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Last Sunday's collection: £2423. Many Thanks. Please collect your Planned Giving boxes of envelopes from the Parish Room today.

Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services. Holy week begins on this Sunday, Palm Sunday, which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the passion. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday. 24th March. The Blessing and distribution of palms will take place at all Masses on this Sunday.

Monday 25th March to Wednesday 27th March. Masses at 9.15am.

Monday 25th March. Lenten Penitential Service at 7pm with private confession available.

Tuesday 26th March. Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral at 12noon.

Holy Thursday. 28th March. No Morning Mass. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. Watching until 11pm.

Good Friday. 29th March. Stations of the Cross at 11am. Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm. Collection for the Holy Places. Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Holy Saturday. 30th March. No Morning Mass. Vigil Mass for Easter at 8pm.

Easter Sunday. 31st March. Masses 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon. No Evening Mass.

Easter Monday 1st April. Mass at 10am. After that its back to the usual 9.15am time.

Gospel Notes. The Passion according to Mark. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Christ make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self – sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall how the story of the Passion has moved you in a special way and how you have been blessed through it.

Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced other's love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, a friend or in some other relationship?

We read the Passion in the light of the Resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?

CAFOD Big Lent Walk: Fr Tony Convery, one of the residents in Francis Court, will be doing the Lent Walk for CAFOD this year and would be glad if you could sponsor him. Donations can be made through his fundraising page at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fr-tonys-fundraising-page>

The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. Please sponsor Agnes and Anthony who are doing the walk for St Agnes Parish. Please read the notice board in the Church Porch as to how you can contribute to the sponsored walk.