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NEWSLETTER

13th April 2025 ✠ Palm Sunday

MASS TIMES

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

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY *Year C*
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

5/6 April 2025

Envelopes	£ 244.00
Loose	£ 446.27
Total	**£ 690.27**

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

Parish Office is closed from Friday 18th to Tuesday 22nd April.

PARISH NOTICES

Easter Flower Collection: TODAY after all Masses.

Ministers of Word & Eucharist: Please sign the sheet available in the Church Porch for the Triduum & Easter 2025. 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, 19th April, at 10am in the church.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

13th April: Palm Sunday
Masses: 6:00pm (Sat Vigil), 9:30am and 11:30am

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th April: Mass at 9:30am
(Church opens at 8:30am)
Wednesday 16th April: Church CLOSED

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

17th 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)

18th April: 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

19th April: 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
8:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass

20th April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
Masses: 9:30am and 11:30am

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: The Weekly Donation Envelopes 2025-2026 are available for collection from the Parish Office during weekdays or please see Fr Christian after Mass. *Kindly recycle all old envelopes*. If you wish to **cancel** your box of envelopes, please contact or email the Parish office ASAP - *sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk*

Contactless in our Parish is in the porch to the right as you enter. Contactless payments are *touch-free* with no need to type in your pin or hand over your card. Simply select the set

sum of amounts that you might like to give or by tapping 'Other' you can enter the amount that you wish to give. Then touch your card, smart phone or smart watch to the reader, listen for the beep, and your payment is done. If you are registered for Gift Aid, please use the same card that is registered for your Gift Aid donations. Donations made via the contactless giving device will go straight to the Parish account as **OFFERTORY COLLECTION.**

REGULAR NOTICES

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.

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

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

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 2025: 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

WINTERSHALL: The annual performances of '**The Passion of Christ'** live in Trafalgar Square, London on Good Friday, 18th April 2025. FREE performances at 12noon and 3:15pm. Also live streamed on Facebook. Please visit website at www.wintershall.org.uk for details of their play 'The Life of Christ' which is being staged at Wintershall from 17th -21st June.

Jubilee for the Youth: In thanksgiving for the canonisation of *Blessed Carlo Acutis* on Sunday 27th April from 3pm at St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip, HA4 0EG. An afternoon of Praise, Reflection and Adoration, followed by Holy Mass, finishing with a Party in the Parish Hall. Confessions available throughout. All young people from Confirmation age are invited.

The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date 28th April 2025.

A Day with Mary is taking place at Our Lady of Walsingham National Shrine of England on Sunday 18th May (12.10pm to 6.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by Chief Celebrant & Preacher Fr Linus Clovis. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

Diocesan jobs – Please see the Notice board or for further details, please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

Recognising the Risen Lord - *A short series of talks*: 'A look at the Easter Narratives in the Gospels of Year C' on Tuesday 22nd April and the 'Apocalypse: New Testament Eastertide Readings for Year C' on Tuesday 29th April by Fr John Deehan, from 6:30pm to 8pm at Vaughan House, SW1P 1QN. Booking essential, contact catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call on 020 7798 9152

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:
Alan Robertson, Leonie Andrews, Margaret Tuck, James (Jim) Webb, William Ogle, Richard Chapman
+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+