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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

PALM SUNDAY (B)
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The reading for the blessing of palms captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are days when we struggle, when we are confused, or do not know what God expects of us, or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. Here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathaea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. As for them, so for us, the journey of discipleship continues.



HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm,

Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am* 12.00 Noon

Palms will be blessed and distributed at each Mass

Tuesday*, Wednesday Mass at 9.15am. *No need to request a place in advance.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00pm & 8.00pm*

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of The Lord's Passion 2.00pm & 5.00pm*

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 8.00pm*

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses of Easter Day

9.00am, 10.30am*, and 12.00 Noon

*These Masses are live-streamed, for details see page 3.

When you come to Mass:

Please follow the guidance of the stewards,
wear a mask, sanitise your hands when entering and leaving,

do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

If you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, do not come to church.

If you wish to attend the celebrations on Palm Sunday 12.00 Noon, or Maundy Thursday, you must request a place in advance. Up to 2 places can be reserved via the Parish website, for three or more places, please email the parish office.

All other Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter are now fully booked.

A LITTLE DIFFERENT

The Bishops of England and Wales, in line with guidance, received from the Congregation in Rome, have issued guidance on the Holy Week services. Inevitably these will be different due to Covid restrictions. For example, we are unable to have our normal processions, the washing of the feet, individual veneration of the cross, votive candles or communal singing.

WE NEED TO KNOW

Don't forget that if you are hoping to attend any of the main Holy Week liturgies, you need to check first that there is a place available. If, for whatever reason, you have been allocated a place, but find you are unable to use it, please notify the parish office. A large number of parishioners have indicated they

wish to attend the various celebrations, and it would be a great shame, if places, that were requested, were to go unused.

ALTAR OF REPOSE

On Maundy Thursday, the tradition is that, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament is taken, in procession, to the Altar of Repose, where the people can gather to pray, until late in the evening. This year, like other parishes, we can have neither the procession, nor the Altar of Repose. There will, however, be an Altar of Repose in the parish of Maiden Lane. Everyone in the diocese is invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane:

<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

EASTER OFFERING

The offering on Easter Sunday, as on Christmas, Day is one of the main sources of income, for priests who work in parishes. Those who support the parish, using the planned giving envelopes, will find a 'Easter offering envelope', amongst their envelopes. Parishioners who support the parish in other ways, may wish to use one of the Easter envelopes, that will be found in the church porch. Contributions will be collected at the Easter Masses. Those, presently, not attending Mass, may wish to drop their contribution into the presbytery letter box. Your support, in so many ways, is much appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins this, Sunday, evening, with a parent's meeting via Zoom. The catechetical sessions for the children will commence after Easter. The link for this evening's meeting has been emailed to those parents who have registered their children.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year, although we can't gather in church for the Stations of the Cross, there is still an opportunity to follow this traditional Lenten devotion, individually, or as a family. This devotion, with photographs of our Stations of the Cross, can be accessed, at 6.00pm each Sunday. Afterwards the reflections can be found on the website. The Zoom code to access them is: **834 2619 3453**



LENTEN ALMS

It's customary during Lent to donate, what we save from self-denial, to benefit others. In recent years we have been asked to support the 'Cardinal's Appeal' which help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, Caritas Westminster: putting our faith into action by serving those in need. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're



continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope, from the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online.

CONFIRMATION 2021

This week all parents of our confirmation candidates will have received an email from Anna Painter our Lead Catechist, if you think you should have received an email and haven't please contact the parish office.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

As the pandemic continues so, the weekly newsletter will only be available electronically. Parishioners on the newsletter distribution list or parish database will continue to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin each week. It is also available on our website and can be accessed here. For anyone who cannot access it electronically, it is possible to have a copy posted, if you request one from the Parish Office. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone without a computer, or internet access, you might think of printing off a copy for them.

PARISH OFFICE

In line with current government advice, our office administrator, Melanie is working mainly from home. This means that the phone may not always be answered during parish office hours (9.30am-12.30pm), Monday to Thursday, and you may not get a response to a voicemail immediately. The best way for parishioners to contact the parish office at the moment is by emailing harpenden@rcdow.org.uk



LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week:

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	813 4662 7845
Sunday - Stations of the Cross	6.00pm	834 2619 3453
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	897 0976 4306
Thursday - Mass	8.00pm	886 0195 0497
Good Friday Liturgy	5.00pm	853 2733 1446
Easter Vigil	8.00pm	824 8205 7148
Easter Sunday	10.30am	813 4662 7845

FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to each, if we are not attending Mass, to do what we can, to nourish our faith. Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with the children, particularly on Sundays:
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>
<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE

Starting on Wednesday the 7th April, and running for eight consecutive weeks until the end of May, the Great Adventure Bible Timeline is an innovative way to dive deeper into Scripture, and bring alive the great narrative story of Salvation History. The course is completely free to sign up to, and in this extended year of the God Who Speaks, offers an excellent opportunity for Catholics to develop a richer understanding of the Bible. To sign up for this excellent course, please go to <https://comeandsee.org> and click on the registration button."

LENT & EASTER AT ST CLARE'S

The Sisters would like you to know that while the Chapel at St Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close LU3 1ND is still Closed - the Prayer Garden is open for private prayer every day from 10.00am until 6.00pm. There is ample outdoor seating that allows for privacy, silence and social distancing. Face Masks are required at all times. The Garden is in place for the six weeks of Lent. At the end of Holy Week, the Lenten Garden will be transformed into an Easter Garden.



The clocks spring forward one hour at 2am Sunday morning.

LET US PRAY

For those throughout the world who are suffering from the impact of coronavirus. May the Lord of Mercy bring them health and healing.
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died recently especially Eilean Quinn and also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time particularly Harry Davies. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

We place in God's hand our personal needs and prayers.

We pray together our parish prayer.

God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**HOLY WEEK****SATURDAY 27TH MARCH****VIGIL MASS 5.00PM**Lent feria
PALM SUNDAY (B)
Frank McConnachie RIP**SUNDAY 28TH MARCH**9.00AM
10.30AM
12.00 Noon
6.00PM**PALM SUNDAY (B)**
People of the Parish
Harry Davis RIP (Anniv)
Zoom Code 813 4662 7845
People of the Parish
Stations of the Cross
Zoom Code 834 2619 3453**MONDAY 29TH MARCH****Monday of Holy Week**
Michael Philippou (Spec Ints)**TUESDAY 30TH MARCH**

9.15AM

Tuesday of Holy Week
Robert David RIP
Zoom Code 897 0976 4306**WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH**

9.15AM

Wednesday of Holy Week
Tony & Mary Tohill RIP**THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM****THURSDAY 1ST APRIL**6.00pm
8.00pm**EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
People of the Parish
People of the Parish
Zoom Code 886 0195 0497
Watching at the Altar of Repose from the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane:
<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>**FRIDAY 2ND APRIL**2.00PM
5.00PM**THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
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Zoom Code 853 2733 1446**HOLY SATURDAY 3RD APRIL****VIGIL MASS 8.00PM****THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**
People of the Parish
Zoom Code 824 8205 7148**SUNDAY 4TH APRIL**9.00AM
10.30AM
12.00 Noon**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (B)**
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