

- *The Announcer*

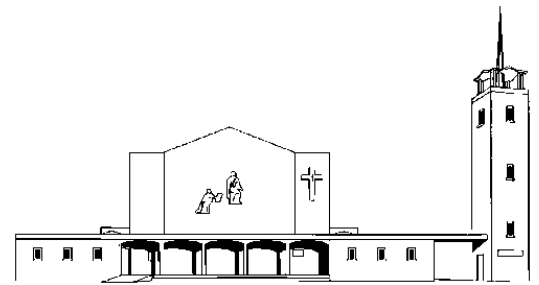
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PALM SUNDAY

10TH APRIL 2022

Gospel: The Passion according to St Luke

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem but also the entry into the last week of his mortal life. It is so easy to forget what Jesus was carrying with him, the enormity of knowing that within a few days he would face his own death. During his ministry and on his journey to Jerusalem he had



mentioned what would happen to him, and now, during this final week he would speak to his disciples just one last time of the inevitability of his passion. I wonder how we would react if we knew we had just one week of our mortal life left? I suspect for most of us, the overriding need would be for reconciliation. Reconciliation that we would know we could face death in peace. Reconciliation with one's self, with others, with God. But why wait until your last days to be reconciled? What if you should die unreconciled, or to die consciously in your sins. I can't think of anything worse. Pray indeed that we should not die so suddenly as to be unprepared. What makes this coming Friday Good is that our reconciliation has already been achieved, even when we were not in a state of grace. For as St Paul in Romans says, 'when were we enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son'. On the cross Jesus has absorbed our sins into his body-not just my sins but the sins of everyone who has ever existed or ever will. Consider the cost for Jesus. If we are to talk of his passion then the scourging and the crucifixion were as nothing compared to the pain of separation, of being cut off from the Father he loved as my sins, your sins, the sins of the world were laid upon him. Such love, and yet how lacking in love is our response. Will we stay close to him not just through the events of Holy Week but every day of our life henceforth? Will we venerate his Cross but decide also to live a cross shaped existence? Will we accept his ministry of reconciliation as he stoops to wash our feet and our guilty hearts and be evermore reconciled to him ourselves? The implications couldn't be more pressing....for if we have died with him, then we shall surely be raised with him. 'For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled shall we be saved by his life'. Say goodbye to mortality and the deadly ways of the world. Choose life instead. As Easter approaches may this be the dawn not just of a new day but a new life.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

ROSALIND NEEDHAM of Rosehill Close, died recently, aged 86. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 11th April at 11am.**

JOHN KELLY of Stains Close, died recently, aged 84. His Requiem will be held on **Wednesday 13th April at 12 noon.**

MARIA RANDAZZO of Kingsfield, died recently aged 88. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 25th April at 11.30am.**

May they rest in peace.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby will be running a Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing on **the 1st & 29th May & 12th & 26th June.** Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS: During the Mass, there will also be a Rite of Re-commissioning for the Ministers of Holy Communion, so if you are a Minister, please attend the Mass at 8pm.

GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS: Please meet in the town at the clock tower at 11am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON GOOD FRIDAY: children should be taken straight to the crypt before 3pm. The children will be brought into church to venerate the cross and have a blessing at Communion and should also be collected from the crypt.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: there will be the traditional collection 'Pro Terra Sancta' (for the sacred places of the Holy Land).

LENT

LENTEN ALMS: Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. You will find the box throughout Lent in the church.

RECONCILIATION BEFORE EASTER: The Penitential Service for the parish will be held on **Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm.**

HOLY WEEK POSTERS are now available at the back of church. Please do take one to display in your window at home.

HOLY WEEK – advanced notice of times:

Tuesday 12th April: CHRISM MASS at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 14th April
8.30am Exposition 9am Morning Prayer
9.15am-9.45am Confessions
7-7.30pm Confessions
8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.30pm-Midnight: praying at Altar of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY: 15th April
9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30-10.30am Confessions
11am *Churches Together* Act of Witness –
Meet at Clock Tower in town.
12-3pm Devotions before the Cross
2-2.30pm Confessions
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6.30-7pm Confessions
7pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY: 16th April
9.45am Morning Prayer
10-11am Confessions
9pm Mass of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 9.15am and 11.15am Mass

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

PLANNED GIVING: Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are available from the back of the church from this weekend. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms will be available beside the boxes. Gift Aid forms will also be available. **If your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.**

PARISH ACCOUNTANT: The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with accounting experience. It would involve keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing

annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some remuneration. Training and support would be available. To receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently including Maria Randazzo, John Kelly, Rosalind Needham & Julia Parker and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Paolo Conti, Michael Taylor, Thomas McDonnell, Anna Chiparo, Richard Trebus, Peter Tanner, Caterina Lo Monaco, Eugenio Morreale, Rosario Quartararo, James Hussey, Elia Peduto & Antonio Minichiello. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 25th April at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents and candidates will need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023: The register for parents to sign will begin this weekend and is on the blue board at the back of church.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 14th May at 11.30am** in church.

The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL currently have places in Reception, Year 4 & 5 classes. If you are interested, please contact the school on 467309 or email admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL There is limited availability for 30-hour Nursery places and, some places available in our afternoon Nursery session. Please contact the School Office for more information on 01992 463549.

JUSTICE & PEACE

CAFOD: Can we stop UK companies causing harm around the world? So far this year, over 500 MPs have been contacted by nearly 2,000 CAFOD supporters to call for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act. Right now, workers are being exploited, rivers are being polluted and communities are being forced from their lands around the world because of activities in the supply chains of UK companies. But those companies aren't held responsible. We need a new law so that companies are held to account for their failure to prevent human rights and environmental abuses - and so that communities can take companies to court. With every email or letter to an MP, the case for a new Act gets stronger. If you haven't already, please email your MP at cafod.org.uk/newlaw.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

200 CLUB winner for April is number 118, John Griffin. Congratulations!

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY newspaper is now free for a digital 4-week trial. You can order by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650
michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 9th April 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Renzo Pini RIP</p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Bertie Roddy RIP</p> <p>Sun 10th April PALM SUNDAY 9.15am Mass William Anthony RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish</p>	<p>Page 184 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 <i>I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.</i></p> <p>Ps 21— My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</p> <p>2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 <i>He humbled himself; but God raised him high.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</p> <p>Gospel: Passion according to Luke 22: 14-23:56</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 Gospel: John 20: 1-9</p>
<p>Mon 11th April MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Marianne Dorman 11am Funeral Rosalind Needham RIP 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 12th April TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Margaret & Patrick Wall 6pm Exposition 7.30pm Penitential Service</p> <p>Wed 13th April WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Private intention - followed by coffee in the crypt 12 noon Funeral John Kelly RIP 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Thurs 14th April MAUNDY THURSDAY 8.30am Exposition 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am-9.45am Confessions 7-7.30pm Confessions 8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper For the Parish 9.30-Midnight Praying at the Altar of Repose</p> <p>Fri 15th April GOOD FRIDAY (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am-10.30am Confessions 12-3pm Devotions before the Cross 3pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 6.30pm-7pm Confessions 7pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>Sat 16th April HOLY SATURDAY 9.45am Morning Prayer 10-11am Confessions 7.00pm Italian Easter Vigil* 9pm* Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's int's</p> <p>Sun 17th April EASTER SUNDAY 9.15am Mass For the Parish 11.15am Mass Muriel Irechukwu</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p>
<p>Tues 12th 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>	

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.