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## NEWSLETTER

24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 ✱ *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*

#### 16/17 March 2024

Envelopes £ 203.55

Loose £ 416.33

**Total £ 619.88**

**S/O February 2024 £ 3,138.00**

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

### PARISH NOTICES

**Repository:** The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this Palm Sunday. New stock has been received and a special feature for this weekend will be the sale of Easter cards.

**HCPT:** we will say a prayer for you in Lourdes. The parish HCPT group are off to Lourdes on Easter Sunday. We would like to thank you for your support throughout the year and we will say a prayer at the Grotto for the intentions of the parish. If you have any particular prayer intentions please put your petition in the box in the foyer and we will take it to Lourdes for you.

**Ministers of Word & Stewards:** Please 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*.

**Stations & Veneration of the Cross for Children** on Good Friday morning at 10am, in the Church aimed at children in key stage 1 and below.

**Blessing of Easter Food Baskets** will take place on Holy Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, at 10am in the church.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

#### 24<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday

Masses: 6:00pm (Sat Vigil), 9:30am and 11:30am

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Mass at 9:30am

*(Church opens at 8:30am)*

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Church CLOSED

### THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

#### 28<sup>th</sup> March: 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)*

#### 29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday

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

10:00am: Stations of the Cross for children

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

#### 30<sup>th</sup> March: Holy Saturday

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

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

10:00am: Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

#### 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Masses: 9:30am and 11:30am

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Mass at 11:00am

*(Church is closed after Mass)*

**Cake and Savouries sale:** A huge thank you to everyone who baked cakes, sold cakes, made & sold delicious spicy savouries, but most of all a huge thank you to everyone who bought our goodies to promote Cruse last weekend. We were overwhelmed

with everyone's generosity and we raised **£856** for Cruse Bereavement Support. The money will go a long way in providing support to the bereaved in Surrey North.

**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 one-off Envelopes, Online donations (*via the Parish Website*) and to all those who contribute by loose donations. Please join the gift aid scheme and continue to support your parish with your time, talent and finance.

**Weekly Donation Envelopes starting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to March 2025** are available for collection *at the Rectory Porch before & after all Masses or from the Parish office during weekdays.*

If you wish to support your parish by **Weekly Donation Envelopes or Standing Order**, please complete *Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order (Green) Form* available in the Church Porch & drop it into the Rectory letter box or contact the Parish Office: [sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) or 01932783507

### 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.

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2024:** Please see the session dates on the Parish Website.

**Becoming Catholic 2023-24:** 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.

### EVENTS

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2:30pm.**

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 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at [sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) with the following details: husband and wife's full names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024:** Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. **Scan the QR Code** to make your donation online. Thank you

**Catholic Medical Association's Annual Symposium for 2024:** This year we will explore the ethics of public health medicine and how Catholic social teaching and bioethics impact this area of healthcare and the common good. We have a distinguished line up of speakers for the day, who will inform and discuss a range of current ethical issues affecting public health and care policy from a Catholic perspective. CPD credits have been applied for. Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Location: St Mary's University, Waldegrave Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, TW1 4SX



**The Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a **Divine Mercy Reflection** on Saturday 13 April 2024 from 1pm to 4:30pm at St

Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

**Vacancies at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Clifden Road, Twickenham, TW1 4LT:** Subject Lead in Chemistry; Teacher of English; Teacher of PE (girls). For more information please contact the college on 020 8325 4630 or visit: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2>

### 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:

**Nicholas Wells, Winnie Forry, John Archer, Mary Murphy, Mary Fitzgerald, Gerald & Roberta Roberts, Brendan Naylor, Bernadette Rosborough, William Malcom Young.**

*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+*