



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH — MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24 MARCH 2024

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Tuesday-Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

This Parish is part of Westminster
Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT)
Registered Charity No: 233699

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am (Includes Children's Liturgy)
12noon & 6:30pm
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call
*Livestreamed

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 an 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! and be lifted up,
O ancient doors!
that 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

PARISH NEWS

Collection 17 March 2024 amounted to £1,595.42

Standing orders for February: £3,077

Contactless Income for February: £661.60

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Today we welcome **Bishop John Sherrington** who will be concelebrating the 12noon Mass.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

Thank you so much to those of you who filled in the 'My Parish Commitment' form. A lot of you have begun a new standing order and signed up for gift aid. We also wish to thank those of you who volunteered to help with activities in the parish- we will be in touch.

If you weren't here last week and you wish to fill in a form, they are available at the back of the church.

Thank you

MAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY.



By kind invitation of Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead, there will be a meeting for all who going on this pilgrimage at St George's Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury HA0 2QE on Friday 12th April at 7pm. We will discuss the shrines we will be visiting, and also transport to and from Gatwick airport. Mgr. Jeremy will be providing some

Cucina Italiana – Italian food – to whet our appetites.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/2025

For existing envelope users, the envelopes for 2024/25 will be available for collection after Mass this weekend and on the weekend of 6/7 April.

If you are unable to collect in person, please email or phone the office to arrange alternative collection or postage. Thank you.

Going into hospital?

If you are going into hospital and wish to see a priest, you will need to inform the staff so a visit can be arranged by the Catholic Chaplain. If you are housebound, even for a short period, please let Monsignor Roger know so arrangements can be made for a visit.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 25th March
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
5:30pm

For parents and children:
Chapter 10: BODY OF CHRIST
St Mary Magdalen **Church**

CONFIRMATION

NO SESSION -resumes 15 April

Parish Penitential Service

Monday at 7:00pm

With visiting priests and
Individual confession.



THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM SERVICES

MAUDY THURSDAY 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY 10:00am Children's Stations of the Cross
11:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm The Passion of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY 8:00pm The Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon Masses

For more information, please see the leaflet with all Easter services.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Should you wish to make an Easter Offering to the Church this year, the envelopes are available on the back table. Your offering helps to cover the cost of our Priests stipends. We thank you greatly for supporting them.

Coffee/Tea Morning on Tuesdays is taking a break for Easter and will start up again on Tuesday 9th April. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

The Passion of Jesus

The Wintershall players will be re-enacting the final days of Jesus in Trafalgar Square on **Good Friday, 29 March at 12noon and 3:15pm**. The performances are free and you are asked to arrive 40 minutes beforehand. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus>



Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 24 March 2024

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| Saturday | 6:30pm | Mary Brady | Anniv |
| Sunday | 9:00am | Frank Gormley | RIP |
| | 10:30am | People of the Parish | Ints |
| | 12 noon | Hilda Finnerty | RIP |
| | 6:30pm | Private Intention | Ints |
| Monday | 9:30am | Joseph Hughes | Ints |
| | 7:00pm | Penitential Service | |
| Tuesday | 9:30am | Prudencio Tamayosa | Ints |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Oliver Fay | Anniv |
| Thursday | 8:00pm | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | |
| Friday | 3:00pm | Celebration of the Lord's Passion | |
| Saturday | 8:00pm | Easter Vigil in the Night | |

Those who are sick: Simon Mercer, Carol Scanlon Giudice, Yvonne Dike, Mary Walsh, Gareth Hayes

Those who have died recently: Elaine Lydon, Fr Michael Daley, Rudolph Dolphy Pais

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Brady, Oliver Fay, Kamala Brereton, Jesus Suarez