

# ST WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC CHURCH

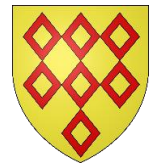
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## 23–24 March 2024 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord” *Mk 11. 9*

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
<p><b>Confessions</b> Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.</p>	
<p><b>Sat 23</b> 9.30am 5.30pm R: Joyful</p>	<p><i>Feria of Lent 5</i> Pre-Holy Week Church Cleaning <b>Vigil Mass</b> – for Monica Tellis RIP (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv)</p>
<p><b>SUN 24</b> 8.00am 10.00am R: Glorious</p>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord</b> including the Passion according to St Mark <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Palm Procession and Mass</b> – for the Meghji family, in thanksgiving</p>
<p><b>Mon 25</b> 9.30am R: Joyful</p>	<p><i>Holy 'Fig' Monday</i> [Annunciation transf after Easter] <b>Mass</b> followed by Adoration – for all clergy preparing to preach Easter</p>
<p><b>Tues 26</b> 9.30am 12 noon 7.00pm R: Sorrowful</p>	<p><i>Holy Tuesday</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Leo Desouza RIP (Anniversary) <b>Chrism Mass</b> in the cathedral <b>Lent Group 5</b> Prayer of Thanksgiving; and Praying with your eyes open</p>
<p><b>Wed 27</b> 9.30am 11.30am R: Glorious</p>	<p><i>Holy 'Spy' Wednesday</i> <b>Mass</b> followed by Adoration – for Bridget Stapleton RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) <b>Funeral Mass</b> for Lucinda De Souza</p>
<p><b>Thurs 28</b> From 6pm 8.00pm R: Luminous</p>	<p><b>THE SACRED TRIDUUM</b> <b>Thursday of the Lord's Supper – Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Confession</b> <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper with The Washing of Feet and Prayer Vigil</b></p>
<p><b>Fri 29</b> 8.30am 10.15am 12.30pm 3.00pm R: Sorrowful</p>	<p><b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord 'Good' Friday</b> <i>Fast Day</i> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Ecumenical Walk of Witness</b> <b>Children's Stations of the Cross</b> <b>The Passion of the Lord</b></p>
<p><b>Sat 30</b> 9.00am 8.00pm R: Joyful</p>	<p><b>Holy Saturday</b> <i>Fast Day</i> <b>Morning Prayer and Readings</b> <b>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b> NB Clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am</p>
<p><b>SUN 31</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious</p>	<p><b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for Johnson Rebelo (Birthday)</p>



**A WARM WELCOME**, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home.**

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at *the back of the church*, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

♦ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the **special leaflet**.

♦ **A Prayer to be said before Mass** True and humble King, Jesus Christ, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know You and love You, that we may be found beside You on the way of Your cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

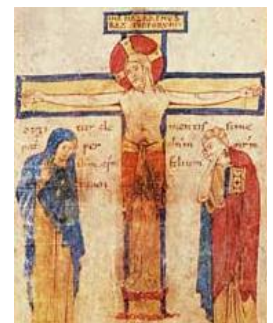
♦ **The Palm Procession** At the Saturday Vigil, and the early Sunday Mass, there is a 'Solemn Entrance' **Please gather in the Narthex.** At the 10.00am Mass **please gather outside Church.**

♦ **Scriptural readings** are to be found from **p.187** of the *Mass Book*.

♦ **During the Psalm all say: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'**

♦ **All sing: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death | on a cross. But God raised Him high, and gave Him the Name which is | a-bove– all names. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**



♦ **During the Passion reading** please join in the **passages marked 'C'**

♦ **After both 8am and 10am Masses**

please don't leave before sharing in a **hot cross bun and a drink with others** in the Church Hall. **All profits to Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability** (a now even more crucial 40-year-old physio charity in West Bank and Gaza)

**Masses for the living** While the Holy Souls need our prayers, the living need them arguably more. Especially our kids; or our parents

**The Repository** has books to help children follow the Mass, Easter cards are also available and a range of small gifts'. Please pop in today.

### Holy Nicknames

**Palm Sunday** – The name is obvious.

**Fig Monday** – The day on which Christ cursed the fig tree familiar on his daily commute from Bethany to the Temple.

**Spy Wednesday** – The day on which Judas Iscariot met with the Jewish priests and made plans for the betrayal, hence the name “spy.”

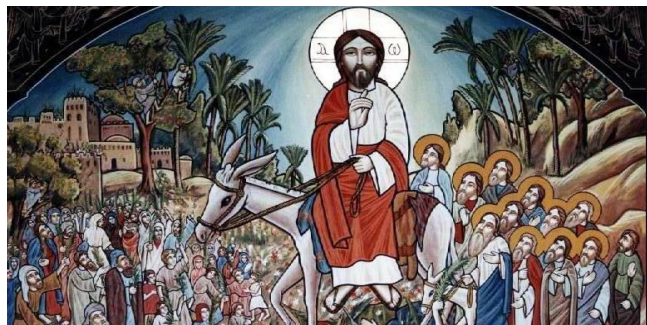
**Maundy Thursday** – This one comes from the Latin Vulgate version of John 13.34 “A new commandment I give unto you.” In Latin, that's ‘*Mandatum novum do vobis.*’ The word “maundy” is a corruption of “mandatum” – mandate – meaning commandment.

**Good Friday** – Here “good” hearkens back to Middle English in which the word denotes piety or holiness.

**Holy Saturday** – a set-apart day, quite unlike any other; the perfect sabbath. Christ rested in the tomb; His soul ‘descended into hell.

**REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures** There are two centres of gravity in today's liturgy. First, the royal, festive entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where He is hailed as a king. Though He has no armed escort, no regal robes, nor a great steed. The second centre is His passion and cross, this year as written up by the evangelist Mark. The switch shows how unstable human hearts can be – energy, jubilation and hope in a glorious future one minute; moving in four days to disappointment, resentment and anger in the crowds; and confusion, remorse, and despair among those who knew Christ best. For Jesus, it was now safe

Coptic icon of the Triumphant Entry



for Him to be openly treated as a conquering hero, because He was entirely set on being a sacrificial victim.

- ◆ **Altar servers – this week** On normal Sundays the servers *should* arrive in the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass. For the liturgies of Holy Thursday to Easter Day, next week, **it would be very helpful were the servers to arrive 30 minutes before Mass.** These timings are in response to good practice safeguarding recommendations.
- ◆ **Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral, **Tues 26th** at noon. All are very welcome—cathedral at its best—but it's also live-streamed.
- ◆ **Foot-washing**, a week on **Thurs 28th, Maundy Thursday.** Come on fellas, sign up! As in previous years – please – make your feet available!! It's not much to do for Jesus. Volunteer sheets in the narthex. 'If I don't wash you', said Jesus to Peter, 'you don't belong to me.' Jn 13.8
- ◆ **Way of the Cross** On **Good Friday** brings with it the annual carrying the cross through our local community to St John's. Please plan to do this, and to have an intention for your personal prayer. **Gather here before 10.15am.**

**Procession Gospel: Mark 11.1–10** The colt or donkey is a key signifier during Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In antiquity monarchs entered cities high on a great horse, He does so low on a beast of burden. Lacking any of the symbols of power, He entered Jerusalem as only a vindicated person could: *'humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'* (Zech. 9.9)

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 50.4–7** The Lord's servant puts up no resistance in the face of injustice and violence. But in this extract from Isaiah's Suffering Servant song those who are drained of energy to resist are brought to mind. God is on their side. He will see that they are not touched by insults.

**Second Reading (NT): Philippians 2.6-11** A poetic biography of Christ; an early Christian hymn; and an exhortation to us – "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it".

**Passion Reading: Mark 14.1–15, 47** This shortest account of the passion and death of Jesus is relatively free of drama and emotion. It is totally focussed on Jesus' identity – who is he!? It is when Jesus is stripped of all hope, of all power, when he stands alone in the middle of this meaningless nightmare, with no hope of life, it is then and only then that he declares who he is. At the point when Jesus looks least like our preferred image of God, and is finally asked, 'Are you the Messiah?' He says simply, 'I am'.

## EASTER

- ◆ **Easter clock-change** Mark your calendars - the clocks will spring forward on Easter night - Sunday, 31 March at 1am, between the Easter Vigil and Easter morning.
- ◆ **Easter collections** 1 Anything given in the normal planned giving methods or direct into the collection bags is for the benefit of the parish. 2 Anything given in the special Easter envelopes will be for the benefit of Fr Jonathan. If you prefer to make separate donation for Father at any time you should mark the envelope for Fr J's attention.
- ◆ **Easter lilies** The box by the pulpit is for donations towards Easter lilies in memory of departed family, friends and benefactors, and to decorate the church for Easter.
- Suggestion per stem / name: £5.**
- ◆ **Planned Giving envelopes 2024-25 start with Easter day.** Please, collect yours before you leave, from the Narthex *this morning*, or next Sunday.

## FUTURE DIARY DATES ...

- ◆ **Funeral Notice**  
Funeral Mass Lucinda Rodrigues De Souza here, on **Wed 27 March** at 11.30. See the Funeral notice in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Divine Mercy Sunday** is on **7 April** (Fr J's birthday).  
Retreats are being held  
1 - the day before, **Sat 6 April**, at Aylesford Priory, Kent. Coaches available from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.  
2 - the Saturday after, **13 April** at St Mary's R C Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2  
For either event, call Millie on 07957 594646 for more info.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony** Do you have a 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or longer anniversary of marriage in 2024? Do you know other Catholics who do? Tell us! The Cardinal invites you / them to a Mass on **25 May at 2.30pm**. Names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) to FrJ or Frances by **10 April**.
- ◆ **19–26 July Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 1) Be a pilgrim; 2) Assist other pilgrims; 3) Sponsor a sick pilgrim. See [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/) or 020 7798 917
- ◆ **A Day With Mary Pilgrimages 2024** 1) to Fatima 7-14 June, and 2) to Italy 4-12 Sept. See [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) or contact [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com)

### Readers

23 Mar	5.30pm	Noreta Reece, Jennifer Bourke
24 Mar	8am 10am	Daphne Byron, Crystelle Pereira, Derrick Pereira, Elaine Pereira, Anna Acuti, Lily Meghji
28 Mar	8pm	Monika Tabarrok, Robert Chandler, JJ Nwawulor
29 Mar	3pm	Daniela Amasanti-DeBono, Mel Goodger, Carol-Anne Chandler, Ignatius Pinto, Nikita Pinto
30 Mar	8pm	Sarah Goodall, Emma Nwawulor, Georgia Nwawulor, Derrick Pereira
31 Mar	8am 10am	Amalie Direkze, David Nwawulor, Nnennia Nwawulor, Nikita Pinto

### Church Cleaning Rota

30 Mar	<b>Team A</b>	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam
6 Apr	<b>Team B</b>	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaité

### Weekly Almsgiving on 17/03/2024

Loose Plate	£ 303.26
Envelopes	£ 143.00
Standing Orders & Online	£ 94.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 540.76</b>