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The different Gospels describe the Passion of Christ in different ways, to emphasise different aspects of the event. Central for Mark is the refusal of Christ to be the kind of Messiah the crowd thought He should be. For Luke the emphasis is on the mercy of Christ and for John, it is the unbroken love between the Father and the Son which is actually revealed by His Passion. Matthew's Gospel, however, that we have heard today, is more difficult because it really has to be read from beginning to end to grasp Matthew's main emphasis. Matthew's is the most orderly of the Gospels, probably because he must have led an orderly life as a tax collector. But we know that his life was 'rudely' interrupted by Jesus' call so there are many interruptions breaking into Matthew's sequence. And this makes sense because we have to allow for interruptions if we are going to let Jesus interrupt us and break into our lives in a wonderful way.



Sunday 9th April 2017
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

EASTER LITURGIES

We are already approaching our Holy Week liturgy and the Paschal Triduum. This period is the source and summit of the Eucharist we celebrate every week and we are invited to become a part of it in the fullest sense.

There are lists available, so that you may volunteer to take part in these special liturgies, e.g. as a participant in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. **Please sign up!**

Altar Servers add enormously to the dignity and solemnity of these important occasions and help things to run smoothly. Perhaps parents could encourage our servers, who have a lot of demands on their time, to make a particular commitment to the Easter Triduum, and it would be wonderful to see all our older servers supporting them.

The Easter services are full of extra liturgical symbolism, eg the new fire at the Vigil, and we need behind the scenes help to make sure everything goes according to plan. Please volunteer if you can.

Is there a small group who could offer to clean the brassware?

Re the flowers: We would be grateful for any contributions towards flowers for Easter - please put any offerings into the flower box on the left of the main door. *Thank you!*

Please do offer to take a part, especially during the Triduum - The Mass of the Lord's Supper through to Easter Sunday. You will be much appreciated and

will help everyone enjoy a wonderful tribute to the Lord.

Please could altar servers arrive well before the start of the Easter Services (especially the Triduum) to go through the details. Thank you!

Eucharistic Ministers: Holy Thursday.

Those ministers present at the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be invited to renew their commitment to this ministry. If anyone would like to volunteer their services as Special Minister of the Eucharist, please see Fr. Bob: we do need more ministers and would be very grateful.

Message about the Youth Worker Project: Thanks to all who supported the Youth liturgies and presentations last week. It was very encouraging. Do consider supporting this project with a pledge.

St Joseph's Easter Fayre: Many thanks to all those who worked so hard for the Easter Fayre last week. It really was a great success with everyone clearly enjoying themselves. We will publish the financial result when it is available.

Gift Aid

Next year's named Gift Aid envelopes are in the Narthex ready for collection. Gift Aid enables the parish -as a charity- to recover the income tax paid on the amount of the offertory contribution. If you are a tax payer, but not yet registered for gift aid, please consider doing so. Gift Aid provides the parish with just over £5,000 a year. Please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711346405 and he will arrange everything during a brief call.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson. David Harwar

And those in the Nursing Homes....

Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond, Winifred Galvin, Mollie Benson, Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby, Robbie Burns, Angele Handford, Christina Kelly, Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK: EASTER TRIDUUM	Readers & Passion Reading	Eucharistic Ministers
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm	Salvatore Monastero Honor Hynes	Josie Whittington, May Murphy, Sr. Angela
Good Friday 3.00pm	June Arran, Jan Ireson, Nollaig Doughan, Honor Hynes, Mary Rogerson, Amy Cawood	
Easter Vigil 8.00pm	Alison McLeary, Amy Cawood, June Arran, Sr. Angela, Mary Rogerson	May Murphy, Jill Sheard, Josie Whittington
Easter Family Mass 10.00am	Ted Forde, Salvatore Monastero	Kim Kearns, Ted Forde
Easter Mass 5.30pm	Julia Fan, Sr. Angela	Julia Leask, Sr. Angela, Julia Fan

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat 8 April <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	OL	Midday	Stations of the Cross	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (Exposition) SJ: 10.00am (Exposition) OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY WEEK & EASTER</p> <p>The blue leaflet in the narthex has the details of our liturgical events. We intend holding a Children's Way of the Cross on Good Friday at 11.30am. We would like to invite children and families, but need some volunteers (children) to help with prayers/short readings. Volunteers would need to come a little earlier (11.10am). Please contact Amy.cawood@btinternet.com if you would like to be involved.</p> <p>Our CAFOD HUNGER LUNCH will also be on Good Friday at 12.00Noon in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, please join us for a bowl of home-made soup and bread. £1.50 for adults/ £1.00 for children. Proceeds go towards CaFoD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Joseph's Social Evening</p> <p>Please do join us for our parish's 'Bring-and-Share' social evening tonight, 9th April after the evening Mass. There is a list in the narthex enabling folk to indicate the 'foodstuffs' they can contribute. There will be music and a 'very special presentation for Sr. Angela'. Not to be missed!</p> <p>Easter Offering: The collection taken at Easter is one of just two occasions in the Church's year when it is stipulated that it should be for the benefit of the clergy.</p> <p>Our Lady's 7 Day Candle: There are now some weeks available to be sponsored for your intention.</p> <p>Justice & Peace: Are planning a parish event on Saturday 13th May: 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Watch this space!</p> <p>Last Minute vacancies: Pilgrimage to Knock for 25th April: 5 nights inclusive (from Birmingham Airport). £599 inclusive. Tel. Patricia on 07740175557</p>
Sunday 9 April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Alf Woodward & Linda Scott (Anniv) Eileen Lawless Kathleen Guirr Rita Lutton Thanksgiving for Sr. Angela's 90th Birthday	SP at 3.00 pm: Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions	
Monday 10 April <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Alberto Dimambro Private Intention	SJ Mass with Novena	
Tuesday 11 April <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Sr Angela's Intentions (MR) Patrick Hanrahan	Rosary: SJ 9.10am Penitential Day: SP 10am-12pm & 1-8pm	
Wednesday 12 April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	SJ OL SP SP	11.45 am 12.30 pm	NO MASS TODAY NO MASS TODAY J&P Stations of the Cross Brian & Teresa Doyle	Confessions: OL Penitential Service 7-8pm	
Thursday 13 April <i>Thursday of Holy Week</i> MAUNDY THURSDAY	OL SJ SP	7.30 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Helen McMahon Kitty & Bob Allinson John French	Morning Prayer: SP 9.15am Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm except SJ (10.30pm)	
Friday 14 April <i>Friday of Holy Week</i> GOOD FRIDAY	SJ OL SJ SP OL SP SJ	11.30 am 12.00 pm 3.00 pm 3.00 pm 3.00 pm 7.00 pm 7.00 pm	Children's Way of the Cross Children's Stations of the Cross <i>Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross</i> Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	Morning Prayer: SP 9.15am	
Saturday 15 April <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i> VIGIL	SP SJ OL	8.00 pm 8.00 pm 8.30 pm	People of the Parish Carlos Alberto Dias People of the Parish Christopher Petrie	Morning Prayer: SP 9.15am Confessions: SP: 9.45am	
Sunday 16 April <i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> EASTER SUNDAY	SP OL SJ SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Palma Fucci Maisie Buckley Janusz Stankiewicz Lilian Keneally Marion Moran RIP		



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Sr. Angela

Anniversaries

Hilda Cullinane, George Adamson, Rose Darby,
Hilda Richards, Stephen Newman, Michael Dennehy, Pat Henderson, Betty Reading
May they rest in peace

Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers Karen Ireson, whose funeral is this coming week, and Monty Jenkinson, formerly of our parish, who died last week. Monty's funeral service will be at St. Joseph's at 10.45am on Wednesday 26th April
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 6.30pm Social evening in the hall
Mon: *No Dancing*
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: *No Art Group*
Thurs: *No Music Group*
 Church Cleaning—Team 2
 7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: **12-1.00pm Hunger Lunch, Hall**
4.15pm Walk of Witness, Chapel Green

LAST WEEK

2nd April 2017
 Offertory:
 £698.05
 MANY THANKS
 2nd Collection:
 None
 Attendance
 444

