



## Catholic Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Northfields

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**Office Opening Hours: 10.30am to 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### **Sacraments and Devotions:**

**Sacraments: on enquiry; devotions: Rosary after morning weekday Mass.**

### **In case you are admitted to hospital.....**

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

Psalter week 2

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## Palm Sunday (Year A) Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

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**Readings for This Week (Palm Sunday)** Isaiah 50:4-7, Ps, 21, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27

**Readings for Next Week (Easter Sunday)** Acts 10:34, 37-43, Ps 117:1-2, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

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### **Reflection from Fr. Hilary: Reflection from Fr. Hilary: Holy Week**

"He saved others. Himself he cannot save. Come down from the Cross and we will believe in you."

I've often felt that if it was me on the Cross and had the same powers as the Lord, I'd be down in a flash to have a major "one up" on them all and to see their faces! What about you? Such would be the greatest macho event of all time! "I'll show them...!" But thank God, our Saviour was different. It has been rightly said that it is because Jesus did **not** come down from the Cross that we believe deeply in Him. Indeed. Here is a reflection on the matter by William Barclay:

"Jesus came to tell us of the love of God. He himself was the incarnate love of God. And if Jesus had refused the Cross, if he had come down from the cross, it would have meant there was a limit to the love of God, that there was something which the love of God was not prepared to suffer for people. But because Jesus went the whole way and died on the Cross, it means that there is no limit to God's love, that there is nothing in all the universe which God's love is not prepared to suffer for people, that there is nothing, not even death on a Cross, which the love of God will refuse to bear for people. When we look at the Cross, Jesus is saying to us "God loves you like that, with a love that is limitless, a love that will bear every suffering that earth has to offer for you." If Jesus had come down we could not have believed all that but because he refused to come down we do believe and we rest our very selves in the limitless love of God."

### **So are we going to come down from the Cross in our lives?**

*Please keep for prayerful reflection*

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**Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds** Following discussions at the Bishops' Conference and among Westminster bishops and priests, permission has been granted for the resumption of Holy Communion being received under both species (bread and wine) at the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Holy Week 2023, given the theological significance of the celebration. In order to be able to offer the chalice at Sunday Masses once again, more Eucharistic Ministers will be required at each Mass. Offering Communion under both kinds at as many Masses as possible will very much depend on this. Receiving from the chalice provides a fuller expression of the Lord's command to eat and drink at the Eucharistic celebration. The teaching of the Church remains that the totality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord is received in either or both species,

### **Lent**

**1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** before morning Masses, 8.15am on Monday and Wednesday only this week.

**2. Stations of the Cross** After morning Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.

**3. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Meet and Greet** for Holy Week and up to **16<sup>th</sup> April**: please sign up on the list in the sacristy available from this weekend.

**4. Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross** Sign-up list in the sacristy. Rehearsal **Weds. 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm** in the church. Please note: the date published last weekend was the wrong date.

**5. Holy Week and Easter Services** Leaflets containing the details of services are available from the back of the church.

**6. Easter Flower Workshop** will take place on **Sat, 8<sup>th</sup> April**, 10.00am in the Parish Hall. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy by **4<sup>th</sup> April**.

**7. Greenery for Church Flowers** If you have evergreen shrubs and trees in your garden, please consider donating some cuttings for the church Easter flower displays. Please leave by the garage in the car park on Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**Newsletter** Please submit any items for the Easter double issue, covering 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Masses and Services this week

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Palm Sunday Year A)

(Sat.) 6.00pm Margaret & John Bulger (Ann.)  
8.30am Robert Andall (Ann.)  
10.00am S. Angela Sivathiamal (Ann.)  
11.30am Mark Ram & Francisco Rodrigues (Ann.)  
6.00pm Tony Cummins (LD.)

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

9.30am Charles Murray (LD.)

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

6.00pm Marie Taylor (Ann.)

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Mark Farrell (Int.)

