



## Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

29<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

# THIS IS HOLY WEEK



Holy week begins today.  
This is the high point of the Church's year when we enter dramatically, prayerfully and personally into the passion, death and resurrection of our Saviour. Think of this week as a journey, not individual events.

We hear Mark explaining just why Jesus was going to be put to death (the plotting of the authorities), and we also hear the story of the woman anointing Jesus. Mark shows Jesus as abandoned by his followers and completely alone. This is echoed in the Psalm. Jesus' cry was one of real pain and the second Reading in which the Servant meekly accepts suffering. This is all projected against a background of Christ in glory.

In the Gospel of the Palms the crowds go out to meet Jesus. Jesus finds his own donkey; and talks of himself as King, which the disciples do not understand until after he had risen. After the exuberant procession in which we sing 'Hosanna to the son of David!' we might like to think what would our own response have been, if we had been there - cheering with the crowds or denying our Lord? When we take part in the passion today by shouting 'Crucify him!' what does uttering these words make us into?

## SMILE LINES

A Methodist minister had a secret vice—he loved a tippie of cherry brandy. Of course it was impossible for him to admit this weakness to a congregation who were strictly teetotal, and some wicked friends decided to exploit his dilemma. They offered him whole crate of cherry brandy on condition that the gift was publicly acknowledged in the parish magazine. To their amazement, the minister gladly accepted. Next Sunday the notice duly appeared. ‘The minister would like to thank his friends for the generous gift of fruit and the spirit in which it was given.’

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### Did you know

The average person walks the equivalent of three times around the world in a lifetime.

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The world’s population spends 500,000 hours a day typing Internet security codes.

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The words written on Twitter would fill a 10 million pound book.

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In his first year in Harrow, Winston Churchill was bottom of the whole school.

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The Irish poet Brendan Behan became an alcoholic at the age of eight.

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## QUOTE

"Let us never forget, be it as penitents or as confessors: there is no sin that

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Peter Uasquez (RIP)

6.00pm Teresa King RIP (Anniv.)

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March Passion Palm Sunday

8.30am Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

9.45am Graham Platt (RIP)

11.30am Edmind Chiu (RIP) Anniv.

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am Geoffrey Platt (RIP)

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

9.15am Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

9.15am Intentions of Sr. Amy

Monica, Molly & Ted Allen (RIP)

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April HOLY THURSDAY

8.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Maria Milo Di Villagrazia (RIP)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am Walk of Witness

11.30am Children’s Stations

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am No Mass

8.00pm Frank McConnachie (RIP)

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

8.30am Sarah Sherwood (RIP)

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11.30am Teresa Mellon (RIP) Rec. Dec.

God cannot forgive! None! Only what is subtracted from Divine Mercy cannot be forgiven, as one who withdraws himself from the sun cannot be illuminated or warmed. Confession should not turn into a "heavy interrogation" but rather a liberating encounter that rees one from sin through mercy.” **Pope Francis**