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**The Church is closed until further notice.**

***Palm Sunday
Fr. Duncan writes:*** Today we begin the most important week in the Church’s Year, Holy Week. Today, Palm Sunday, we begin this solemn celebration by recalling Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the people laid a ‘red carpet’ of welcome using their coats and palm branches cut from the trees, to welcome Christ as their King. The note of triumph in the waving of the palm branches does not last long. Christ’s true kingship reveals itself on and through the Cross. During Holy Week we celebrate Christ’s passion, death and resurrection.

On Thursday, we join Christ at the Lord’s Supper, the Passover Meal he celebrated with his disciples. We then go with him to pray at the Altar of Repose – the Garden of Gethsemane, from where he is arrested and taken before Pilate. On Friday, we follow the Lord as he makes his way to Calvary for his crucifixion. But we know that this is not the end, because on Saturday evening and Sunday we gather to celebrate the Resurrection.

This year Holy Week will be very different. We will not be able to gather together in our church to celebrate the various liturgies together as a parish community. We can however, through the internet and television join other parishes around the country and the world for the various Holy Week Masses and services. Using our prayer books and other resources, we can unite ourselves with Christ as he journeys through his passion and death to his resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year, in a very different way, we can really make this a Holy Week for ourselves and all who are dear to us.

Palms will be blessed at Mass on Sunday morning and will be placed outside the church for you to collect while you are out on your daily walk. Remember, if you arrive when others are there, don’t forget keep to social distancing – **2 metres – 6ft apart!** Palms will also be available when the church reopens and we can come together to celebrate Mass again.

The Holy Week Masses and services will be celebrated in our church, behind closed doors. We have been given specific instructions from the Bishop’s Conference for this year. On Maundy Thursday evening, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, on Good Friday in the afternoon we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion. On Holy Saturday, we will celebrate The Easter Vigil. I will offer this Mass for all in our parish. Then on Easter Sunday we celebrate the day of the Lord’s Resurrection. As we come towards the end of Lent, a very different Lent this year, we need to maintain our efforts with our Lenten exercises. When Christ journeyed up Calvary with his cross, he fell several times. If we have ‘fallen’ on our Lenten journey we need to follow Christ’s example, get up and carry on. It is never too late to start doing something.

**Virtual Stations of the Cross**

Please join us this ***Good Friday*** at ***7:30pm*** as we meet virtually to pray the Stations of the Cross.
All are welcome to join! To join please visit the website: [**https://Zoom.us**](https://Zoom.us) and click ‘Join Meeting’ and enter the code for the meeting when prompted. Depending on your device, you may be prompted to download an App or a programme. Please accept this and allow access to both camera and speakers / microphone / audio. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS Meeting ID: 267-561-510**.

**Word for Easter**

Following the Word for Lent series - reflection and faith sharing discussions on the Gospels of the season - we will be starting Word for Easter during Holy Week over Zoom. If you would like to join and receive the materials, please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ev868oUFaUGcVaeAS3KojY2R9CG0XKJMlrznnQ5hlztUNk9OM1E5UTJONks4RDlNUlA3TEE4TTJZVy4u>

or contact Jo: email -  jomarsh@rcdow.org.uk or tel: ***07852 978741***

The R.C.I.A. for next year will begin this 7October.If you know of someone – husband, wife, friend who might be interested in exploring whether God may be calling them to become a Catholic then please ask them and if so either you or they can contact me and I will give you further information. The important thing to remember is that we are all called to be evangelizers and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

This week our suggested intention to focus are those suffering from the coronavirus.

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**Lately Dead**

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Walsh** who died last week, may our thoughts and prayers be with Frank and family.
May she rest in peace.

**Parish Office**

The parish office is closed to visitors until further notice. Please contact Anne by email anneoconnor@rcdow.org.uk

**Family Faith Newsletter**

Please see our online Family Faith Newsletters with ideas for maintaining your prayer life at home as a family during this time.

**Rosary Conference Call**

It has been a really wonderful experience this week to continue to pray with a group of parishioners while maintaining social distancing. All are welcome to join daily at 9:30am (incl Sunday). Telephone No: **0333 0110 945**. When prompted, enter the following:
Room number: **29316542 #** **Guest PIN: 5714 #**

**E-Alerts:**

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly parish updates straight to your inbox, please sign into the parish e-Alerts on our parish website.

## **Mass Intentions for the Week: 4th – 12th April 2020**

Saturday 4thApril Lilian Smith, R.I.P.
 Joe Corrigan, R.I.P. (Ann.)

Sunday 5th April For you the people ***Palm Sunday***  Joe Conlon, R.I.P. (Ann.)

Monday 6th April Linda Higgins, R.I.P.
 Sonia McCarthy, R.I.P.

Tuesday 7th April Charles, Edmund & Violet Killington, R.I.P.
 Ann O’Neill, R.I.P.

