

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon *Mt 21:9*

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord, the king of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM:

*St Matthew (21:1-11)*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them', and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior 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: *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.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: 21

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*

Jesus Christ's state was divine, yet he 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.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*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: *Matthew 26: 14-27,6*

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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 2nd April 2023

## 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 A*

Weekday Readings  
*Holy Week*

Divine Office  
*Holy Week*

For children,  
download a weekly sheet:  
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

## THIS WEEK

Sun 2 April  
6.15pm  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm

**PALM SUNDAY**  
George Hillier RIP  
Gareth Hughes RIP  
Sean Kelly Intentions  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
Isobel Scannell RIP

Mon 3 April  
9.30am

**Monday of Holy Week**  
S. Manuelpillai RIP

Tues 4 April  
9.30am

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Michael Rooney RIP

Weds 5 April  
9.30am

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Mickey Power RIP

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thurs 6 April  
8.00pm  
**Mass of the Last Supper & watch until Midnight**  
Lawson Cardozo (Birthday Ints.)  
Anne Griffin Ints.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Fri 7 April  
3.00pm  
**Day of Fasting & Abstinence**  
**The Solemn Liturgy**  
(No intention today)

### HOLY SATURDAY

Sat 8 April  
8.00pm  
**The Easter Vigil**  
John Walsh RIP  
Baptiste Fernandes Ints.

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sun 9 April  
8.30am  
9.45am  
11.15am  
5.30pm  
Milo Pinto RIP  
Martin Hession RIP  
Gerard Burton RIP  
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## TODAY'S MASS



As we begin Holy Week, let us not forget that we too are a pilgrim people, making our journey of faith in this life by walking together not just with the "children of the Hebrews" but with the children of God of all nations and all ages—ultimately tracing the footsteps of Jesus himself, who humbled himself to share in our humanity, that we might share in his divinity, and might follow him into his Kingdom.

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms: *Matthew 21:1-11***  
Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "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, and God has exalted him.

**Gospel Reading: *Matthew 27:11-54***  
Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We can't let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls."

St. Josemaria Escriva

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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, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts, Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Helen Jordan, Sean Marren, George Beel, Anne McShine-Jones, Marian Lynch, Shane & Paul, Martha Conway, Jean Lurshay, Patrick, Gerry & Corrine Gilbert.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Eughan Grimes

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Sarah Evans & Joe Anderson

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John 'Maxie' Issacs, Teresa Anne O'Sullivan, Owen Corcoran

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Mickey Power, George Hillier (7th anniv.)

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*In memory of Lionel Alfred Stonehouse RIP*

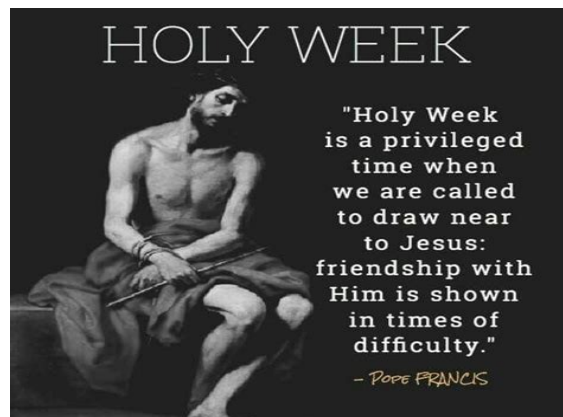
### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

*Intentions of Joe Fernandes*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR March 2023

**For a culture of peace and non-violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. These days are indeed profound and holy.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



# NEWS UPDATE



Switch mobile phones off or to silent

**WELCOME** to all at Mass today and a big welcome to anyone who is new or a visitor.

**FUNERAL MASS of Teresa Anne O'Sullivan** on Tuesday 4th April at 11.00am followed by burial in Alperston Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Owen Corcoran** on Friday 14th April at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium.

**HOLY WEEK** begins this weekend. Please take a Holy Week Programme/leaflet with all the opportunities available here at St. George's. Maybe you could pass one to a friend or neighbour—and encourage them to be with you and join us.

**TODAY is PALM SUNDAY.** Please take a Palm (not too many—and don't be greedy as others require them). Also at 9.45am & 11.15am take a copy of the Passion Readings so that you can join in the crowd.

**GOING AWAY THIS EASTER** we wish you a happy break and a very happy Easter - when it arrives!

**THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** available from the back of the church contribute, in special way at this time. This does not go to the clergy. If you wish to give them a gift you have to do this privately in card or envelope addressed to them personally.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all throughout the church who are preparing for baptism and the Sacraments of initiation this Easter and beyond.

