

## Masses and Intentions Holy Week

Saturday 13th April 10:00 Evin Daly  
*Lent feria*

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 13th April 17:30 Chris Gaughan RIP  
Sunday 14th April 10:00 Chris Carter & family  
18:30 John Eppstein

Monday 15th April 09.15 People of the parish  
*Monday of Holy Week*

Tuesday 16th April 09:15 Repose of Holy Souls  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Wednesday 17th April 18.00 Eileen Veale  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Thursday 18th April 20.00 Private intention  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 23.45 Compline (night prayer)

Friday 19th April 10.00 Children's Stations of the Cross  
*Good Friday* 12:00 Stations of the Cross  
15.00 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion  
of the Lord

Saturday 20th April [no morning Mass]  
*Lent feria*

### Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday 20th April 21.00 Private intention  
[Holy Saturday—Vigil Mass]

Sunday 21st April 10:00 George Anthony Porter RIP  
[Easter Sunday] 18:30 People of the parish

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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, 14 April 2019

'Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all  
names.'

Philippians 2, 8-9

## THE SEASON OF LENT

The parish Lent Course on The Creed concludes on Monday 15 April at 19.30hrs in the Cenacle with a reflection on the Holy Spirit in the Creed.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 12 noon.

### HOLY WEEK

Cards detailing these services available in the narthex and on parish website.

## LOCAL PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon 15th April 7.30pm St James

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Sonning Common.

## EASTER SPRING CLEAN

Meet in the church at 10.00hrs on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Everybody welcome - even if you are not a 'regular'.

## EASTER FLOWER FUND

There is a box at the back of the church throughout Lent to gather contributions for the Easter flower fund. Many thanks in advance for your support.

## CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10am on Good Friday morning followed by refreshments in the Cenacle.

### Last week's collection

Gift Aid	£178.50	Loose	£511.97
Standing Orders			£484.00

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Children aged 7 (school year 3) and up, together with a responsible adult, are invited to join us for an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Monday (22nd April). Meet in the cenacle at 6pm. For further details please contact :  
simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com.

HOLY PLACES There will be a second collection to support the upkeep of all the holy sites in the Holy Land after the Good Friday liturgy.

## BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Easter baskets will be blessed at 10.00 hrs on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

READIFOOD Many thanks for all the generous donations left in the Readifood box. It has all gone to local people in need.

COFFEE MORNING Sat 27 April in the Cenacle from 11.30 'til 14.00 in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society to celebrate our Founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam's Birthday.

## SERVICE OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Service will be held on Sun 19 MAY at 15.00 in the Church followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Should anyone require transport to/from the Service, please let Ed-die Moran (958 2069) or any member of the Society know.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C - Luke):** Suffering is part and parcel of being human and while we must readily acknowledge this fact it is also true that we usually do all in our power to avoid it. The readings for today are an invitation to reflect on how the passion of Jesus can change our outlook on suffering. Our Saviour may be seen in these texts as a model of patient endurance and of faithfulness. We are not asked to believe that suffering is good in itself but to see that good can come of it and to recognise in Jesus God's solidarity with all those who endure suffering for doing what is right.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 50, 4 - 7:** These verses from the writings of the prophet Isaiah are known as the Songs of the Suffering Servant, In fact this is the third of the songs, parts of the others will be read later in Holy Week and have already been heard in the latter part of Lent. They are grouped together under this heading because they all touch on the theme of suffering which this unknown person must undergo. In its time it was thought that the person was really an embodiment of Israel, the chosen people. However, in the light of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the early Church quickly recognised in these texts predictions of the passion and so it is particularly appropriate that one should be read on today Palm Sunday. We should also note that the fourth song will be read during the liturgy of Good Friday. The theme of the text for today is the servant's confidence in God's presence with him even in the most adverse of circumstances. What sets him apart is the fact that he is, above all, one who listens to God's word and so is strengthened for what lies ahead.

**Second Reading (NT): Philippians 2, 6 - 11:** It is believed by many that these beautiful verses are part of a hymn used in the early Christian liturgy and which Paul then placed in his letter to the Christians at Philippi because of the pertinence of these words to the point he was making. Just before quoting this hymn, Paul is appealing to the community to be more Christ-like in their attitudes and behaviour. He then illustrates that request by highlighting the humility of Jesus who emptied himself of the glory that was his as the Son of God and came among us as a servant and even went so far as to undergo the agony of the cross. The loving gift of himself then issued in the glory of the resurrection in which God the Father has shown us that Jesus Christ is indeed Lord.

**Passion Narrative: Luke 22, 14 - 23, 56:** Palm Sunday presents us with a contrast: Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (the account of which we read as the Gospel at the beginning of our procession) and the passion and death on Good Friday. This year we are reading Luke's version of the passion story. It is worth reflecting on the features of the story that are highlighted by each evangelist: in Luke only do we find the meeting with Herod, Jesus' encounter with the weeping daughters of Jerusalem on his way to Calvary, and his prayer that his executioners be forgiven. We are invited to participate in the story by playing the role of the crowd. It is important that we stand (to attention) throughout, it is a story we hear once a year.