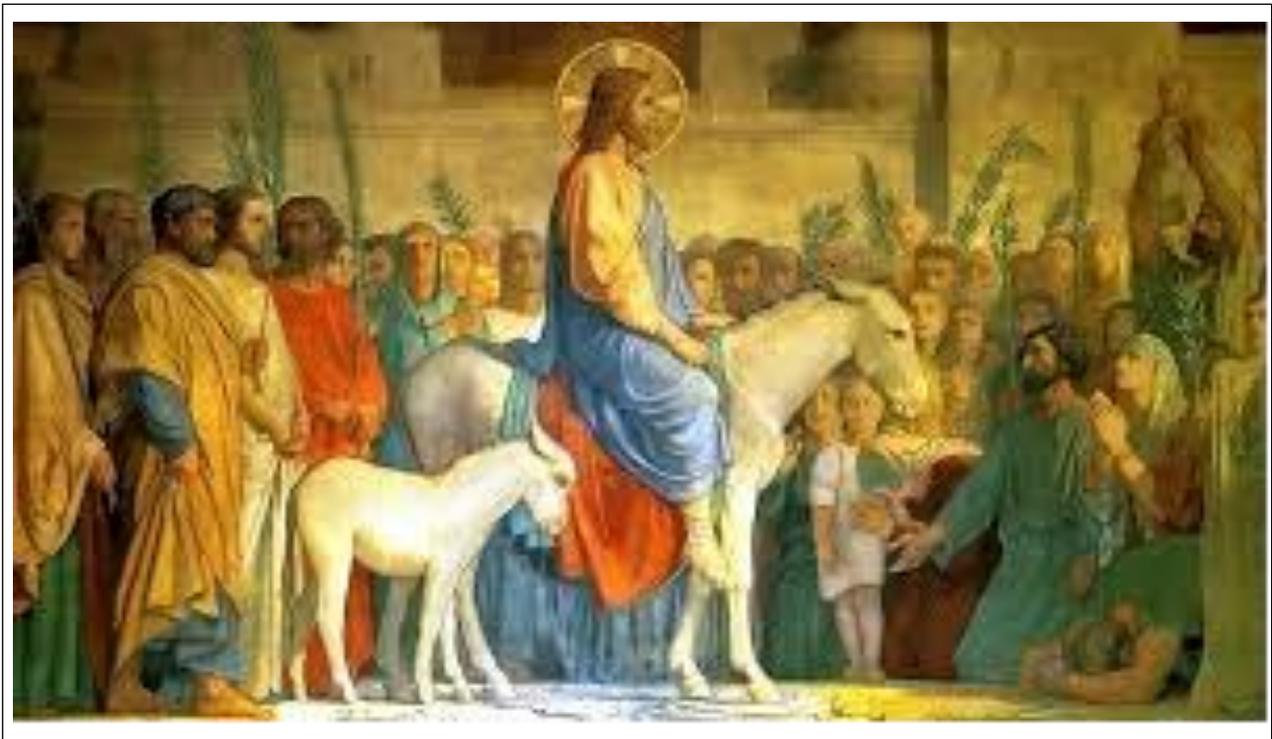


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 4/5 April 2020

“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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

St Chad's Cathedral is now
livestreaming Masses:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Liturgies during Holy Week will also be live streamed. The principal ceremonies will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Archbishop Bernard and all are welcome to participate through the live stream facility.

Palm Sunday (Sun 5 April) - 11am

Daily Mass (Mon 6 and Tues 7 April) -
12.15pm

Mass of Holy Chrism (Wed 8 April) -
11.30am

Mass of the Last Supper (Thurs 9 April) -
7.30pm

Solemn Liturgy, Good Friday (Fri 10
April) - 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass (Sat 11 April) - 8pm

Easter Sunday Mass (Sun 12 April) -
11am

Easter Monday Mass (Mon 13 April) -
10am

We can't gather physically but it would be good to feel that we are taking part in the same Mass as others in our home archdiocese.

