

# Holy Week

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,  
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Ann Hull, Michael Griffin Snr., Titus Fernandes, Mary Malone, Margaret Cournane, Annie Phillips, Sadie & Tony Burgess, Mavis Hinton, Tom Fernandes, Cath Kervill, John Flynn, All in Copland Nursing Home, Gerard Perera, Gillian Gibb, Joe Nemeth, Ann Nemeth, Ken Fernandes, Michael Fahey, Marie Rego, Alan Woods, David Musgrave, Maria Nellie De Lima, Aaran T., Mrs Evans, Andrea Mensitieri.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Benjamin Porczyk, Olivier Korocinski

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Pat Collins, Zelma Coombs, Bridget Kelly, Bianca Arpino

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Daniel Harrington, Michael O'Connell (4th), Brian Drake.

### INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH

**Formation in Spiritual Discernment:** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week  
For 75th Birthday of  
CATHERINE AIMABLE-LINA

#### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week  
In memory of  
ALFRED LOUISY RIP



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### PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

God of such  
unwavering love,  
how do I "celebrate" the  
passion and death of Jesus?

I often want to look the  
other way and not watch,  
not stay with Jesus in his  
suffering.

Give me the strength  
to see his love with honesty  
and compassion and to  
feel deeply your own  
forgiveness and mercy for  
me. Help me to

understand how to  
"celebrate" this week.  
I want be able to bring my  
weaknesses and  
imperfections with me as I  
journey with Jesus this  
week,  
so aware of his love.



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## Sunday 25th March 2018 PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.

### TODAY'S MASS



HOSANNA MK11.9

*The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is king and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that*

*all suffering in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.*

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-10**

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowds shout, "Hosanna!"

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1—15:47**

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travellers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the Passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from it can they derive peace, grace, and truth. - St. Anthony of Padua

# Sunday Reflection

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion

and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of

Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.



60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Couples with young families are most welcome to bring the children along. The Cathedral is wheelchair friendly,

**GROWING IN FAITH:** St George's Contribution to GIF after five years now comes very soon to an end. Of the money raised 19% has gone to the diocesan Caritas Projects, 38% for sick and retired clergy, 17% for priests Training, 2% for Post-Ordination training and 24% towards the parish and our project. As many will know a substantial sum was given over to setting up and paying for a youth worker which for a number of good reasons failed to take off. It is now intended to spend the remaining residue on completing the restoration of the youth club roof and floor to make sure it is a fitting building for activities in the future.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE EACH WEEK!** OUR NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are being distributed this weekend after all Masses. If you are already in our planned giving scheme and using your envelopes your new box will be available. **Please check that the name and address are correct as we have many parishioners with the same or similar surname AND please do NOT use these envelopes until 7/8 April.** At the back of the Church this weekend you will find a bright yellow A5 form. Please complete with name/address etc., and return it to the Parish Office - if the following options apply:

1. You wish to register for Planned Giving envelopes for the first time.
2. You wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to Bankers' Order.
3. You wish to contribute by Bankers' Order for the first time.
4. You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
5. You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
6. You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax.

***It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform us if they are no longer paying tax.***

Above all a big thank you for your generosity which helps us to budget & make this parish run smoothly.

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE—Mothering Sunday Sale.** A very big THANKYOU to all who came, sent donations, made cakes and worked very hard on the morning. The sum of £660 was made and donations will be sent to Alzheimer's Association and Marie Curie Society. One raffle prize outstanding—yellow ticket 201-205 June Henson (with incorrect phone number!) If this is you please contact the parish office.

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 'ADOREMUS' 8TH SEPT 2018, LIVERPOOL:** The Cardinal is inviting our parish to send ten delegates to the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool this year.. Object is to enrich our understanding of

the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life. Open to all: readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists and catholic teachers would especially benefit by attending. The plan is to travel to Liverpool by fast train. By 10 am we arrive in Echo Arena Liverpool. Keynote speaker is the noted American Catholic evangelist, Bishop Robert Barron. 4.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer and a reflection by Cardinal Vincent. Concludes by 5.00 pm. We travel home by fast train. Please let the parish office know as soon as possible if you are interested in being one of our ten parish delegates. Leave us your contact details so we can get back to you. [

**BEFRIENDING SERVICE** - If you know of anyone in the Parish who might like to be befriended please let us know as we have a small group of befrienders who would be only too happy to help.

**CHURCH LAMPS:** If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office. We now have cards (akin to Mass Cards) for the sponsoring of the Sacrament lamp or Walsingham Lamp if you'd like to use these if you are sponsoring a lamp in memory of someone. They can be obtained from the parish office. PLEASE REMEMBER to book your anniversary Masses early. We are now fully booked up until middle of September 2018.

**WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:** (See in church porch)

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics. Healing weekend 20/22 April. See folder in porch for details.

**SMART LOVING SEMINAR** for married couples.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** information

**RETROUVAILLE**—a lifeline for married couples.

**WIDOWED YOUNG**—support events.

**CALIX CENTRE**—A Catholic ministry to addicts.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.** —new information

**MARRIAGE/ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** [www.wvme.org.uk](http://www.wvme.org.uk)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** 8<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 led by Bishop John Wilson. Please see folder for details.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 22 April 10.30 -5.00pm.. Please see folder.

**THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL** is running a four-week internship programme in June/July 2018 focusing on Mathematics and Physics. Please see folder in porch and website for more details.

**VACANCIES:**

Latest diocesan vacancies are in the folder in the porch or please go to website.

**FOLDERS in the church porch:** look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.



# TODAY'S MASS

## **Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly".' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

## **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the  
human race to follow caused our Saviour  
to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his  
lesson of patient suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## **First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the  
wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24**

**R/. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R/.**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones. **R/.**
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **R/.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons. **R/.**

## **Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he 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 other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of  
Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9**

**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!**

## **Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47**

*The Gospel of the Passion*

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Through the Passion of your  
Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
may our reconciliation with you  
be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not merit it  
by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,  
we may feel already the effects  
of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon: Mt 26: 42**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass  
without my drinking it, your will be done.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
That, just as through the death  
of your Son  
you have brought us to hope  
for what we believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer over the People**

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this  
your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
did not hesitate to be delivered  
into the hands of the wicked  
and submit to the agony of the Cross.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.