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Week of the Psalter 4

28th March 2021

PALM SUNDAY year B

Non-violence Pilgrimage by Martin Luther King

At this time of Easter preparation we continue to follow the American Baptist pastor and witness Martin Luther King.

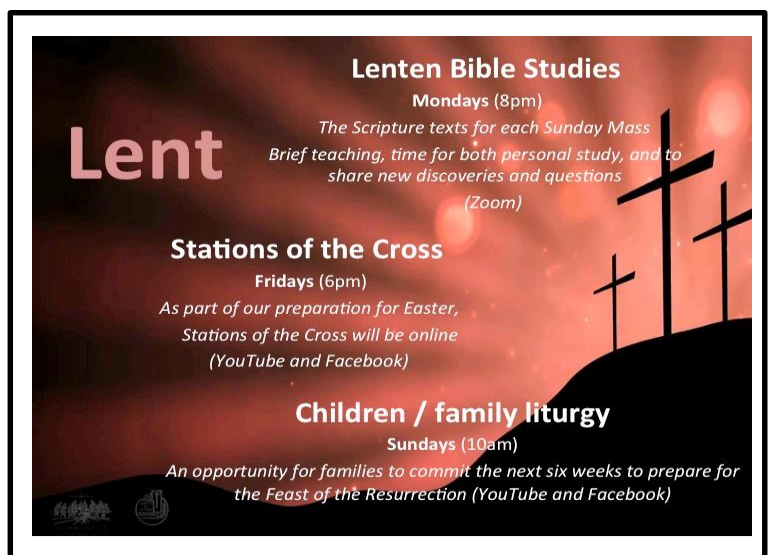
Due to my involvement in the struggle for the freedom of my people, I have known very few quiet days in the last few years. I have been imprisoned in Alabama and Georgia jails twelve times. My home has been bombed twice. A day seldom passes that my family and I are not the recipients of threats of death. So in a real sense I have been battered by the storms of persecution. I must admit that at times I have felt that I could no longer bear such a heavy burden, and have been tempted to retreat to a more quiet and serene life. But every time such a temptation appeared, something came to strengthen and sustain my determination. I have learned now that the Master's burden is light precisely when we take his yoke upon us.

My personal trials have also taught me the value of unmerited suffering. As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation - either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course.

Recognizing the necessity for suffering, I have tried to make of it a virtue. If only to save myself from bitterness, I have attempted to see my personal ordeals as an opportunity to transfigure myself and heal the people involved in the tragic situation, which now obtains. I have lived these last few years with the conviction that unearned suffering is redemptive. There are some who still find the cross a stumbling block, others consider it foolishness, but I am more convinced than ever before that it is the power of God unto social and individual salvation. So like the Apostle Paul I can now humbly, yet proudly, say, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus".

The agonizing moments through which I have passed during the last few years have also drawn me closer to God. (...) Therefore, I am not yet discouraged about the future. Granted that the easy going optimism of yesterday is impossible. Granted that we face a world crisis, which leaves us standing so often amid the surging murmur of life's restless sea. But every crisis has both its dangers and its opportunities. It can spell either salvation or doom. In a dark, confused world the Kingdom of God may yet reign in the hearts of men.

Extract from Martin Luther King, *The Strength to Love*, Ed. Casterman 1964, p.229



Lenten Bible Studies
Mondays (8pm)
The Scripture texts for each Sunday Mass
Brief teaching, time for both personal study, and to share new discoveries and questions
(Zoom)

Stations of the Cross
Fridays (6pm)
As part of our preparation for Easter,
Stations of the Cross will be online
(YouTube and Facebook)

Children / family liturgy
Sundays (10am)
An opportunity for families to commit the next six weeks to prepare for the Feast of the Resurrection (YouTube and Facebook)

CLEANING PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Monday 29th March from 12.00 – 2pm

We would like to give the church a deep clean in time for Easter. If you can spare an hour or two during this time to help to achieve this it would be wonderful. Thank you.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Boxes of PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for 2020 - 2021 will be available for collection in the entrance hall at all Masses this weekend. If you would like to sign-up for Planned Giving and make your offering using the Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes or Monthly Standing Order, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish office. Thank you.



EASTER EGGS

We would like to do an Easter egg hunt in some way. We would be happy to receive foil covered Chocolate eggs for the children.



OPENING OF THE CHURCH TIMETABLE

Mass at 11am (except Tuesday)

Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2pm

Saturday – 10.30am – 1pm **5.30pm Mass**

Sunday – **9am Mass & 11am Mass**
Confession & Adoration 6-7pm



- Please wear a face mask, this should cover your mouth and nose.
- For communion, there will be only one line. Then people will separate for the two communion stations at the front. Keeping a safe distance.
- In order to lessen the congestion at the exits, people should start to leave the church during the closing song after the priests have left.
- Please do not mingle inside or outside the church.
- Library will be locked for the time being.
- Please don't attend church if you or anyone in your household is ill.

FUNERAL

MARTHA McGOWAN

Wednesday 31st March at 12.00 noon

Please pray for her soul



EASTER PROGRAMME

The Easter programme is now available please collect a copy from the entrance hall or check the parish website.



BT CLUB BITE SIZE

Dear Parishioners are invited to a Zoom “Oldies but Goodies” Sing a Long with Jo Collins on **Sunday 11th April at 3pm**. All welcome! Please contact the parish office cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk and you will be sent a link. Please send in your requests as well! Looking forward to seeing you there.



PRAYER GROUP ZOOM



Our next meeting is at **2.30 pm on Saturday 27th March** when the speaker will be an old friend, Fiona Oommen. One of our members, Helen Stell, will speak the following week. Link from peterkrau@aol.com

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 21 at 7pm** (eight Wednesday evening sessions). Information and registration : www.comeandsee.org

CAFOD - WORKSHOP ONLINE EVENT SATURDAY 10 APRIL FROM 11am TO 12.30pm.

2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. **Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting**

<p>Sunday 28 March 2021</p> 	<p>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7. Ps. 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. Phil. 2:6-11. Mk. 11:1-10.</p>	<p>Thursday 1 April</p>	<p>HOLY THURSDAY Mass: 8.00pm Readings: Isaiah 61:1-3. 6. 8-9. Ps. 88:21-22. 25. 27. 2 Apoc. 1:5-8. Lk. 4:16-21.</p>
<p>Monday 29 March</p>	<p>Monday of Holy Week Mass: 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7. Ps. 26:1-3. 13-14. Jn. 12:1-11.</p>	<p>Friday 2 April</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY Mass: 3.00pm Readings: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12. Ps. 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25. Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9. Jn. 18:1 – 19:42.</p>
<p>Tuesday 30 March</p>	<p>Tuesday of Holy Week NO MASS Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6. Ps. 70:1-6. 15. 17. Jn. 13:21-33. 36-38.</p>	<p>Saturday 3 April</p>	<p>HOLY SATURDAY Mass: 8.00pm Readings: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2. Ps. 103. Ex. 14:15 – 15:1. Ex. 15. Rom. 6:3-11. Ps. 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. Mk. 16:1-7.</p>
<p>Wednesday 31 March</p>	<p>Wednesday of Holy Week Mass: 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9. Ps. 68:8-10. 21-22. 31. 33-34. Mt. 26:14-25.</p>	<p>Sunday 4 April</p> 	<p>EASTER SUNDAY year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Acts 10:34. 37-43. Ps. 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. Col. 3:1-4. Jn. 20:1-9.</p>