## Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 9/10 April 2022 Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

HOLY WEEK	AND EAST	ER AT OUR	LADY & ST ANNE	
Saturday morning Mass	9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Mass	
Vigil of Palm Sunday [Sat]	9 <sup>th</sup> April	16.45 - 17.1	5 Confessions	
		17:30	Mass	
Palm Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00	Mass	
Monday of Holy Week	11th April	09:30	Mass	
Tuesday of Holy Week	12th April	09:30	Mass	
Wednesday of Holy Week13th April		17.45-18.15	Confessions	
		18:30	Mass	
Maundy Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	19:30	Mass of the Last Supper	
	_	up to 22:00	Watching	
		21:45	Night prayer	
Good Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Children's Liturgy	
			Stations of the Cross	
		12:00	Stations of the Cross	
		15:00	Liturgy of Good Friday -	
		church remains open until 19.00		
Easter Vigil	16 <sup>th</sup> April	21:00		

EASTER COLLECTION Please take an Easter collection envelope home.

# TUESDAY MASS DURING HOLY WEEK AND WEEK AFTER EASTER

Refreshments will be available in the Cenacle after the Tuesday Masses.

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY GOOD FRIDAY SESSION

Join us in church at 10am on Friday 15th April for a special Good Friday session. There'll be a variety of crafts and activities, followed by refreshments including hot cross buns. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

#### PARISH INCOME

Banked 27-03-22 £ 375.10 Mar Contactless Sun. offering: £ 430.00 Mar Building Fund: £ 50.00 Standing Orders: £ 2935.00 In response to Pope Francis' call to Care Our Common Home, Birmingham Archdiocese are encouraging us to take urgent steps to live Sustainably and more Simply, Solidarity. As part of these efforts, they are aiming to help every parish in the Archdiocese to register for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. They are asking if we can form a planning group for the parish who would aim to register for the Award, help complete the Parish Action Plan and then ensure that the plan completed. If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Pam Beyts: pam@sensorydimensions.com 07786627364



#### **OUR LADY'S LAMP**

This week's lamp is lit for: Clara Chipurio

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#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Cycle C

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. 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 shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on 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 and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

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# Mass Intentions for Holy Week

Palm Sunday of		Year C		
the Passion	n of the Lord			
Saturday Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April 10 <sup>th</sup> April	17.30 10.00	Waleria Dubaj RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann) Brendan O'Rourke RIP	
Monday Monday of Holy	•	09.30	Deceased members of Gough & Smith families	
Tuesday Tuesday of Holy	•	09.30	Our Lady & St Anne	
Wednesday Wednesday of H	•	18.30	Caroline & Jonathan [40 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary]	
Thursday Thursday of Ho	14 <sup>th</sup> April oly Week	19.30	Fr Patrick	
Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Children's Liturgy Good Friday session	
		12 noon	Stations of the Cross	
		15.00	Liturgy of Good Friday - church remains open until 19.00	
Solemnity	of the		Year C	
Resurrection of the Lord Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April [Holy Saturday - Vigil Mass]		21.00	Yvonne McGowan	
	17 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	People of the parish	

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass