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**1/2 APRIL 2023**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD YEAR A**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Santo, Maria & Antonio RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		Josie Aldridge BD
		<b>11.00am</b>		People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Week	Larry Humphrays RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Week	Visantha Edirisinghe BD RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Week	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Maundy Thursday	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>11am &amp; 3pm</b>	Good Friday	
			<b>Easter Sunday Year A</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Easter Vigil	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>	Easter Day	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment**

**We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7 Words of the Suffering Servant: "I shall not be put to shame!"

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 The self-emptying of God's Servant, dying to save his people

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 A sober Passion Narrative, focussed on the fulfilment of Scripture

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Follow Jesus every step of the way

Our liturgy this week invites us to follow Jesus every step of the way, beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There he was welcomed, applauded and acclaimed by a crowd of well-wishers. On Thursday we will join him at table, to receive his gift of himself in the eucharistic bread and wine. After dining with him we will, in our reflections, go with him along the trail from the Upper Room to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him struggling with fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits him. On Good Friday we will be standing in spirit beside his mother at the foot of the cross, while he hands his spirit back to the Father who sent him. **May you be renewed as you make this journey with our Lord and Saviour. May the grace of his Passion bring healing to us.**

### RECONCILIATION

Father Clement will be hearing **Confessions** during Holy Week at the following times :

Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - after the 9.30 am Mass and between 7.00 and 8.00 pm in the evening

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> - after the 9.30 am Mass and between 7.00 and 8.00 pm in the evening

There is no need to make an appointment.

### VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH

The Parish appreciates the selfless efforts of volunteers in our Parish. It has become necessary to appeal to all parishioners to generously offer their time and talents in building our Parish Community. Variety is the spice of life! We need more readers at all the Masses, welcomers (who also serve as offertory collectors), collection

money counters, **singers to boost the choir at the 11am Mass**, more people to join the parish councils, people with ICT skills and children and youth catechists. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Fr. Clement personally or email him; [cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you

#### **PARISH LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION**

The Collection Box at the back of the church is being used for the collection of your Lenten Parish Alms Donations. You can also make donations online at WRCDT CHESHUNT Sort code is 40 05 20 and Account Number is 91264419., just put Lenten Alms as the reference. We will be using the donations to support the Broxbourne Food Bank.

#### **CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL -Appreciation**

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost-of-living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity. **We raised £228.96. God bless you all.**

#### **THE REPOSITORY**

The Repository (at the back of the church) will be open after every Mass this weekend so that you can buy your Easter and Mass bouquet cards.

#### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-4**

The current boxes of envelopes run out on April 2. The new boxes with envelopes starting on April 9 are available for collection at the back of the church. Your number on your new envelopes remains the same as this year. The box will also have your name and postcode on it. If you have problems collecting the box please let us know and we can arrange delivery. We are very grateful for the steady income Envelope and Standing Order Planned Givers donate to the parish.

#### **ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

#### **COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

The Caritas web page <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/colc2022.php>, includes a pdf document (the brochure used at our conference in November) containing a range of organisations which can help people struggling with the cost of living. Their development team remains available to offer advice and direct you to support for any parish projects you wish to develop to help your community at this time. Find their contact details here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/our-development-team.php>. **People who are in debt to their energy supplier** might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Visit our Lady of Lourdes with the Diocese of Westminster on 21st – 28th July 2023. Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka for more information. 0207 798 9173; email [lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk); web [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes).

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173

#### **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.