

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

*This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass:*

**Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it".' The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it.'

So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They cried out: 'Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!'

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

**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, 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: Luke 22:14-23:56**

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

**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.

## ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday 10th April 2022

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

**Sunday Cycle  
Readings Year C**

**Weekday Readings  
Holy Week**

**Divine Office  
Holy Week & week 2**

For children,  
download a weekly sheet:  
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/  
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

## THIS WEEK

**Sun 10 April**  
6.15pm (Vigil)  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
George Hillier RIP  
Leo & Olga Barco RIP  
Mary Kiernan RIP  
Gerard Burton RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Mon 11 April**  
9.30am  
**Monday of Holy Week**  
Frank Hunt RIP

**Tues 12 April**  
9.30am  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Constantina Helen Pereira  
(Thanksgiving)

**Weds 13 April**  
9.30am  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Rose Kelly RIP

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**Thurs 14 April**  
8.00pm  
**Mass of the Last Supper & watch until  
Midnight**  
Spencer Coomarewel RIP  
Tony & Kay Leathers RIP

**GOOD FRIDAY** *Day of Fasting & Abstinence*  
**Fri 15 April**  
3.00pm  
**The Solemn Liturgy**

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
**Sat 16 April**  
8.00pm  
**The Easter Vigil**  
Kevin Dowd RIP  
Alastair & Shirley RIP

**Sun 17 April**  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
John & Catherine Calnan RIP  
Kay Leathers RIP  
Betty Treacy RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## TODAY'S MASS



When St Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Luke 19:28-40**  
Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**  
The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24**  
A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**  
Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-23:56**  
From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Apart from the cross, there is no other  
ladder by which we may get to heaven."*

St. Rose of Lima

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## DAILY MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY MASS:** 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

**HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

**DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am.

**ROSARY:** Daily after Mass.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias

### RECENTLY BAPTISED:

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Bridget Gonzales, Noel Samuel Laybourne, Kathleen O'Brien.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Mary Kiernan, Leo & Olga Barco, George Hillier, Gerard Burton, Tony Leathers

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes*

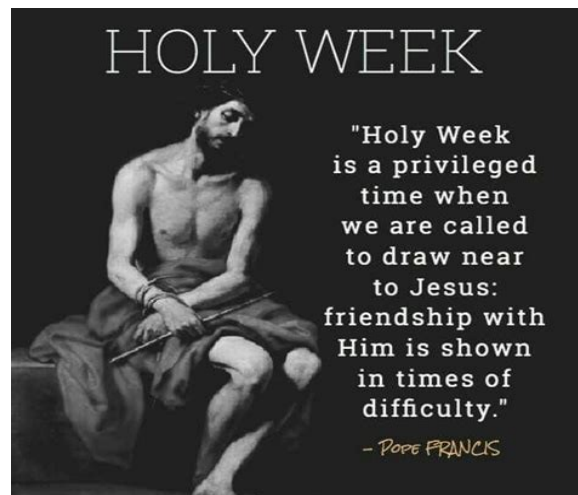
### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

#### Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments



On this Palm Sunday, does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart?

Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him – betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass.* The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility. What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power."

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory: *Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.* Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship.

Two questions for us to meditate upon at the start of this important week – Holy Week: does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? And do your lives echo with the praise of his glory?



# NEWS UPDATE

**WELCOME** to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

**PALMS** are available today. By all means take one to a neighbour or friend but please don't be greedy as there won't be enough to go around!

**HOLY WEEK** – if you have not taken one yet, there are copies of the leaflet - Holy Week and Easter services available at the back of the church. It will tell you all that is going on!

**A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK** is available at the back of the church in two formats – one for children and another for adults. Please take one to help you understand this Great Week.

**POSTERS for HOLY WEEK** (Thanks to the Knights of St Columba) are available today. Remember to turn up the bottom part which says 'He is risen' and bring it down on Sunday.

