

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

25th March 2018

Walking the Walk



What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday? Perhaps we are wondering how those very clever people weave their palm into a cross. Or perhaps we imagine we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations. How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he certainly wasn't about compromise. In riding into

Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself. We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. On this day we honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

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HOLY WEEK: begins today with Our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and reaches its climax with the Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Let us journey with Jesus through these life-giving days. Details of all the Holy Week liturgies are on the lilac-coloured sheet available at the back of the Church.

EASTER VIGIL: At the Easter Vigil (8:00 p.m. Saturday), Justin Tan will be baptised. Do come to celebrate this high point of the Church Year and to welcome Justin. Following the liturgy there will be a reception in the hall. If you are able to bring along some simple finger food, that would be much appreciated.

ANOTHER JUSTIN: On Easter Sunday morning at the 11:00 Mass, Justin Osei, a youngster who is preparing for Confirmation, will celebrate his First Holy Communion. Please remember him in your prayers.

HELP NEEDED: Is there anyone who could help arrange flowers for Easter – either on Good Friday after the service or on Saturday morning, please let Sister Miriam know. Thank you.

READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: For those who indicated their availability in Holy Week, your rotas are available. For those not on email, please pick up yours from the table by the organ. If you are on email, it was sent out yesterday. Please contact Sister Miriam if you didn't receive yours or if you have any questions.

FOOD BANK: Our neighbourhood food bank continues to be open on Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00, even during the Easter break. Thanks to our volunteers and to those contributing food.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next children's class is on the 22nd of April. However, please come and bring the family for the Holy Week & Easter celebrations.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY: 18th March: Envelopes £174.16 Loose £270.85 recent CAFOD £391.03 **Thank you for your generosity.**

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Margaret Phillips 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 Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Ellen Hunt, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 25 th March	PALM SUNDAY <i>(Parish Mass Book p 176)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Jack Walsh RIP
Monday 26 th March	<i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	10.30am	**NO MASS TODAY**
Tuesday 27 th March	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	10.30am	**NO MASS TODAY**
Weds. 28 th March	<i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 29 th March	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Friday 30 th March	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm 7.00pm	<i>Solemn Remembrance of the Passion Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 31 st March	HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 1 st April	EASTER SUNDAY <i>(Parish Mass Book p 251)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Joseph Taylor 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