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## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 28 March 2021**

“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

## EASTER FLOWERS

One of the joys of Easter is to see the church adorned once more with beautiful flowers.

Please donate what you can to the flower fund. Baskets are available as you come in to Mass. Thank you.

## EASTER ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the Easter offering are also available this weekend onwards. Please take one and bring it back over the Easter weekend.

## IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL A MASS BOOKING

If you are unable to take up your place at Mass for some reason please let the stewards know on these numbers so that your space can be used :

**Saturday 17.30 07544260440**

**Sunday 10.00 07753605972**

## YOUR SEAT MAY BE GIVEN AWAY

Masses are booking up quickly now and there is often a queue of people who turn up just hoping that there may be space. **If you have booked, you need to be seated 5 mins. before Mass starts** or your seat may be given away.

## HOLY WEEK / EASTER BOOKINGS

Thankfully, this year we are able to celebrate in church but we will have to do some things differently to stay safe and be COVID secure.

Liturgies available to book:

- Palm Sunday - 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March, usual Sunday Mass times
- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper - 1<sup>st</sup> April @ 19.30
- Stations - 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 12 noon
- Good Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 3pm
- Easter Vigil - 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 20.00
- Easter Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am

All Masses and liturgies are now fully booked. If you would like your name added to a waiting list **OR CAN NO LONGER COME** please ring:

07544260440 for Holy Thursday

/stations/Easter vigil

07753605972 for Good Friday/Easter Sunday morning

## STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Please be seated at least five minutes before these start to allow for the appropriate solemnity to be maintained.

The traditional collection for the Holy Places of Palestine will be taken at all events on Good Friday.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget McArthur and Nancy Lynch who died recently. May they rest in peace. Bridget's funeral will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Numbers at funerals are still limited to 30 but there may be room for some parishioners so ring 07544260440 to find out if there is space.

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## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B – Mark):**

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

# Mass Intentions for Holy Week

Mon., Tues., Wed. Masses are closed this week.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
*Lenten Feria*

Miroslav

**Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord**

**Year B**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 17.30

Fr Giles Goward RIP

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10.00

Ian Macdonald RIP

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
*Monday of Holy Week*

Holy souls

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Holy souls

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Holy souls

**The Easter Triduum**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 19.30  
*Triduum - Holy Thursday*

Celebrant's intention

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 12.00  
*Triduum - Good Friday*

Stations of the Cross

15.00

Solemn liturgy of the Passion

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 20.00  
*Triduum - Easter Vigil*

People of the parish

**Solemnity of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

**Year B**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00

Celebrant's intention