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER**—There will be the orange buckets out for you today to make a contribution. If you would like to specially give an EASTER LILY in memory of someone, there are envelopes at the back of the church.

**ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS on Good Friday** will sadly not take place again this year. Our Ecumenical partners didn't seem very interested!

**FOOTWASHING on MAUNDY THURSDAY** is part of the traditional liturgy but it can't happen unless you volunteer. There is a chart at the back of the church if you are will to volunteer the service.

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Easter Sunday, there will be an Easter egg hunt for all the children after the 9.45am Mass.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS** Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12. Please try to

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE** leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm there will be a brief **Practicalities Session in the Hall**, for Parents/Carers ONLY, to run through some of the practicalities relating to the children's First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded of the need to arrange childcare well in advance of this session. Parents/Carers are encouraged to continue practice receiving communion at home with their children during the Easter break whilst being reminded of the importance of attending Mass each week as the children prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May.

**CONFIRMATION** - A huge 'thank you' to our Confirmation Candidates and all those who helped them raise over £2000 for Mary's Meals through their Sponsored Walk. Candidates are reminded of their commitment to attend at least one of the **Easter Triduum Liturgies** & the importance of continuing to attend Holy Mass each week. At the next Confirmation Session, on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**, the Candidates will be reflecting on **Receiving God's Mercy** as they prepare, anew, to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. Thank you for continuing to help the candi-

dates to arrive promptly for the start of each session.

**CALLING NEW READERS** - Might you consider reading at one of the Sunday Masses? This ministry offers an opportunity both to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we are keen to fill a.s.a.p. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk), for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

**CALLING NEW FHC CATECHISTS** - Might you consider helping with our First Holy Communion Programme? This ministry offers an opportunity to help the children joyfully prepare for their First Confession & First Holy Communion whilst reconnecting with our own faith. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm from September & May. If you might consider helping with the new Programme, beginning in September, please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator, at [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk) or speak to one of the Parish Team for further information.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 3pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. 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).

**THE OVER 60's CLUB** Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

**ST LUKE'S COLOUR RUN** at Kenton Recreation Ground on Saturday 23/4/22 at 11am. Book now at [www.stlukes-hospice.org-colourrun](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org-colourrun) or telephone 020 8382 8000.

**PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are available this weekend.** As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use these envelopes for the first time
- If you think you should have a box this year and your box is missing.
- If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order.
- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.
- You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
- 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 the parish office if they are no longer paying tax

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

**SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

**REPOSITORY:** Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA** - Regular meetings have now resumed and will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except August). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 8pm in the parish centre.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** - Church cleaning takes place on Mondays after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:** for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT** - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interested, please contact Rohan Mathew at [rohan.mathew@careuk.com](mailto:rohan.mathew@careuk.com).

**MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES** please hold on to these for Lent (and, of course, fill them up) and return them for Maundy Thursday (not now!). Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who raised £2000 for Mary's Meals on their sponsored walk last weekend.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS** Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will celebrate the Mass for Migrants on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm, with a banner procession from 2pm. A poster is enclosed, all are welcome.

**WANTED:** Walking aid with a seat and space for shopping for elderly gentleman. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

**THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** available from the back of the church contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests They are not a personal gift (nor is anything in the Easter Collection anymore) to the priest. They are however, much appreciated.

**THE VEILING OF IMAGES & STATUES IN CHURCH** There is a change in the appearance of our church as of last weekend. The statues are now veiled and remain covered until the First Mass of Easter. Only the Stations of the Cross remain visible, for devotion. The veiling, with purple material, makes us stop and ask - Why this emptiness? Why this sombre purple? The purpose of veiling is to help us to refocus, to create a wilderness in our lives which is free from distractions, even for just an hour at Mass. On Good Friday almost everything is removed as our Lord and Saviour is taken away from us. In this brief wilderness, we pray that we may discover a closeness with God, more vividly, more strongly and more perfectly than before.