



# The Announcer



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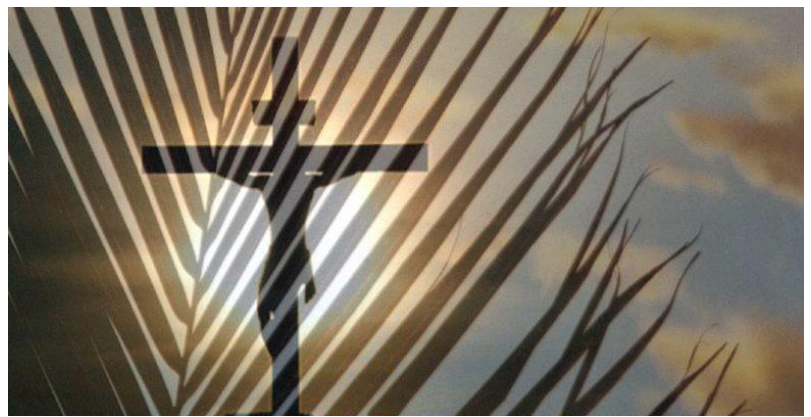
**Year A**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2023**

Gospel: *The Passion according to St Matthew*

The triumph of Jesus' Resurrection awaits us but before that we must walk with him the final Way of the Cross. Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and into the last week of his life. Before the week is out we will have witnessed his cleansing of the temple, his last conflict with the religious authorities, his final teaching about the coming kingdom, his last supper with his disciples, his betrayal, his sham trial, his awful crucifixion and his burial in the tomb. There is a logic to this progression. No Easter without Good Friday and Holy Saturday. No glory without the cross and burial. Do we understand this? Each and every one of us cannot access the benefits of His grace unless we are prepared to recognise His death. Think of two crosses. One is empty. Jesus is triumphant. The other has a corpus-Jesus hangs on the cross for my sins. We need both cross and crucifix, but prior is the crucifix. Venerating his cross is to recognise his atoning death...that he paid the price for my sins and willingly underwent the punishment for my rebellion. Venerating his cross is to surrender myself into his hands...my body, my work, my time, my talents, my resources. He is asking me to die with him, in order to rise with him. Anything else is cheap grace, grace that presumes on the benefits of God without any obligation on our part. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyred by the Nazis, described cheap grace as *'the sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion... thrown away at cut prices. .... the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate'*. Costly grace on the other hand *'is costly because it calls us to follow...Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "you were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us'*. The events of Holy Week present me with an opportunity to get my priorities right. To give Christ his due and to put Him first. He gave everything for me. What will I give to Him? Will I acknowledge his unfathomable divine mercy? Will I dethrone the idols in my life? Will I reject whatever keeps me from accepting his amazing grace? Will I be faithful in obeying his commands starting with the most basic, such as attending mass? *Do this in remembrance of me?* Will I honour Him by being present with my brothers and sisters and by heeding his word? Or will I be with the traitors who cry crucify, away with him and them? Will I choose my own way, the way of death, rather than life? Or will I choose my Saviour's love for me, "love to the loveless shown that they might lovingly be?"



Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nicholas Lamb, Gaetano Chiazza, David Charles-Edwards, Maria Randazzo, Girolamo Abella, Bridget Newson, Michaela Cantwell, Giuseppa Provenzano, Dennis Dempsey, Florinda Ingino, Salvatore Insalaco, Antonino & Franco Martorana and Marie Riccardi. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Gabby will be resuming the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing **23<sup>rd</sup> April**. 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.



**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY** will be on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** and the coach will leave the church at 9am. The coach is now full. If you have not yet paid, can you please drop your money in to the presbytery.

**WARM SPACES PROJECT:** We will provide a warm space in our crypt on Tuesdays from 2.30pm-5.00pm.

**VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD** **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May** St James, Spanish Place (tube Bond St/Baker St) Open Evening for any interested men.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** is from **21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>.



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** will be on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Mass that evening will therefore be at 8.30pm. More details will follow.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** This is the last chance to join Westminster Youth Ministry for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from **25 July to 9 August** to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. There are last few places remaining at this price and applications will close on 14 April 2023. For more info and booking forms email Phoebe Prendergast at [phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk) or

Holly Cook at [hollycook@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hollycook@rcdow.org.uk) or call us on 020 3757 2516

## LENT

**LENTEN ALMS: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. You will find the box throughout Lent in the porch.



**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** for the parish will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**.

## HOLY WEEK

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

**RECEIVING IN TWO KINDS:** From Maundy Thursday, we shall be resuming reception from the chalice of the precious blood.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON GOOD FRIDAY:** Children should be taken straight to the crypt. Children should also be collected from the crypt.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> April:  
CHRISM MASS at  
Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 6<sup>th</sup> April  
8.30am Exposition  
**8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
9.30pm–Midnight: praying at Altar of Repose.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 7<sup>th</sup> April  
9.45am Morning Prayer  
11 *Churches Together* Act of Witness (clock tower)  
12-3pm Adoration before the Cross  
**3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
7pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 8<sup>th</sup> April  
9.45am Morning Prayer  
**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

the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

**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. Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations. There is no further cost to the donor but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. **If your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.**

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Patricia Dempsey, Ian Witham & Frances Kearney.*

**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**

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023:** The next meeting for candidates only will be the Penitential

Service held in the church on the **4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**. The next meeting in the crypt will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7-8pm**. **If you have not yet returned your completed blue sponsor form together with the sheet with your chosen Confirmation name, can you please return them to the presbytery.**

## SCHOOLS

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** have nursery tours available. Please contact the school office on 01992 463549 or [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) for further details.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April** from 12-3pm.

Previous staff/committee members are most welcome. Please rsvp to Lynn on 07880887663.



## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:** The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.

**BACON/SAUSAGE** sandwiches and refreshments will be served in the crypt after the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses **this weekend**. Tea and cake will be served after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome.

**CORONATION CEREMONY:** We will be showing the King's Coronation on the large TV in the crypt on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. All are welcome to come and watch.



**UPDATE ON SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BROXBORNE:** Thank you for your wonderful response to the appeal for assistance for asylum seekers. So many clothes have been donated, that a temporary halt has been put on clothing so what has been donated can be distributed. Whilst clothes are no longer being collected, you can still make a monetary donation at

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/ca-re-4-calais-west-essex-east-herts&tag=>

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé and Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> 9.00am Exposition                      9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Smith's intentions</i>	<b>Page 176 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 50: 4-7 <i>I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Maria Randazzo RIP anniv</i>	<b>Ps 21 — My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</b>
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April PALM SUNDAY</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonino &amp; Franco Martorana RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 2: 6-11 <i>He humbled himself; but God raised him high.</i>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased members of Giamalva Family</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel Accl.</b> 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!
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>7pm Penitential Service</b>	<b>Gospel:</b> Passion according to Matthew 26: 14-27:66
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Mai Hackett RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>(YEAR A)</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 10: 34, 37-43 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 3: 1-4 <b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 1-9
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am-9.45am Confessions              7-7.30pm Confessions <b>8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper For the Parish</b> 9.30-Midnight Praying at the Altar of Repose	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 9am Morning Prayer    9.30am-10.30am Confessions 12-3pm Devotions before the Cross <b>3pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> 6.30pm-7pm Confessions    7pm Stations of the Cross	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April HOLY SATURDAY</b> 9.45am Morning Prayer 10-11am Confessions 5.45pm Italian Easter Vigil <b>9pm Mass of the Easter Vigil Priest's intentions</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Anthony RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 4th</b> 1pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 4th</b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt

**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 in the porch. 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.*