

# Palm Sunday, Year B

## 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024



### Big Easter Clean

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 10am onwards. Could you spare a couple of hours to help clean the church for Easter? Refreshments will be available.



### Children's Liturgy Good Friday Session

Join us in church at 10am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March for a special Good Friday session. There'll be a variety of crafts and activities, followed by refreshments. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

### Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday	23-24 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10am as usual
Maundy Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm Night prayer 11.45
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Childrens Liturgy 10am Stations of the Cross 12 noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm
Holy Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Blessing of Easter Baskets 10am Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter 8pm
Easter Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord 10am



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## Confirmation Preparation 2024

There will be a meeting for all families interested in Confirmation preparation, after the 10am Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Meet Cathy at the back of church.

## CONFESSION DURING HOLY WEEK

Mon: after 9.15am Mass until 10.30am  
Wed: 6pm – 6.25pm  
Maundy Thursday 7pm – 7.25pm

## EASTER COLLECTION

Traditionally this forms part of the parish priest's income. Please take an envelope or donate on the machine.

## EASTER BASKET BLESSING



The traditional blessing of 'Easter Food Baskets' will take place on Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in Our Lady and St. Anne's Church. All very welcome.



**Hot Cross Buns** after the 10am Palm Sunday Mass today. £1 each, proceeds to the Church Building Fund. Do join us.

## Tuesday Tea & Coffee



Why not come and have a chat and a cuppa at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning in the Cenacle?

Invite a friend. Everybody welcome.

## Dates for your Diary

- 27<sup>th</sup> March Big Easter Clean
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday

## WEEKLY INCOME 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Mar

C'less:	£	147.00
Loose plate	£	179.42
c'less flowers	£	32.00
Candles	£	22.75
Lent 4 flowers	£	69.40
Shop	£	85.85
Cathedral Maintenance	£	190.67
Building Fund	£	3.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	835.00

## Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Statement



- The food bank donations have supported over 50 local families with essential provisions. We thank you for your continued donations.



- A very successful Curry Night was held. The money raised was spent on basic mobile phones for essential communications with very vulnerable homeless individuals.



- We held a cake sale in the Cenacle, all donations were spent on school uniforms, equipment and travel costs for 10 Indian children. This enabled them to attend school and gain an education.



- An Afternoon Tea was organised for all parishioners. We had a lovely time. All funds raised were spent on clothing for the homeless. We provided men's underwear, socks and donated toiletries.



- Berkshire Women's Aid Our work with this charity enabled us to support a domestic abuse victim with furniture and household equipment.

- We held a Pie and Pea supper recently.



- Money raised from this event will be used to support families that are financially struggling at St Anne's Primary School.

- The weekly Lenten soup lunches have once again been popular. All donations will be used to support charities in our community.



- We are Twinned with two Indian Conferences and sponsor two students in further education. This three year sponsorship allows them to gain a fulfilled education and subsequently find skilled work.

### Piety Stall on a Saturday evening

We would love to have a regular presentation of piety stall products at the Saturday evening mass and I'm looking to have a team of 4 people on a rota.

If you would like to know more and have a little Del Boy charm I'd love to have a chat with you. Please call me

Margaret 07789776327

Thank you



### CTC Champions Holiday Club



29<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 10am-3pm in St Anne's school. For youngsters 5-11yrs. Bookings now open at

<https://buytickets.at/churches-togetherincavershamholidayclub> £27 for a whole week of fun if booked before 1<sup>st</sup> May.



### Michael Kelly RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Kelly, a former parishioner, who died recently and for those who mourn him.



### Clocks Change

Clocks go forward next Saturday night. Don't be late for Easter Sunday Mass 😊



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. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during 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 fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. 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.

# Mass intentions for Holy Week

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Mrs Anna O'Rourke RIP
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	Private intention
		<i>after Mass – 10.30am Confessions</i>	
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass	
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm – 6.25pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Private intention

## Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	7 - 7.25pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Maundy Thursday		7.30pm	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00pm	Solemn liturgy of the
Good Friday			Lord's Passion
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Blessing of Easter Baskets
Holy Saturday		8.00pm	Vigil & first Mass of
			Easter – private
			intention

## Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00am	People of the parish
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Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Sat Mass, approx. 4.45pm. Everybody is welcome.



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

**Tina Colehan**

**Please remember her in your prayers.**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: [sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.