SUNDAY 13TH APRIL + PALM SUNDAY +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

12TH/13TH APRIL

6.00 PM ANTHONY RYAN **(A) RIP**

9.30 AM SHARON EVANS AND FAMILY **INTS**

Children's Mass– Passion Playlet

11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Sharon Evans**,** Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel**,** Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Marie Hardy.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Elsie Faille.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Anne Shanahan **RIP**

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week
in Loving Memory of

ODDONE BELTRAMI RIP





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week
in Loving Memory of
the deceased members of
THE HARRINGTON FAMILY

Dear Parishioners,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

As we begin our solemn celebration of Holy Week this year we start with remembering the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Here Jesus encountered a *whole multitude of his disciples* who began *to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.* They then cried out: "*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest*." We are told that the Pharisees want the disciples to keep quiet. However, Jesus responds by saying: *"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"* We are reminded by this that this Holy Week is given to us to praise God for all that he has done for us through sending his Son, who gives his life for us. Jesus is the *King who has come to us, in the name of the Lord.* At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered him praise. It is certainly easier to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and if many others are doing so and when we perceive things are going well in our lives. Later in the week, we see how this is contrasted with the moment when Jesus is persecuted and crucified. At that time, the praising had stopped and had turned to accusation and blame. For others, fear had silenced them and ended their worship of our Lord. And yet, this is the same king of heaven who is willingly going to the Cross for our salvation. It is true that we don't praise God in the same way, during the sorrowful remembrance of Our Lord's Passion and death in Holy Week but we still seek to have a deep gratitude in our hearts in thanksgiving for such an infinite gift. As we enter this Holy Week, we can consider whether we are praising God in an easier moment in our lives, or whether we are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Jesus, stood at the foot of the Cross, having to simply believe and hold on to a deep gratitude in the eternal mystery of God's love revealed through his sacrifice. Let us reflect, today, on how the crowds acclaim Jesus as King. As we do, we can turn our eyes to this King whom we worship. Let us choose to follow him through all his betrayal, suffering and death. Let us commit ourselves to fidelity, especially when it seems most hard to do so. Let us see only the love in the heart of Jesus and his Blessed Mother Mary and pray to her, especially, that we will have the courage she had to remain faithful, believing that in just a few days, he will rise again.

God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE – There will be a penitential service with local priests offering the Sacrament of Confession **Monday, 14th April at 7.30pm** at St Gregory's Church, 447 Victoria Road, South Ruislip, HA4 0EG. This service is for all parishioners of the surrounding parishes of Hillingdon Deanery. All are welcome.

EUCHARISTIC MINSTERS– Please see sign up sheet at the back of church for Easter Services availability. Thank you

WASHING FEET– If you would like to have your feet washed in the Holy Mass on Maundy Thursday, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of church……'What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.

EASTER FLOWERS There is still a chance this weekend to contribute to flowers for the church for Easter if you previously missed it. Thank you.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS This year it will take place at 12 noon on Holy Saturday. All welcome.

Mass Times
HOLY WEEK

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 14TH APRIL	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	TOMMIE LOFTUS **(A) RIP**
TUES 15TH APRIL	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HUGH JONES **RIP**
WED 16TH APRIL	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BERNIE CURTIS **INTS**
MAUNDY THURS 17TH APRIL		**8.00 PM**	**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** 
GOOD-FRIDAY 18TH APRIL		**10.00 AM** **3.00 PM**	**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS** **PASSION OF OUR LORD**
HOLY SATUR-DAY 19TH APRIL		**12 NOON** **8.30 PM**	BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS **EASTER VIGIL** 
EASTER-SUNDAY 20TH APRIL		9.30 AM 11.30 AM	GLORIA LEWIS **(A) RIP** RAY MURPHY **RIP** 

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THE 100 CLUB DRAW took place last weekend for March. Winning numbers are Mary G No. 100 , Jaqui S. No. 50 and Margaret D. No. 8 Please collect your envelopes from the sacristy.

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025 There will be a **Stations of the Cross Service for children at 10am.** This will involve the children as much as possible and will make the way of the Cross understandable to them. We invite families to "adopt" a Station. If you do this, your children will be enabled to take an active part in the service with your support. Please sign the paper form in the porch by 13th April (Palm Sunday) and I will contact you during Holy week to give you more details. If you have any questions please email jinglese@btinternet.com

ASSISTED DYING It's looking more likely that the final vote on the Bill in the House of Commons will be delayed until either **16th May** or later. If you have not yet registered your concerns with your MP, this can be done **ONLINE** as Petitions are being kept open for the time being. **https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/** OR with the **QR code** or by using the cards found in church.

CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL Envelopes and details can be found in the narthex.

SVP ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, organised by the SVP, has been advertised as Sunday 1st June. This date has been altered to **SUNDAY 6th JULY**—If you are interested in going, please let the Parish Office know.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SVP will be meeting next on **Sunday 27th April** after 9.30 am mass.

JUBILEE FOR THE YOUTH –SUNDAY 27TH APRIL FROM 3 PM—An afternoon of praise, reflection, adoration and Holy Mass followed by a party in the parish Hall . All young people from confirmation age are invited to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis in this Jubilee Year. St Gregory the Great Church, South Ruislip. See poster

FOODBANK–We have received a thank you from Hillingdon Foodbank for our joint contributions with St Lawrence church that totalled 75.2 kilograms. Special thanks also to Anna who delivers them for us each month. The next collection will be after Easter.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP will next meet on **Wednesday 30th April** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and half an hour of discussion around the latest literature produced by the diocesan Agency for Evangelisation.

LIVE STREAMING –For information: All the parish masses and services are streamed live, for people who are unable to attend in person. Those on the sanctuary during mass and when receiving communion, may appear on the live feed on line. If you wish to avoid this, please sit further back in church.