



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year C Week 5

THIS WEEK

Sun 3rd April

6pm*: Kathleen, Simon, Jimmy Doherty+

8.30am: Maria Power (int)

10.30am: Sandra Soady (int)

6pm: Gerard McDonald+

Mon 4th

6pm: Mary Cahill (int)

Tue 5th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Cecilia Soosay+

10.30am: Life Ascending with Stations of the Cross after 10am Mass

Wed 6th

No Mass

Thu 7th

10am: Anna Marcangelo (int)

10.30am Coffee morning - JP Room

Fri 8th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Murry Greene (int)

10.30am: Stations of the Cross (Led by Life Ascending)

1.30pm: Christian Meditation

6pm: Adoration

Sat 9th

6pm*: The Gallagher Family (int)

Sun 10th Palm Sunday

8.30am: Maria Power (int)

10.30am: Gerald Crowley (ann+)

6pm: Mary Stella Soosay+

The Gospel passage for year A of this Fifth Sunday of Lent is that of the resurrection of Lazarus. Lazarus was the brother of Martha and Mary; they were good friends of Jesus. When He arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has already been dead for four days; Martha runs towards the Master and says to Him: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died!" Jesus replies to her: "Your brother will rise again" and adds: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die".

In one of his Lenten Homilies, Pope Francis declares : "Christ makes Himself seen as the Lord of life, He who is capable of giving life even to the dead. Then Mary and other people arrive, all in tears, and so Jesus – the Gospel says – 'was deeply moved in spirit and troubled ... Jesus wept'. With this turmoil in his heart, He has the tomb opened and cries aloud: 'Lazarus, come out!'. And Lazarus emerges with 'his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face'. Here we are able to touch with our hand the fact that God is life and gives life yet takes on the drama of death. Jesus could have avoided the death of His friend Lazarus, but He wanted to share in our pain for the death of people dear to us, and above all He wished to demonstrate God's dominion over death. We also hear God's voice calling us from the tomb. And God's answer is not a speech, no, God's answer to the problem of death is Jesus: 'I am the resurrection and the life'... have faith. Amid grief, continue to have faith, even when it seems that death has won. Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death.

Today, too, Jesus repeats to us: 'Take away the stone.' God did not create us for the tomb, He created us for life – beautiful, good, and joyful. Therefore, we are called to take away the stones of all that smacks of death: for example, the hypocrisy with which faith is lived, is death; the destructive criticism of others, is death; offence, slander, is death; the marginalisation of the poor, is death." (Lenten Homily, Pope Francis)

As a parish community journeying towards Easter, may we no longer seek refuge in the Tomb but instead find refuge in Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Arms of Our Heavenly Father, filled up and supported by the Holy Spirit of God.

Fr John

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - 10th April

(Blessing of Palms at all Masses)

*6.00pm vigil 9th April,

Masses: 8.30am, **10.30am, and 6.00pm

**10.30am Procession to be confirmed

HOLY MONDAY - 11th April

6.00pm Mass

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

11.00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness begins

@Hadley Common Pond

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

7.00pm Meditations around the Cross in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY - 16th April

10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.30pm **Easter Vigil**

(followed by celebrations in the hall)

EASTER SUNDAY - 17th April

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

(no Saturday or Sunday evening Mass)

NOTICES

WELCOME!

CHOIR: Rehearsals for the Holy Week/ Easter Services have started. The next rehearsal is on Wednesday 6th April @7.30pm in the Church. For details please contact Teresa O'Sullivan via the Presbytery 02084493338 or by emailing her on howelsy@btinternet.com

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 so we do not ask you for the tax if you haven't paid. **Planned Giving Boxes will be available for collection before and after all Masses Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd April.**

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS & READERS are required for the Triduum (Maudry Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). please email janetnestor@hotmail.com if you are available.

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.

SCRUTINIES RESPONSE

Walk in my Ways, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand

HOPE CORNER COMMUNITY CENTRE needs Volunteers. Can you spare one day a week or a few hours each day? Please contact us at 185 Mays Lane on 02083648756 or via email: e-hopecorner@outlook.com. You can also visit our website hope-corner.org.uk

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!

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

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