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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10 APRIL 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

YEAR C

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

Luke 19:28-40

On Palm Sunday we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. On this joyful day He was surrounded by throngs of people singing His praises and marvelling at all the miracles He had performed.

Here, at the beginning of Holy Week, let us take some time to focus on the things we wanted to accomplish during Lent. Have we made improvements in our prayer life? Have we offered sacrifices to God? Have we given alms or service to those in need?

As we reflect on today's readings, especially the Lord's Passion and Death, let us renew our commitment to a deeper relationship with our Saviour.

Meditation: Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:

"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4)

Psalm 24 is another prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory:

Lift up your heads, O gates! be lifted up, O ancient doors! Let the King of glory may come in.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory? *Fr Allan*

Mass Times

Monday—Wednesday: 9:30am

Maundy Thursday: 8:00pm

Good Friday:

Children's Stations
of the Cross: 10:00am

Stations of the Cross: 11:30am

The Passion: 3:00pm

Holy Saturday:

The Easter Vigil: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday: 9:00am

10:30am

(includes Children's Liturgy)

12:00 noon

No Evening Mass

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Wednesday:

8:15am—9:15am

Confession

Monday—Wednesday: 10:00am—10:30am

Penitential Service:

Monday 11 April 7:00pm

Good Friday: 10:00am—11:00am

Holy Saturday: 10:00am—11:00am

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Eddie Ginnelly

Those who have died recently: Florentina Stiglitz, Mr & Mrs Thakkar, Bridie Stapleton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes Cleary, Ana Piedade Braganza, Ronnie McClay, Elizabeth Mason, Antonio Almeida, Edward Edva Benoît, Eugene Lee, Mary Teresa Ryan, Mrs Codrington

Parish News

Collection 20 March 2022 amounted to £1,624.33. Standing orders for February amounted to £3,555.00. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 11 March– Lent Appeal raised £912.16. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. Thank you.

Ukraine Collection raised £1,184.56. The monies will be sent to The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations who have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Thank you.

Holy Week and Easter Week Timetables are available on the tables and racks at the back of the church or in the side porch. Please note next weeks Mass Times, Exposition and Confession Times are also summarised on page one for your convenience.

Easter Choir. If you love music and singing, why not join us in raising our roof with prayerful and jubilant singing this Easter! Come along to the rehearsal for all Easter music on Tuesday 12 April at 6:30pm in the church. We will be teaching new hymns - but you do not need to read music. The choir will be singing from the loft, and due to health and safety regulations, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Easter Offering. The offering on Easter Sunday, as on Christmas Day, is one of the main sources of income, for priests in the parish. For those who support the parish by using the Planned Giving envelopes, you will find an 'Easter offering envelope', in your envelope box. Parishioners who support the parish in other ways, may wish to use one of the Easter envelopes, that will be found on the tables in the church or on your benches. Those presently not attending public Mass, may wish to drop their Easter Offering into the presbytery letter box. Your support is much appreciated.

Holy Places Collection. There will be a collection for the Holy Places after the liturgies on Good Friday. Cardinal Sandri has written a letter in support for the Collection for the Holy Places to be taken on Good Friday. There are also details of the ways in which the Collection has been used to improve the sanctuaries, support educational projects and also various works in favour of the local community. The letter is also found at: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2022/03/24/0208/00440.html>

Easter Sunday. Please note there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday 17 April 2022.

Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year 2022/2023 should now be used commencing today Sunday 10 April 2022. Anyone who has not picked up their box should contact the Parish Office and we will arrange for your box to be posted to you. Please consider using envelopes or a standing order for your offertory donations, and Gift Aid your contribution which

benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. If you need any help with your Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Dona digital Plate is located at the back of the church and allows you to donate using your contactless card. *Dona* can be used to make your regular offertory' donation, and donations for votive candles. Donations can be gift aided if you are a UK tax payer. This will mean that the church can claim an extra 25p for every pound you give. Once you have entered your details for gift aid, the system will remember your card details (NB. not held on machine, but securely) next time you use the machine.

Parish Diary

Monday 11 April	7:00pm	Penitential Service
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Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention April 2022. For health care workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

The Passage a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the 'Big Give' a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25, if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. *The Passage* would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please telephone 020 7592 1856.

Mass for Migrants at Westminster Cathedral. Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will celebrate the Mass for Migrants on Monday 2 May at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The Mass will begin at 2:30pm, with a banner procession from 2:00pm. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 10 April 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Mary Byrne	Ints
	10:30am	Ana Piedade Braganza	Anniv
	12 noon	Agnes Cleary	Anniv
	6:30pm	Thomas Cartwright	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Oliver Fay	Anniv
Tuesday	9:30am	John Sullivan	
Wednesday	9:30am	Agnes Trimble	Ints
Thursday	8:00pm	Evening Mass of the Lords Supper	
	11:50pm	Compline	
Friday	3:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
Saturday	8:00pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	