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Thursday)

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy  
8.00pm Prayers at the Cross

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April

8.00pm Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday Year A)

8.30am Vincent & Kathleen Collins (LD.)  
10.00am Elizabeth Londra (Ann.)  
11.30am Claire Bradnum (Get well int.)

**No Evening Mass**

**Prayers for the Sick** We pray for those suffering from illness and their carers: Fraser Thompson, Aimi McEwan, Doreen Foley, Anna Keane, Barbara Lennon Snr, Teresa Hartnett, Stephania Pullin, Geraldine Davison, Dave Mortby, Cerys Edwards, Andrew Chandiram, Kathleen Walsh, Donna O'Hagan, Ann Hagan, Alan Worman, Sankar Ghosh, M.S., Margaret Adu, Therese Biks, Shantha Kumari, Sagundala Devi, Victor Young, Ernst Barroclough, Claire Bradnum, Giuseppe Iannotta, Our Lady, help of the Sick, pray for us.

**Prayers for those Recently Deceased and Anniversaries** We pray for the repose of the souls of: Tommy Keegan, Ceceline Castelino, Tony Cummins, Charles Murray, Vincent and Kathleen Collins. All those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including Robert Andall, S. Angela Sivathiamal, Mark Ram, Francisco Rodrigues, Sebastian Gnana-Ratnam and Marie Taylor. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

**Catechetics (Sacramental Preparation)** Contact Anna initially on or 07787 048144 with enquiries and queries. **Please include a mobile/phone number with your e-mail enquiry.**

**Infant Baptism** Participation in a short preparation course is required before celebrating the sacrament. For more information, please contact Anna preferably by e-mail initially.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** during 10am Mass, term time. Liturgy is aimed at children aged 3 -7 (Nursery to Year 2). Volunteers required. Please contact Anna for further information.

**First Reconciliation and Communion 2023** Parents' meeting **Weds. 19<sup>th</sup> April.**, 6.00pm for 6.15 start, Parish Hall,

**Confirmation 2023** Rehearsal for Good Friday Evening Prayers at the Cross **today**, 4.00pm, in the **church**.

**Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Or would like to know more about the Catholic faith?** For more information on how to go about this, please contact Anna to arrange an informal chat in the first instance. Next meeting **Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30pm – 8.30pm**, Parish House.

**Getting Married?** Please note that at least 6 months' notice is required wherever your marriage is taking place. For further initial information, please go to: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/northfields/sacramental-prep/marriage-preparation/>

**Good Friday Walk of Witness** Two processions will walk, one from Ealing Abbey, beginning at 10.15am, and one from St. Mary's Church (10.20am) along the roadway into central Ealing. concluding open-air service in the garden of Christ the Saviour Church from 10.45am - 11.05am (approx.)

**Parent and Toddler Group has changed to** Stretch and Movement for Mums and preschool children **Wednesdays (term time) from 10.am to 11am**, in the Parish Hall and time for a hot drink and chat afterwards.

**London Irish Social Group-** Parish hall, **Thursdays at 10am to 1pm**. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April Easter celebration, with the band Bible code Sunday, a sing a long, Buffet, Easter egg hunt and a prize for best Easter Bonnet 🥰. Everyone Welcome. Contact Marie Connolly or Mary Whelan-O'Neill on 07592508682.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Sat. 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.**

Couples who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023 who wish to attend are invited to send into the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Deadline for submitting details: 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Offertory Envelopes:** Available to collect from the sacristy. Contact Rosa with any queries.

**RN's required** FULL or PART time for a small local nursing home in W13. Please email your interest to: [hopleyleo@googlemail.com](mailto:hopleyleo@googlemail.com)

**Hope For A New Beginning – A Weekend For The Widowed, Separated And Divorced 21 – 23 April 2023** at The Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. For further details, see poster or contact Freda: 01322 838415, Maura 07795 498455 or [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

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