**A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK FOR ADULTS AND A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK FOR CHILDREN.** These two leaflets are available for you to take and can be found at the back of the church.

**GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP & STATIONS AROUND THE CROSS** - We are delighted that we are able, once again this year, to provide the children with an opportunity to reflect on the real meaning of Good Friday with their own workshop & stations. This will take place on **Good Friday** from **11.30am-12.30pm**. All children participating must be accompanied by a Parent/Carer.

**HOLY WEEK POSTERS** are available today (thanks to the Knights of St Columba). Please take one and put it in your window as a witness to this great week. Remember to fold up the bottom part and put it down on Easter Sunday.

**CHURCH CLEANING AND DECORATING FOR EASTER**—all of Saturday morning. Can you spare an hour or so?

**FLOWERS AT EASTER:** If you'd like to sponsor a lily

in memory of loved ones there are envelopes at the back of church for you to make this contribution. The names of the departed will be enrolled in a special book for the season.

There will be a special collection towards the general Easter flowers after all the Palm Sunday Masses today. Thank you in advance for your generosity..

**NEXT SUNDAY—EASTER SUNDAY** there is an Easter egg hunt after the 9.45am Mass.

**COLLECTION OF LENT APPEAL BOXES** - Thank you to all who have using their white collection boxes during Lent to collect for the Passage. Please bring your filled collection boxes to Mass on Maundy Thursday. Thank you to all who gave so generously last week and thank you to our confirmation Candidates who did their sponsored walk and raised over £2000. We are proud of them.

**CHILDREN 4-9 YEARS OLD** please take one of our new sheets called "LOOK" to help you understand the Gospel message of the day.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - On **Tuesday 18th April**, we will be having a **Practicalities Session** for the **Parents/Carers** of the children making their First Holy Communion after Easter. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7pm**. If you are away for Mass during the Easter holiday, please remember to let us know by email.

**CONFIRMATION 2023** - At **Session 7**, on **Monday 17th April**, Westminster Youth Ministry will be helping us reflect on 'Receiving God's Mercy' as the Candidates prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), once again, before their Confirmation in May. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at **7.30pm**. Thank you, Parents/Carers, for letting us know by email if your son/daughter is going to be away for Mass during the Easter holiday.

**THE ROWAN FAMILY** would like to thank you for all the Mass cards and condolences following their sad loss of Frank. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**OVER 60'S GROUP** now closed and will re-open on Tuesday 25th April at 1pm in the parish centre.

**CAN YOU SING?** We really need you to help with our music at the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses on Sunday. Please do think about this carefully. St Augustine reminds us that *the one who sings prays twice!* Please don't leave this important ministry to others...

**CORONATION OF KING CHARLES—A PARISH CELEBRATION.** We are planning a grand lunch and/or tea on the Sunday 6th May (the day after the coronation). So we plan to have a meeting on Friday of Easter week, **14th April at 7.00pm** in the parish Centre. Do come along and let's see what ideas we have!

**ST GEORGE'S SVP** is running a Bingo Night on Saturday 22nd April in the Parish Centre. The fun will

kick off at 7.30pm and all are welcome - whether you are an experienced player or you have never played before! It is £10 per person to play and there will be cash prizes for the winners. There will also be a raffle and some light refreshments. Tickets will be available on the door. Any money we raise will go towards the good work that the St Vincent De Paul Group do supporting people in need in our Parish.

**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.

**PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2023/2024 ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.** Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order and those who are using our card machine. This saves us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

•If you are new to the parish and wish to use planned giving envelopes for the first time

•If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order (ie direct through your bank).

•You wish to contribute by Standing Order.

•You are a standard tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your contribution - this can increase your donations by 25p in the £ at no extra cost to yourself..

•You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.

•You have a Gift Aid In place 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.

•Please address all queries to:  
[sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk)  
or 020 8904 2552 (option 2).

IF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR A SET OF GIVING ENVELOPES THESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THIS WEEKEND.

A VERY RESPONSIBLE Catholic adult male is looking for accommodation. Any chance you could help? Contact Fr Jeremy for more information.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21-28 JULY:** Bookings are not open yet, but 'Expressions of Interest' are sought from all who intend to participate in the Pilgrimage, whether as Praying Pilgrims, Clergy etc. An expression of interest can be made at the website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

**KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA** are offering an EASTER SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION. Would you like to be recognised in the School/Parish/ youth Club. See the poster in the porch.