

28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021  
+PALM SUNDAY



Dear Parishioners,

'Hosanna'

This weekend marks the beginning of Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday. On this day we recall the triumphant entry into Jerusalem of our Saviour as he is greeted with enthusiasm by the crowd. We are told that the people wave palms in the air as they cry out 'Hosanna' as Jesus passes by. 'Hosanna' was an acclamation of praise used in Israel and it literally means 'Save us, we pray'. The crowds are well aware of who Jesus is believed to be, the Messiah that they have been waiting for. It may seem strange then as we follow the events of Holy Week and later hear that the same crowds were shortly crying out 'Crucify him'. How could they change so quickly? It would depend on what they hoped to receive from the Messiah. When they cried out 'Hosanna' what did they expect to be saved from? Jesus came into the world to save us from sin and evil. A better world can only come from the transformation of each person's heart. This is the vision for the kingdom of Christianity. If the crowds expected a political leader who was going to assert his power by a show of strength and dominance then Jesus was going to disappoint them. His way is to call each person to be a better version of themselves by accepting God's will for their lives. This will always be a challenge for those of us who might want an easier answer to life's questions. In rejecting Jesus, the people participated in crucifying him. However, God used this terrible act to reveal the mighty extent of his merciful love as Jesus offered his life in atonement for all sin. It is for this reason that we now can cry out 'Hosanna' and pray that we will truly be saved by putting all our faith and hope in Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

God bless you

*Fr Martin*

**SPRING FORWARD**

Daylight saving time begins on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 1am.  
Please remember to change your clocks to go forward 1 hour on  
**Saturday** evening.

**BOOKING FOR MASS:** Masses are now available to book over the **Easter Triduum**. Please can we request you book early as this will allow us to gauge numbers attending and plan accordingly the seating arrangements. We need to maintain safety for everyone that visits the church and continue to adhere to the current regulations of social distancing. Please visit the Parish Website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/events/> to book the Mass you wish to attend. Alternatively, if you would prefer to call the Parish office to make your booking 0208 866 6581 or email [eastcote@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:eastcote@rcdow.org.uk).

**CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ...** message to our families about the Children's Good Friday Service: while we are unable this year to hold this lovely service in its usual form, we would very much like to involve the children and young people of the Parish in producing a beautiful virtual service. We are looking for contributions of art - pictures of the Stations of the Cross, or any other Good Friday inspired art, and prayers. We would love to receive these contributions from young people of all ages. If your family would like to take part in this, please contact Jane at [jinglese@btinternet.com](mailto:jinglese@btinternet.com) for more details. Let's make something together which will be really special. **All contributions need to be sent to Jane no later than 28th March. Thank you.**

**St Thomas More Catholic Church**  
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**THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: - [www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote)**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!**



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Good luck to all our members!!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**+PALM SUNDAY**

**PALM SUNDAY 28TH MARCH**

06:00pm SATURDAY (VIGIL) KATHY O'BRIEN, TED & PHYLLIS MCGOLDRICK RIP A  
9:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
11:30AM EILEEN BRADY RIP A

**HOLY MONDAY 29TH MARCH**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

**HOLY TUESDAY 30TH MARCH**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INTS OF THE DOHERTY FAMILY

**HOLY WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN  
09:30AM INTS TARA MCGILLICUDDY

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

8:00PM MASS OF THE LORDS LAST SUPPER

**GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (*Please note the Children's Stations of the Cross will be virtual this year. More details to follow in next weeks newsletter*)  
3:00PM THE LORDS PASSION

**HOLY SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN FOR MORNING PRAYER  
*No morning Mass or Confessions*

**+ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

8:30PM HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)  
INTS OF FR MARTIN PLUNKETT  
9:30AM RUBY HARVEY RIP A  
11:30AM INTS OF DOHERTY FAMILY

**Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:**

Brian Berry, Ron Johnson, Katie Murchan, Vincent Fernandes, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Paul Wazny, William O'Shea, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh, Kitty Goldie, Kathleen Dunleavy and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

**For those who have died recently:** Kathleen Dunleavy, Kathleen Sullivan, Olive Law, Lourdes Desouza, Jeyrani John Pillai, Debbie Williams and Lynda Rodricks.

**For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:** Freya Edwards, Aza Walsh, Lois Mattingley, Jim Higgins, Maria McKay, Steve Howley Snr, Derek Honeygold, Eileen Brady

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We celebrate Palm Sunday this week and Bertie has made a special palm.

Perhaps you would like to make a palm too? Follow the link below if you want to learn how to make one with Jane.

<https://youtu.be/BJT0MQVwtm8>

When you have made your palm or even collected a branch or two from the garden, follow the link below for this week's liturgy. Don't forget to wave your branch when you hear the Hosanna song.

<https://youtu.be/qHT-sggjzky>

**GOOD FRIDAY CHILDRENS STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Just a reminder that this year's Children's Stations of the Cross will be held virtually. Further information on the virtual service will be published in next week's newsletter and e-alert will be sent.

**THE HOLY SEE:** The annual collection for Holy Places of Palestine will take place on Good Friday. Thank you in advance for your support.

**FOOD BANK:** Please remember to bring along your food donations before the next collection on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

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OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am-1:00pm (Mon- Thurs Only)

