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PASSION [PALM] SUNDAY, YEAR A 2ND APRIL, 2023

THEME: One With Jesus in Suffering and Triumph



Today's celebration is the opening scene of the drama of Holy Week. It points to the two central acts that brought us forgiveness and new life: Jesus' death and resurrection. We acclaim Jesus as our victorious King when we wave our palms, for he will overcome sin and death on Easter. But to win this victory, he chose to pass through suffering and death, as we are told in the story of his passion. Let us be one with Jesus in his pain, that we may also share in his victory.

MEDITATE: Each year on this Sunday we read a different Bible account of the Passion of Jesus. In Cycle A, we read it from the Gospel according to Matthew.

ACT: What lesson does Jesus' suffering teach me about my own suffering?

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Saturday 29th April 10.30am – 11.30am
Registration forms available on the website.

QUIZ NIGHT



Come and celebrate St. Erconwald, our Patron, on **Saturday 22nd April,** and enjoy a fun filled evening and catch up with old friends or meet some new ones. Invite your friends and relations. You can choose between buying a whole table (team of eight), entering as individuals or small groups and we will introduce you to others to make up a team. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church. See poster for details.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, through a decreasing use of weapons by both states and citizens.

Easter Blessings to you and your families
Fr. Anthony



LITURGY FOR HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms.

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you continue to wear your mask [it will be appreciated if you can use your own mask] and sanistise your hands when you come to Church. There will be no standing allowed. Once we have reached capacity, there will be no further admittance.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

All services can be followed online: **https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3**

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Isaiah 50.4-7; Psalm: 21; 2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11; Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66. **Intention:** 10.00am: Andrew Fogg [Intention]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday of Holy Week: 3rd April: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-7; Psalm: 26; Gospel: John 12.1-11. **Intention:** John Pereira [RIP, A]

Tuesday of Holy Week: 4th April: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm: 70; Gospel: John 13.21-33,36-38. **Intention:** Julia & Lawrence Hayes [RIP, A]

12.00 noon: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Wednesday of Holy Week: 5th April: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9; Psalm: 68; Gospel: Matthew 26.14-25. **Intention:** Michael Wheaton [RIP]

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6th April



7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet.
1st Reading: Exodus 12.1-8,11-14; Psalm: 115; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 11.23-26; Gospel: John 13.1-15. **Intention:** Bridie and Denis Hughes [RIP, A].
followed by *Watching* at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: 7th April [A day of Fasting and Abstinence]

To help with numbers and to facilitate those who can't be in crowds in addition to the 3.00pm Service we have two other services. There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places after each Service.

9.45am: Family Service: Reading of John's Passion – Stations – Veneration – Communion.



10.45am: Walk of Witness.

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion [Recorded]

6.30pm: Service: Reading of the John's Passion – Stations – Veneration – Communion.



HOLY SATURDAY 8th April
10.00am Morning Prayer - Setting up of the Easter Garden

No Newsletter Next Week

LITURGY FOR EASTER & THE OCTAVE

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Easter Vigil 8th April [7.30pm]
Blessing of Fire and lighting of the Easter Candle. The Easter Proclamation is sung.
Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.2; Psalm 103; 2nd Reading: Exodus 14.15 -15.1; Response: Exodus 15.3; 3rd Reading: Ezekiel 36.16-28; Psalm 41; 4th Reading: Romans 6.3-11; Psalm: 117; Gospel: Matthew 28.1-10.
Blessing of water. The Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **Intention:** Deceased Family members

Easter Sunday, A: 9th April: [10.00am & 11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 10.34,37-43; Psalm 117; 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4; Gospel John 20.1-9. **Intention:** Deceased Family members

Monday 10th April: Octave [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 2.14,22-32; Psalm: 15; Gospel: Matthew 28.8-15. **Intention:** Eamon Morley [RIP]

Tuesday 11th April: Octave [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 2.36-41; Psalm: 32; Gospel: John 20.11-18. **Intention:** Bob Smyth [RIP]

Wednesday 12th April: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 3.1-10; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Luke 24.13-35. **Intention:** Mary Wheeler [RIP]

Thursday 13th April: NO SERVICE

Friday 14th April: Octave [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 4. 1-12; Psalm: 117; Gospel: John 21.1-14. **Intention:** Jennifer Davis [RIP]

Saturday 15th April: Second of Easter, A [Divine Mercy Sunday] [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 2.42-47; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 1.3-9; Gospel: John 20.19-31. **Intention:** Easter Intentions.

Sunday 16th April: Second of Easter, A [Divine Mercy Sunday] [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Acts 2.42-47; Psalm: 117; 2nd Reading: 1Peter 1.3-9; Gospel: John 20. 19-31.
Intention: 10.00am: Easter Intentions; 11.30am: Geraldine Burke [RIP, A].

EASTER RAFFLE – 9th APRIL

Tickets on sale after Mass. Please support the raffle, the money raised goes towards the Church Refurbishment Fund. The draw takes place after the 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.



THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays.
If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 22nd April** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

REPOSITORY

Easter cards and gifts are available from the repository. If you do not see something you require please ask as we have a wide range of stock available not on display. Please note: **The Repository will be closed on Wednesday 5th April, after the morning Mass, will open on the weekend 15th/16th April.**

A full selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards & gifts will be on display in the Hall on the **weekend of 15th/16th April.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

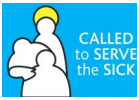
Thank you to all members of the Scheme and to those who have collected their envelopes. If you were unable to collect your box, please see Fr. Anthony or Elizabeth or ring the Parish Office. Just a gentle reminder to those who belong to our Planned Giving Scheme, you can start using your new box of envelopes from Easter Sunday. If you no longer wish to be part of the scheme, please inform us. Thank you very much for all your donations however you choose to give, it is really appreciated.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. £2,617.00 was raised. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have a word to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers.

If anyone has missed the carvings display, You can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk. God bless you all. [Nicholas]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, Radwan Naffa, and Magdalene Davis. We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate *on entering hospital* that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

[*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*