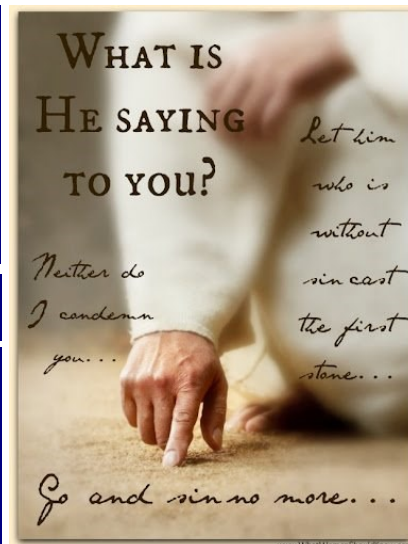


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5th Sunday in Lent (Year C) 3rd April 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd April	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Lent	6.00pm	Elish Doyle RIP
Sunday 3rd April	5th Sunday in Lent	8.30am	John McDonald RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 5th April	Lent Feria	7.00pm	William George RIP & Family
Wednesday 6th April	Lent Feria	9.15am	Brenda O'Sullivan RIP & Family
		11.00am	Funeral of Madeline Larkin RIP
Thursday 7th April	Lent Feria	9.15am	John O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 8th April	Lent Feria	9.15am	Mary Ginty RIP
Saturday 9th April	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions: please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 3rd April 2022

Entrance Antiphon:	Give me justice, O God and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.
Responsorial Psalm:	What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
Gospel Acclamation:	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Next week's Readings:	Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

"I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ" (Philippians 3:9)

Fr John writes

For anyone who has been struggling through Lent to give something up, or to take up some new devotion of prayer or charitable work, it might appear that St Paul is calling those endeavours into question. Paul's letter to his beloved Philippians begins with his joyful prayers for them and ends by calling on them to "rejoice in the Lord always" (4:4). Chapter 3 however strikes a sombre note of warning against "evil workers". Paul is probably targeting here opponents sometimes called "Judaizers" – formerly Jewish Christians who believed that Jewish customs and practices enshrined in the Law of Moses needed to be observed by converts. In particular they believed that gentile converts to Christianity should first of all be circumcised. This dispute came to a head at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), which after much debate agreed that circumcision did not need to be mandatory. Paul, apostle to the gentiles, reminds the Philippians of his own faith journey. He was a circumcised Jew himself, of the tribe of Benjamin and as a Pharisee, an expert in the Law. But all this Paul regards as "so much rubbish" compared to "knowing Christ Jesus my Lord". External observances alone can take us only so far. Every Lenten offering we make in faith through Jesus. Just as acts of kindness to those dear to us make us happy because we love them and want the best for them, so our efforts in Lent spring from that personal relationship with Christ which should be the inspiration of everything we do.

"Let Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life. If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed."

(Pope Francis)

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

PALM SUNDAY 10th April 10:30am mass

Please gather in the Hall from 10:15. We will then have a procession into the Church (weather permitting!)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

Tuesday 12th	7pm	Reconciliation Service (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & opportunity for private confession)
Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3pm	The Passion of the Lord (Children's Liturgy in the Hall-(drop off 2:45)
	6pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	8pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	8:30am	Mass
	10:30am	Mass



ALTAR SERVERS



We would love to welcome back our altar servers. Also anyone who would like to train as an altar server. Could a parent please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Many thanks.


There will be a refresher training session (which will also help to prepare for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies) for those with previous altar serving experience on **Saturday 9th April at 4pm** in the church. *A training session for new altar servers will take place after Easter.*

Caritas Deaf Service The Caritas Deaf Service is helping enable the full participation of Deaf people in our communities throughout Lent and Easter, with Signed Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon at Westminster Cathedral, and all the Holy Week services at Maria Assumpta Chapel in Kensington Square. Find out more at <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/deaf-service-events.php>

Good Friday Walk of Witness will once again take place this year. Sets off from South Oxhey Baptist Church at **9.45 am**. stopping at various places en route for Bible Readings and song. This will include the precinct outside Nisa. Adjourns to the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. for refreshments.

This lent, Greg Birch is fighting malnutrition by taking part in the Walk against Hunger challenge. He'll be walking 200km during lent to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. You can make a donation in support at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-against-hunger> | 343 .



 **FOOD BANK** This weekend the Catholic Women's League will hold a bucket collection. All money raised will go to the Food Bank run by the Baptist Church in Gosforth Lane which supports the people of South Oxhey.

Calling all Doctors and Nurses and Carers

The Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference 2022
At St Mary's University, Twickenham April 23rd 2022
" Palliative Care : The Christian Way " Details and Application
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Information on hosting Ukrainian refugees who come to the UK

The document in the link below addresses key points, what is needed and how best to respond.

Please read CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) document <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>

Offertory for last Sunday 27th March

Envelopes £156.05

Loose Plate £192.00

Total £348.05

Thank you

The Croxley Green Community Choir is performing **The Mozart Requiem** at Holy Rood Church on Friday April 8th at 7.45 with Orchestra and Soloists. The proceeds of this performance are going to the SVP and The Peace Hospice. Tickets available on the door or call: 07858 210168. email: choir.cgcc@gmail.com