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NEWSLETTER

2ND APRIL 2023

Palm Sunday

MASS TIMES

(Please refer to the Holy week & Easter Mass times)

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

25/26 March 2023

Envelopes £ 315.00

Loose £ 236.81

Total £ 551.81

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: A & C Roberts (Thursday)

Lavina will not be available on *Mondays & Thursdays*.

Parish Office is CLOSED on Friday 7th April to Tuesday 11th April 2023.

PARISH NOTICES

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: A big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have been supporting our parish through Standing Order, Weekly Donation Envelopes, Gift Aid Scheme, Blue Envelopes, Online donation (*via the Parish Website*) and to all those who are planning to join. Please continue your support.

Your Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 9th April 2023 to April 2024 are available for collection *from the Parish office*.

If you wish to support your parish by **Weekly Donation Envelopes or Standing Order**, please complete *Parish Gift Aid &*

Standing Order (Blue) Form available in the Church Porch & drop it into the Rectory letter box or contact the Parish Office.

Easter Flower Collection: Thank you for your generosity, we have raised £234.01

Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers & Stewards: are requested to sign the sheet available in the Church porch for the Triduum. Please opt for one service, allowing other Ministers a chance to serve.

Good Friday: Day of fast and Abstinence. There will be a retiring Collection for the *Holy Places*.

Good Friday Liturgy for Children: The parish will have a liturgy geared towards children on Good Friday morning at 11am, where the children will hear the story of the Passion and venerate the Cross.

Altar Servers: Please sign up for the liturgies you will be present for on the sheet in the Sacristy.

Choir for Easter: The first rehearsal will be at 6pm on Monday 3rd April.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

Monday 3rd April & Tuesday 4th April: Mass at 9:30am

(Church opens at 8:30am)

Wednesday 5th April: Church CLOSED

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

6th April: Maundy Thursday

(There will be no morning Mass, Church opens at 3:00pm)

8:00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Washing of the Feet and

Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

(Compline at 11:45)

7th April: Good Friday

(There will be no morning Mass. Church opens at 9am)

11:00am: Liturgy for Children

3:00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

8th April: Holy Saturday

(There will be no morning Mass. Church opens at 12noon)

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

10:00am: Blessings of Easter basket

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

9th April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Masses: 9:30am and 11:30am

Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th & Friday 14th April:

Mass at 11:00am

(Church only open for Mass)

REGULAR NOTICES

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, the Parish Registration (White) forms are available in the Church porch or please email the Parish Office.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the [blue envelopes](#) are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

Altar Servers: Online applications to begin serving at Mass are open for applicants under 18 and over 18. Applicants should have received their First Holy Communion. Prior experience is welcomed but not required. Please visit [Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups/First Holy Communion](#)

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: [Every Sunday after 9:30am](#) Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The new rota starting [19th March](#) is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - [Parish Groups](#).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: To arrange for the baptism of any child under the age of seven please contact the Parish Office to book a meeting.

All parents will need to complete a short course on the Sacrament of Baptism, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

Becoming Catholic 2022-23: Welcome home! Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

First Holy Communion 2023: Classes will resume after Easter.

First Holy Communion 2023: [Mass Attendance cards](#)

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stickers are issued before Mass and will not be issued for a missed Sunday.

EVENTS

St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Michael Catholic Primary School are currently advertising business manager positions. Please visit the employment page on the schools' website or contact the schools directly for further information.

Vacancy: PA to Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Archbishop's House, SE1 6HX. If you would like to apply please email your CV to HR@rcaos.org.uk by [Friday 14th April 2023](#).

Annual Mass for Migrants: The Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster are celebrating the annual Mass for Migrants on [Monday, 1st May 2023](#), at 12pm. This year it will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams sm. All are welcome, please see the poster in the Church porch.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, [Saturday 13th May 2023](#) at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk the following details: husband and wife's full names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

At any great military parade there is always a particular mixture of tragedy and triumph. The enemy is vanquished, the right has triumphed (from at least one perspective) and the danger is usually over. There is also, however, the quiet, usually unmentioned, tragedy of the victims of a conflict. The defeated enemy, the soldiers of the victors, many have died. Strangely it is this mixture, perhaps, which makes the celebration worthwhile. A great parade to celebrate a bloodless victory would seem faintly comic, or even disrespectful, to most people.

Today we too have a victory parade. We hail the arrival of Our Lord into Jerusalem. Palms are waved, music is played. Traditionally we sing "hail to the Lord's anointed! great David's greater son!" We greet Him as the Son of David, another conquering hero. This tone of triumph will actually continue in some form all the way through Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday traditionally the church sings the ancient hymn "vexilla regis." "The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow." The metre this ancient hymn is sung too is the same as that used by Roman armies when they sang during their triumphal victory processions in the Eternal City.

Here too we see the mix of joy and tragedy present in any victory march. We sing to the Lord's anointed, yet we sing "ride on! ride on in majesty! in lowly state ride on to die! ... The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice." This will be no bloodless victory.

There will be a singular difference, however, between this ultimate triumph of God and the usual triumph of man over man. The blood poured out for this victory will not be the blood of the enemy but will all be that of the victor Himself. And what is this victory for? For the glory of God, surely, but also for those who would otherwise have been His enemies: sinful humanity. This is, for us, a bloodless victory, for the blood poured out is all from God Himself. We are not expected to fight, need not suffer, all is grace, all is a gift from He who loves us. As Abraham prophesied centuries before: "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Peter McGloin, Mary Taylor, Sheila Roughan, Thomas Harrington, Tony Johnson, Elaine Callow, Iris Maton, Helena Eakins, Catherine (Kay) Burbage, David Hardman
+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+