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PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
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Holy Week

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THIS WEEK

Sun 28 March 6.15pm Vigil 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	PALM SUNDAY People of the Parish Kathleen O'Connor RIP Mr B. Balaranhjan RIP (4th anniv) Michael O'Connell RIP NO EVENING MASS
Mon 29 March 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Week Natalie Bardwarj & Family Ints. FUNERAL MASS Errol Mark RIP
Tues 30 March 9.30am	Holy Week Isabel Luther -Thanksgiving
Weds 31 March 9.30am	Holy Week Betty Treacy RIP
Thurs 1 April 8.00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Maurie O'Grady RIP
Fri 2 April 1.00pm 3.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
Sat 3 April 8.00pm	HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL Holy Souls Mr S Mauei Pillai RIP
Sun 4 April 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	EASTER SUNDAY Baptiste Fernandes Ints Gareth Perera Rip Nancy Quinn RIP NO EVENING MASS

TODAY'S MASS



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: Phillipians 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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs, Emma Fernandes, SMR.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Errol Mark, Fr Brian Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Anna Carbery, Michael O'Connell, Mr B Balaranjan (4th anniv)

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

SANCTUARY LAMP *Fr Brian Taylor RIP*

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM *Siobhan Rensen*

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Holy Week is a privileged time
when we are called to draw near
to Jesus: friendship with him is
shown in times of difficulty.

Pope Francis

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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.

HM Government

We must keep on protecting each other.

NHS

 **HANDS**

 **FACE**

 **SPACE**

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

NEWS UPDATE



Confirmation 2021 Information Evening



Are you in Year 10 or above, part of our Parish and wishing to be confirmed in 2021?

If so, please join us, with one Parent/Carer only, in the Parish Centre for the

COVID Secure

Confirmation Information Evening

Monday 29th March

7.00-7.45pm - Surnames A-K

8.00-8.45pm - Surnames L-Z



MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil) Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am

The only change is that there is NO EVENING MASS ON SUNDAY

The church will open on:

Saturday 5.45pm close at around 7.00pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENE-DICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES is available today. Please note all our services are on a 'first come first served' basis. There is no booking system. We have limited space so please try to arrive in good time.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS for your windows at home are now available. Remember we are just in Holy Week and you need to fold up and hide from view the part that says "He is Risen" until Easter. Thank you to the Knights of Saint Columba for supplying these.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS—a great tradition in Holy Week will take place on Holy Saturday in the morning at 10.30am. In order to be Covid secure we will gather outside the church in the garden.

HOLY WEEK 2021 this year will be different due to the ongoing restrictions, but we will still be open and online! **PALM SUNDAY:** usual Sunday Mass times with the blessing of Palms in church, the procession is omitted. The Passion Gospel will be read by the priest alone. **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Mass will be at 8.00pm. The foot washing is omitted this year. Sadly there will be no Altar of Repose or stripping of the Altar. For

brevery, it will not possible to keep the Watch in front of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. **GOOD FRIDAY:** The Liturgy of the Lord will take place at 1.00pm and then again at 3.00pm. The proclamation of the Passion will be made by the priest. The Veneration of the Cross is also sadly limited to the priest. Holy Communion will be distributed as usual. Stations of the Cross will be at 11.00am for children and again 8.00pm for adults with the blessing with the relic of the True Cross. **THE EASTER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY:** begins at 8.00pm The Lucernarium, (Holy Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle) and procession into church will be omitted and the Liturgy of the Word abbreviated. Precise details are available today. **EASTER SUNDAY** Masses will be as usual as on a Sunday (except 5.30pm). The usual Covid restrictions will remain in place.

COVID ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES: If the four national tests have been satisfied for easing lockdown: **From 8th March** weddings with up to 6 people may resume. Funerals continue with a maximum of 30 attending. **From 12th April:** weddings with up to 15 people allowed. Funerals continue with a maximum of 30 attending. **From 17th May:** Holy Baptisms, weddings and funerals with up to 30 people attending are allowed. **From 21 June:** no restrictions on numbers providing restrictions are not re-imposed.

EVENING MASSES on SUNDAY The Sunday evening Mass of 5.30pm will return on the **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**—We thank all those who will do extra stewarding and cleaning to make this happen.

FUNERAL MASS of Errol Mark on Monday 29th March at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

ARE NEW TO THE PARISH? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for use to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN to all who come to steward and clean. Above all they make it possible for our church to stay open and follow the guidelines to make sure we are "Covid secure". Please do treat them with respect. They may ask you to change your seat or sit elsewhere. Please know that they are simply doing their job—freely and willingly too.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - Last week Parents/Carers were sent an email & letter with details of their allocated **First Holy Communion Rehearsal & Date**. If you are uncertain of your date please email peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk The sessions of the FHC Programme will be continuing at home in the coming weeks. If, for any reason, you do not receive the week's session plan please check your Spam/Junk folder & ensure peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk is in your email contact list so all the important information sent about the FHC Programme arrives safely.

CONFIRMATION 2021 - Our Programme is open to young people from our Parish In Year 10 & above. The Confirmation Information Evening will be taking place, with a slightly different format, outside the Parish Centre on the evening of **Monday 29th March**. Those with surnames A-K are asked to arrive at 7pm. Those with surnames L-Z are asked to arrive at 8pm. Parents/Carers will be asked to provide contact details & an email will be sent the following day with a

link to a pre-recorded Zoom of the Information Evening Presentations. Just the **prospective candidate & one parent/carer are to attend**. For further information please contact our Catechetical Coordinator at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS : We are preparing to distribute boxes of envelopes to those who regularly use them to make their weekly offering to God. Thank you to parishioners who have switched over to a standing order. This saves us printing costs.

STANDING ORDERS: April is the beginning of the new financial year, if you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

SVP - During the current Pandemic, the **Parish SVP Group** is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call **0208 9000250, 0775 3654154 (Theresa)** or email **StGeorgeSVP@pm.me**

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during April and beyond.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

ST GEORGE'S LENT APPEAL EVC (Empowering Vulnerable Children) UGANDA Details are in our Lent Leaflet and there's a black bucket by the exit door—please do try to give something as part of your Lent almsgiving.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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: *Isalah 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: *Phillipians 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.