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Mass this Sunday: Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (C) 14th April 2019

Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7 The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle so that he can endure all suffering with patience.

Philippians 2:6-11 Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.

Luke 22:14 – 23:56 St Luke reveals the compassionate promise of Jesus to the good thief: "today you will be with me in paradise".

Masses and other Liturgies for Holy Week

Saturday 13 th	6:30pm		<i>Intention</i>
Sunday 14 th	9:00am	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY	For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Julia & Charlie McKinley (anniversary)
Monday 15 th	7:45am	Monday of Holy Week	Julie Albone (RIP)
Tuesday 16th	9:15am	Tuesday of Holy Week	Student Cross Pilgrims
Wednesday 17th	9:15am	Wednesday of Holy Week	Martha Sullivan (RIP)
Holy Thursday 18th	8:00pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper	Cornelius Cleary (RIP)
	10:45am	Night Prayer	Vocations to the priesthood
Good Friday 19th	10:00am	Stations of The Cross	
	11:00am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness	
	12 noon	Children's Stations	
	3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy of The Passion	
Holy Saturday 20th	8:30pm	EASTER VIGIL	Candidates for Confirmation
		<i>With Baptism, Reception into the Church and Confirmations</i>	
Easter Sunday 21st	9:00am		Candidates for First Holy Communion
	10:30am	<i>With Baptisms</i>	Candidates for Baptism

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the liturgy on Good Friday or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a special occasion

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £380.98 about £600 each week in bank standing orders from parishioners. Text Giving if you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

HOLY WEEK We still need lots of volunteers: to read; to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday; to be Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; people to help prepare the church; someone to prepare and light the New Fire and more. Please sign up on the sign up sheets or see Fr Philip.

Servers for Holy Week Thank you to those who have already signed-up. There are plenty of spaces on the list for the main liturgies of Holy Week in the Sacristy and some gaps that urgently need filling. Please indicate if you are able to help and at which liturgies. Again it would be helpful to have some adult servers.

Can you lend a pot plant? It would be very good to borrow just for one night some pot plants (e.g. Parlour Palms) to help create the Garden for the Altar of Repose on the Holy Thursday. Please let Fr Philip know if you can help.

CWL Easter Raffle Many thanks for all your support for our Easter raffle. A total of £195 was made on the sale of raffle tickets, Easter chicks and rabbits and Easter baskets, which will all go to charitable causes. All winners have now been notified.

Centenary Year: Please note that after the excellence of the weekend of the 24th March, there is more to come!

- May 4th 2pm-4pm An afternoon of Marian devotions including a Votive Mass of the Annunciation and an outdoor processional Rosary (weather permitting). Any volunteers willing to help with this please let Fr Philip know.
- July 6th Canterbury Pilgrimage. Leaving Royston 8:45am. Mass at the Shrine of St Thomas, time in Canterbury and Evensong at the Cathedral. The cost will be £25 for adults, £15 for children, which includes both transport and entry to the Cathedral. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Baldock Catholic Church on Sunday 28th April at 3pm. There will also be the opportunity to go to confession. The novena to the Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday.

Coin Collection: The school and church will be jointly fundraising to help with the celebrations of the Church Centenary and the school's 50 years. We hope to create a large outline of both the Church and the School, then fill them in with coins; these can be either UK or overseas coins. There is a bucket in the Sacristy to collect your donations. Thank you
Red Boxes The time has come to empty your red *Missio* mission boxes. Envelopes are available to pick up at the back of Church. Thank you for your continued support.

Fire Wardens We have received a note from the Diocese which I have copied for all our Fire Wardens. Please find this at the back of Church. If there are others who would be willing to be Fire Wardens please see Fr Philip.

Confirmation Catch up Some candidates have missed sessions in our preparation for Confirmation. It is possible to arrange some catch up sessions on Tuesday 16th April 4-5pm, Wednesday 17th April 4-5pm, Wednesday 24th April 7-8pm. Please a.s.a.p. let Fr Philip (philipknights@rcdow.org.uk) know your availability.

Planned Giving 2019-20 The new tax year has just begun. Now is a good time to join the scheme, especially if you are a taxpayer. Please contact the Parish Secretary for Gift Aid or Banker's Order forms. For envelopes or further details, contact Lawrence Fernee on 01763 243395 or Lfernee@BTInternet.com.

Kanyike Project Fr. Kakuba and the people of Kanyike Project are most grateful for the parish donation of £2000 and very much appreciate the Parish's continued support.

Holy Father Prayer Intentions for April
Universal – Workers in War Zones For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Flower Holders If you were given a flower arrangement at the centenary celebrations, please would you return the holder **urgently** as they are needed for our Easter displays in the church. Please could you leave them at the back of the church.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Ruth Friday – Mary & Pat

Lachrimae Amantis
GEOFFREY HILL

What is there in my heart that you should sue so fiercely for its love? What kind of care brings you as though a stranger to my door through the long night and in the icy dew

seeking the heart that will not harbour you, that keeps itself religiously secure? At this dark solstice filled with frost and fire your passion's ancient wounds must bleed anew.

So many nights the angel of my house has fed such urgent comfort through a dream, whispered "your lord is coming, he is close"

that I have drowsed half-faithful for a time bathed in pure tones of promise and remorse: "tomorrow I shall wake to welcome him."