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MASS TIMES

Sunday

8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday No Mass

Friday 7.00 pm

Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.20pm
in church or by arrangement with Fr Jonathan

PALM SUNDAY

1/2 April 2023

Sat 1 April *Feria of Lent 5*

4.30-5.20pm Adoration and Confessions

5.30pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday

Norma Croos RIP

SUNDAY 2 April **PALM SUNDAY**

8.00 Mass People of the Parish

10.00 Procession and Parish Mass

Kevin D'Souza RIP (Birthday Anniv)

Mon 3 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.00am Adoration & Confessions

9.30 Mass Maria Shukla (Thanksgiving)

6.30pm Adoration & Confessions

7pm Mass Private intention of

Chinyere Suleiman

followed by Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*

Tues 4 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Adoration & Confessions as Monday

9.30 Mass Ester McLoughlin RIP

12.00 noon Chism Mass in the Cathedral

7pm Mass World peace

Wed 5 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Adoration & Confessions as Monday

9.30 Mass Private intention of

Chinyere Suleiman

7pm Mass Intentions of Ukraine

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thurs 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY

8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,

Washing of the Feet and Watch

Church open until 10pm

Fri 7 GOOD FRIDAY – *Fast & Abstinence*

10am Ecumenical Walk of Witness

beginning at St William's

12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Church open during hours of daylight

Sat 8 HOLY SATURDAY

8pm Easter Vigil

The Church's principal service of the year

SUNDAY 9 April

EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection

8.00 Mass Aida Millar RIP

10.00 Sung Mass John Mascarenhas

WELCOME to Mass today. **Please take this newsletter home**, and use the calendar to help you pray.

After the 10am Mass ... in the Parish Hall – refreshments and chance to connect. Everyone welcome. Plenty of time to talk!

ORDER OF MASS See the gold *Parish Mass Book* – start on **p.7**; then, after the Bidding Prayers, go to **p.15**; then, from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**. The readings are to be found **pp.178--189**

The psalm response is **'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'**

During the dramatic reading of **the Passion according to Matthew**—beginning on **page 184**—PLEASE READ TOGETHER, loudly and clearly, the parts marked 'C in the book': that is, the parts *for the Crowd*.

REFLECTIONS on today's readings There are two centres of gravity in the liturgy we celebrate today, each with a Gospel reading. *First*, there's the festive entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where a joyous throng hails Him as a king. And yet He is very different from the other monarchs of his time. He enters Jerusalem—the city of the kings of Israel—on a donkey. The *second* high point is our commemoration of the Lord's passion and death. Enthusiasm, euphoria and hope swiftly moves by Good Friday to fear, sorrow and despair, which overtakes the crowds and Jesus's disciples in different ways. A liturgy of deep contrasts: ranging from the ecstatic hope for freedom to betrayal and scapegoating of an innocent victim.

1 Palm Gospel: Matthew 21.1–11 The ass and her colt play a key role in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. From Antiquity to a couple of centuries ago, monarchs entered cities high on a horse, with all the glamour of a conqueror. All too often monarchs exploited the very people who praised their victory procession. Jesus entered Jerusalem without any such sign of power, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah: 'Your king is approaching, vindicated and victorious, *but* humble and riding on a donkey.'

2 First Reading: Isaiah 50.4–7 Resistance to injustice and violence against the poor and oppressed is a virtue. But in this extract, the Lord's 'Suffering Servant' puts up no resistance. He brings to mind those who are too drained of energy to resist. And God is on *their* side, His solidarity is with them. He will see to it that they will come into their own, their shame removed.

3 Second Reading: Philippians 2.6–11 This is likely an early hymn which Paul inserted in his letter to Philippi, and one of the oldest texts in the new testament. It probably formed a part of the earliest liturgy celebrated in the communities of the early Church within a generation of Jesus' death. It relates the abnegation of Jesus, acknowledges the historical fact of his death

by crucifixion, but celebrates his entry into glory (as a consequence of fulfilling the Father's will and offering up his life for the salvation of mankind).

4 The Passion according to Matthew 26.14—27.66 St Matthew, whose Gospel we are hearing this year, mentions two small events that have a prophetic character and make clear to us Jesus' true will. Immediately after Jesus' words on the 'house of prayer for all the people', Matthew continues, 'And the blind and the lame came to Him in the Temple, and He healed them.' Jesus counters the corruption of trade in religion with his *healing* goodness. This is the temple's true purification. Jesus dedicates himself to those who, because of their ailments, were driven to the margins of society till the ends of their lives.

And then there are children who pay homage to Jesus as the Son of David and acclaim him with Hosanna. Jesus had said that to enter the Kingdom of God it was essential to become once again like children. To encounter God it is necessary to be able to *see with the heart*. We must learn to see with a child's heart, with a youthful heart not hampered by prejudices or blinded by ego and interest.

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Easter Envelopes Please take an envelope for the Easter Offering today, and return it next weekend. (Planned giving envelopes are also available today. If you use them please collect them too.)

Washing of the Feet As last year – please, gentlemen especially, make your feet available!! It's not much to do for Jesus. Volunteer sheets in the narthex. Please sign up.

Alter servers On normal Sundays the servers should arrive in the sacristy **15 minutes** before Mass. For the liturgies of Thursday to Sunday next week it would be good were the servers to arrive **30 minutes before Mass**.

FUTURE EVENTS

Planned Giving envelopes A new set of weekly envelopes begins with Easter Day, next week. Please, collect yours from the outer Sacristy this morning.

Young man, will you be our future priest? On Wednesday **12th April**, there will be an Open Evening at St James, Spanish Place W1U 3DE for men interested in learning about a sense of calling to the priesthood. The 6pm evening Mass will be followed in the social centre by a presentation and refreshments. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street. God *never* ceases to call priests, the question is, who *responds* ... Happy to talk personally about vocation at any time. *FrJG*

For the good of our Common Home Would you like to join the free, online, worldwide ecological course from the Vatican on Wednesdays? You do not have to attend *all* the live webinars which start at 2 p.m. on **21st April**. To register for the course go to <https://laudatosianimators.org/> (From John Woodhouse of Laudato Si' Animators UK, johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com)

May Procession On Sunday **14th May** at 3pm, the annual Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. The preacher will be Fr Alan Robinson.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes The Cardinal will lead the annual Lourdes Pilgrimage from **21—28 July**. Places are limited. To avoid disappointment, go to www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/ for further details and a link to Tangey Tours to book. Or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE? ... to the Holy Land? To gauge parish interest in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **late this year or early next**, would you sign the notice on the tables in the narthex. Unlike most tours, we would *begin* in Bethlehem ...

Readers Rota (a detailed rota for the dates below has been sent via email)

Palm Sunday 5.30 Noreta Reece, Martin Rush, John McIntyre Palm Sunday 8.00 Daphne Byron, Freda Adzinku

Palm Sunday 10.00 Monika Tabarrok, Maureen Ruane, Tim & Mel Goodger, Robert Chandler

Maundy Thursday 8pm Monika Tabarrok, Mel Goodger, Maureen Ruane

Good Friday 3pm John McIntyre, Robert Chandler, Mel Goodger, Derrick & Crystelle Pereira, Maureen Ruane

Holy Saturday 8pm Crystelle & Elaine Pereira, Martin Rush, Monika Tabarrok

Easter Sunday 8am Amalie Direkze

Easter Sunday 10am Robert Chandler, Monika Tabarrok, Tim Goodger

Church Cleaning Rota

8 April Team B: Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaitè and Viktoriia Vrublievska

15 April Team C: Dominick Martins and Elaine & Derrick Pereira