

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEMEL WEST
PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD
10 April 2022

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TODAY'S MASS

***The Passion of our
Lord Jesus Christ***

Fr Brian writes....

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil in the night of Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness," the time when Satan returns, as told by Luke at the time of the temptation in the desert. Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This theme continues throughout Luke's passion narrative and Jesus is in full command of events until his death, when commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.

PARISH NEWS

Welcome to the parish of Hemel West. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Brian, by contacting him on 01442 391 759.

EASTER DAY & CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING: You may be aware that a percentage of our weekly parish offertory collection goes to the diocese, so that in common with all parishes in the diocese we can support the work of the bishop and the staff of his central offices, known as the Curia. However, at Christmas and Easter we get to keep the lot! The offertory collections, along with Mass offerings etc contribute to the provision of my annual stipend, currently £10,000 pa. As I'm not an employee of the diocese, but as a priest incardinated into it, I do not receive a salary, but a stipend as I am considered an 'office holder.' I'm very appreciative of your generosity at this time of the year and indeed your regular offerings to the parish in a variety of ways. Thank you. Fr Brian.

COLLECTION: There will be a collection for The Holy Places on Friday 15 April.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed from Friday 15 April, until Friday 22 April and will reopen on Monday 25 April.

NEWSLETTER: Please note that there will not be a newsletter on the weekend of 23/24 April.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There are two on-line versions of Stations of the Cross. The first is for young children with their parents with age appropriate words and images. Please follow the link <https://youtu.be/TcbAskL3W64>.

The second has traditional prayers and contemporary images and is more appropriate for adults. Please follow the link https://youtu.be/Qfp7pD78x_g. Both links are live and will remain available until Easter Saturday 12 noon.

JOINT STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH ST JOHN'S CHURCH: Come and join us at 10am on Good Friday for a joint Stations of the Cross with St John's church. We start at Ss Mary and Joseph's church and then make our way across Blackbirds Moor ending at St John's church. Everyone welcome, especially our children.

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER ACT OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY: Meet at the Market Square in the town centre at 10.45am for a short service. The theme: 'The Rubbish Cross?' links care for the environment with the Good Friday focus of redemption. Churches are asked to bring bags of clean recycling (no glass or food) so that seven 24 inch cubed metal cages will be assembled into a cross of rubbish, which, in the service, will be used as the act of repentance and devotion and promise of restoration.

FLOWER FESTIVAL: Saturday 30 April until Monday 2 May. As May is the month traditionally dedicated to Mary, the theme of the displays will reflect Our Lady in her many manifestations: Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Walsingham to name but three. This event is organised by the Hemel West Catholic Women's League and will take place on Saturday 30 April, 2pm to 6pm, Sunday 1 May 9.30am to 5pm and Monday 2 May, 9.30am to 5pm. The Mass schedule will continue as normal. Refreshments will be available. We are looking for people to help

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK:

Mon:	John	12:1-11
Tues:	John	13:21- 33,36-38
Wed:	Matthew	26:14-25
Thurs:	John	13:1-15
Fri:	John	18 :1 - 19:42
Sat:	Romans	6:3-11
Sunday:	John	20: 1-9

PARISH FINANCES

PLANNED GIVING: Thank you to all those who have made the switch to donating by Standing Order. For those who wish to donate in this way, the details are:

Account Name: **WRCDT Hemel West**
Sort Code: **40-05-20**
Account No.: **31095048**

The offertory collection Income figures are published on a monthly basis once the bank reconciliation is completed.

with refreshments on the days we are open; to help set up the church on Friday 29 April and to act as stewards. The Festival is being funded from generous donations from parishioners but if you would like to contribute as well please get in touch. If you would like to sponsor a display please let us know. You can contact Anne at kannhanrahan@gmail.com or speak to a member of the CWL.

JUSTICE & PEACE: Apartheid was rightly condemned and ended in South Africa after vigorous public opposition. However, apartheid is "alive and well" and it is the Palestinian people who live under an apartheid system today, a fact confirmed in a recent report by Amnesty

International and again by the U.N Special Rapporteur. Check out: www.amnesty.org.uk/EndIsraelsApartheid (amnesty.org.uk).

Prayer

Dear God, please help me to gradually open my hands, and to discover that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me. And what you want to give me is unconditional, everlasting love.

Henri Nouwen.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

PLEASE TAKE A SCHEDULE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

	Date	Time	Church
Palm Sunday	10 April	8.30am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		10.15am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		12 noon	St Mark's
Mass of the Lords Supper	14 April	7pm. Watching at the altar of repose until 9.30pm.	Ss Mary & Joseph
Good Friday	15 April	3pm	Ss Mary & Joseph
		3pm (Ordinate) All are welcome to join the Ordinate community for their corresponding service.	St Mark's
Saturday Easter Vigil	16 April	9pm	Ss Mary & Joseph
		9pm (Ordinate) All are welcome to join the Ordinate community for their corresponding service.	St Mark's
Easter Sunday	17 April	8.30am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		10.15am	Ss Mary & Joseph
		12 noon	St Mark's

HOLY MASS

SUN 10 Apr	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	(SMSJ) 6pm (Vigil) (SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo Jeff Knowles (RIP)
MON 11 Apr	Holy week	(SMSJ) 10am	Reparation for Blasphemy
TUE 12 Apr	Holy week	(SMSJ) 10am	Triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart
WED 13 Apr	Holy week	(SMSJ) 10am	
THU 14 Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY	(SMSJ) 7pm	Mass of the Lords Supper
FRI 15 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	(SMSJ) 3pm (SM) 3pm (Ordinariate)	Good Friday Good Friday
SAT 16 Apr	HOLY SATURDAY	(SMSJ) 9pm (SM) 9pm (Ordinariate)	Easter Vigil Easter Vigil
SUN 17 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY	(SMSJ) 8.30am (SMSJ) 10.15am (SM) 12 noon	Pro Populo

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased family member or a friend, or for any other intention, do let Shirley Bailey know by emailing her at shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk or you can call her on 01442 391 759. It is customary to make an offering and the diocese recommends £10 per Mass. If this is unaffordable for you, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: **Saturday:** 5pm-5.30pm at SS Mary & Joseph church and by appointment.



Please switch off
all mobile phones

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