR CLARE'S EASTER RETIRING COLLECTION** takes place 9th and 10th April. Any gifts can be placed in the boxes in the porch. Please note the Sisters do not eat meat. Thank you for your support.

### 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!

### THANK YOU FROM JANET NESTOR:

WOW! I was so overwhelmed by my 'leaving' celebrations last Saturday! Thank you to everyone involved in making it happen - you're all stars! I was blessed to have so many of you join me for Mass and afterwards to celebrate my 16 years. All your prayers, cards, and the wonderful generous gifts you have given me - bless you all. Mass will be offered for your private intentions. You all have a special place in my heart and I will keep you in my prayers. Please continue to pray for me and for Hope Corner. God Bless, *Janet.x*

**SATURDAY CLASSES:** Summer Term  
All Primary school children not attending Catholic Schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith. During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends. **Venue:** The JP Room  
**Time:** From 9.30am to 10.45am  
**Dates:** April: 23rd, May: 7th & 21st, June: 11th & 25th, July: 9th

**NORTH LONDON HOSPICE** would like to thank the Parish for supporting them by raising a £200.00 donation ( through the Thursday Coffee Mornings). For more information see their website [www.northlondonhospice.co.uk](http://www.northlondonhospice.co.uk)

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**RCIA and CICCA Catechumens**  
Holy Communicants, Confirmands  
and Baptismal Candidates

**Particular prayers:** The people of Ukraine

**Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:**

Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia, Paul Dempsey

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen Power

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