Prayer resources are also available on the diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they will be available on the parish website.

A WORD ABOUT FINANCES

Some people have expressed some concern about how they are to continue to support the parish. This is a difficult time for many people financially and we would not want this to be a cause of stress for anyone.

For those who have a standing order with the parish, we hope that you will be able to keep it going but fully understand if you feel the need to adjust it.

If you normally put your money into the collection bag then perhaps you could consider putting your weekly amount aside at home until we come out of this lockdown. You could then put the whole amount into the parish in one go. Or keep a tally of how much it would be and write a cheque at the end. We are unable to process cheques just at the moment.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Communion or see a Priest.

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.



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or by request from the parish office.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A – Matthew): Holy Week opens today with our commemoration of the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the people exultant in welcome as they waved palm branches in their hands. The joy of Palm Sunday quickly gives way to the anxiety, trepidation and sorrow the disciples of Jesus experienced later in the week. Each year the Church, through her solemn liturgies, tries to recall and relive those emotions which so marked Jesus' followers as they witnessed his mock trial, saw him stumble to his place of execution and stand by as he was crucified outside the city gates. By a twist of fate with which the whole world community is grappling this Holy Week, the feelings experienced by Jesus' followers as his passion unfolded are what countless millions are going through as we struggle to understand and then to tame the coronavirus and care for those who have succumbed to Covid – 19. The splendid and uniquely moving liturgies of Holy Week, the only liturgies of the year where the whole parish community is invited to gather as one, will be celebrated in very simple form with reduced ceremonial by the priest on his own. But all the members of the parish congregation can follow the liturgies thanks to live-streaming facilities in various churches and can read for themselves the gospel passages which describe the Lord's passion, uniting themselves spiritually with the Holy Week worship of the Church.

Gospel: Matthew 21, 1 – 11: According to the synoptic evangelists, Jesus only visited Jerusalem once during his public ministry (John has him come to Jerusalem three times) and that makes his entry, his first as a publicly acknowledged teacher and spiritual leader who displayed so many of the characteristics of the OT prophets, a fulfilment of prophetic promise and one which prompted the crowd to welcome him as Messiah.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 50, 4 – 7: The Suffering Servant recurs on a number of occasions in the prophetic writings of Isaiah. It is easy to see how the early Church identified Jesus with this OT figure, and even some of his disciples or followers looking on at the events of the first Holy Week may also have thought of the characteristics ascribed to the Suffering Servant by Isaiah.

Second Reading (NT): Philippians 2, 6 – 12: Paul probably borrowed these words from a hymn sung by the early Church that display an uncanny and profound understanding of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Redemption (through his sufferings and death on the cross) and the Glorification of Jesus who, through the paschal mystery, became the Christ.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Matthew 26, 14 – 27, 66: The longest of the passion accounts comes from Matthew. It has subsequently won the affection of many generations through the sublime music of J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion. There are two episodes of the passion story unique to Matthew: the regret of his betrayal that led Judas to return the silver pieces to the priests and his subsequent suicide, and the attempt by those same priests to frustrate any attempt by Jesus' followers to claim he had risen from the dead.

Masses and Intentions Holy Week

Saturday	4 th April	10.00	Tony Faherty RIP
<i>St Isidore</i>			
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			Year A
Sunday	5 th April	10.00	Brendan O'Rourke RIP
Monday	6 th April	09.15	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>			
Tuesday	7 th April	09.15	Moira Husbands RIP
<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>			
Wednesday	8 th April	09.15	Kevin Corrigan
<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>			
Thursday	9 th April	19.30	Private intention
<i>Triduum - Holy Thursday</i>		22.00	Compline - night prayer
Friday	10 th April	12.00	Stations of the Cross
<i>Triduum - Good Friday</i>		15.00	Solemn liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	11 th April	21.00	People of the parish
<i>Triduum - Easter Vigil</i>			
Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord			Year A
Sunday	12 th April	10.00	David Michra RIP