Wednesday 8th April Pat Walsh, R.I.P.
 Mary Rocks, R.I.P. (Ann.)

**THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

Thursday 9th April Special Intentions

***Maundy Thursday***

Friday 10th April Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
***Good Friday***

Saturday 11th April For you the people
***Holy Saturday***

Sunday 12th April Amy & Thomas Corbett, R.I.P. ***Easter Sunday***  Tom Kelly, R.I.P. (Ann.)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**:
Harry Butler, Lily Fehin, Carmel Galanty, Doreen Jones, Rose Pick, Marjorie Shaw, Caroline Titley,
Claire Wilson, Edna Winwright, Mary Worley, Bernadette Campbell, Danny Sheppard, Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Fiona O’Leary, Nora Bond, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Simon Mott,
Claire Wilmshurst, Edward Vivier, Carmel Keane, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrison, Andrew Wilson,
Barbara Steadman, Christine Andrews, Wendy Davies and Kevin Horner.

**AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:**

Joe Corrigan, Joe Conlon, Mary Rocks, Veronica Connelly, Tony Doherty
and Teresa Skinner.

**Coronavirus – Covid 19**Further news keeps coming in from the Bishops Conference and from the Government. The things that are continually be mentioned – Stay indoors, if you have to go out – keep your distance from other people and when you return home, wash your hands. We need to keep to these instructions if we are to beat this coronavirus.

As all public Masses and other celebrations in the church throughout the country have been suspended until further notice. Both Fr Sebastian and I will continue to celebrate Mass each day privately, that Is without a congregation. In these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. The obligation for Easter Duties has been removed this year during the pandemic. We are encouraged to make an act of perfect contrition and resolve to go to confession after this pandemic.

This is a particularly difficult and challenging time for us all. A vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable and our neighbours.

Can you help? Do you need help?

If you can help people living near you, please let us know in the parish (Telephone 01895 632739 or email ruislip@rcdow.org.uk). If you need help, please let us know and we can find someone to help you. But, **BE AWARE** do not open your door to casual callers. We will let you know who to expect and when to expect them.

Please look at the Parish website and the Diocesan website for details of different resources that are available to help and support you at this time. You will find details where and when Mass is celebrated in different locations which you can access on-line. There are also opportunities to join prayer and discussion groups on-line or by ‘conference call’. Full details are on our website.

**Mass Intentions**

2 daily Mass intentions will be said privately by Fr. Duncan and Fr. Sebastian as they will continue to say Mass every day in our Church but without the faithful. We will try and keep all the anniversary Masses to the nearest date possible. Lists of Mass intentions will be posted on the Church noticeboard and on our parish website.

**Easter Posters**

Holy Week Posters are available to download on our parish website and on the link below. Please display the posters in the street window of your home to encourage those who are downhearted.

[**https://www.ksc.org.uk/Files/Other/Holy%20Week%20Poster.pdf**](https://www.ksc.org.uk/Files/Other/Holy%20Week%20Poster.pdf)

Cardinal Vincent wrote ‘*an initiative has been launched to invite Christians to put a poster in their windows as a sign of faith and trust in the Lord in these troubled times’.*
**The Prayers of Hope** poster is attractive and obtainable on our parish website and at this link: [**https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=571658**](https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=571658)

**Virtual Prayer Groups**

These groups have continued this week over Zoom and it has been great to continue our reflections and discussions together during this challenging time. Please see the newsletter attachment on the website for information about how to join us - you don't need to have attended previous sessions. Contact Jo for more information: ***07852 978741.***

***God Bless,***

***Fr. Duncan***

**Jubilee Trust Lottery**

'Many thanks to all those who have joined for this new lottery year. The list of members is displayed on our notice board by the enquiries desk in the Church foyer. Late subscribers are still welcome. Congratulations to the winners of the draw for December: Sheila Miles won the first prize of £500 and Sally Urquhart the second prize of £50'.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

This Sunday at the 10am Mass Fr. Duncan will commission some more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve in our parish. I am very grateful to these people who have agreed to take on this important ministry. Our Ministers not only help in the Church but also take Holy Communion to the housebound, ensuring they are fed and nourished by the Lord on a regular basis.

**New Altar Servers**

Do you think you might like to become an Altar Server?  If you have made your first communion and would like to find out more please attend a meeting in the church at ***7:00pm*** on ***Monday 11th January*** which will be followed by weekly training sessions each Monday to Easter.  Attendance at the first meeting is essential and anyone not attending will not be able to join the course in later weeks. A parent or guardian must attend this first meeting with any child under 16 years old.

**SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL HAMMERSMITH**The Governing Body is consulting on its proposed Admission Arrangements for entry in September 2017 – Year 7 and Sixth Form. The draft Policies and Supplementary Information Forms/Application Forms are available to view on the school’s website: www.sacredhearthighschoolhammersmith.org.uk.

The consultation closes on ***29th January 2016*** and any comments should be e-mailed to sfinneran@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk.