

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9th April 2017

What's the Point?

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough? We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

HOLY WEEK - THE SACRED TRIDUUM

This is the holiest time of the year for us as Catholics when we solemnly remember all that the Lord Jesus did for us by his suffering and death on the cross out of love for us all.

We therefore should make every effort to take part in the Holy Week and Easter Services.

The times of these are all printed on a special leaflet which can be picked up from the table by the church door.

HELP REQUESTED: Can someone please help to arrange flowers for Easter on Holy Saturday, 15 April at 11:00 in the morning? Phuong Quach who usually arranges the flowers would be happy for some help. Please let Sister Miriam know. Thank you.

READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: If you are on email, please watch for rotas for Holy Week. There are rotas on the table by the organ for those who signed about availability next week and are not on email.

WEB SITE: Check out the parish website at www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet the site now includes the newsletter and much more. If you Google Blessed Sacrament, don't go to the "Catholic Directory" site as it is outdated.

PLANNED GIVING: The new envelopes for 2017/18 come into use today, please do not use the white envelopes. If you have not already done so please collect your box of envelopes today.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £248.50 Loose £183.57

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for John Phillips and Alma Gordon Cooper who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Leny Tirado, Mary Payne, Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh., Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, Teresa Finnigan, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach , Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 9 th April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Mass Book p.176)	8.30am	Dena Adams RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 10 th April	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 11 th April	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10.30am	**NO MASS THIS WEEK**
Wednesday 12 th April	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 13 th April	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm	The Poor and Needy
Friday 14 th April	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	<i>Solemn Remembrance of the Passion</i>
		7.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 15 th April	HOLY SATURDAY	8.30pm	All our Parishioners
Sunday 16 th April	EASTER SUNDAY (Mass Book p.251)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Maureen McLoughlin RIP

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm