



## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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### **28.03.2021 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

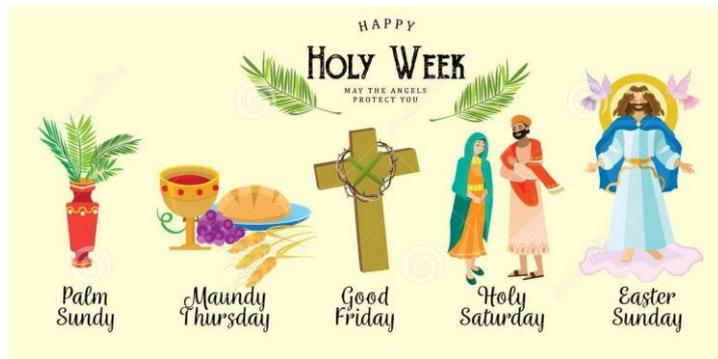
Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

#### The Holy Week.

This week, all over the world, Christians will be celebrating the great mystery of Christ's lover for us. 'Greater love no man has than he who lays down his life for his friends'. This is the week Christ lived out the truth of these words. He took on himself our sins and the sins of all the world.

#### HOLY WEEK ~ Masses & Intentions

<b>Saturday 27</b>	(Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday)
5.30pm	Philip Hughes RIP
<b>Sunday 28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 29</b>	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
	Sr. Mary Paul (Intentions)
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
9.30am	Maureen & John Chinn
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
	Mont Pendleton
	<b><u>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</u></b>
<b>Thursday 01</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
9.30am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Friday 02</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
9.30am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>Saturday 03</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
9.30am	Office of the Reading & Morning Prayer
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday 04</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
10.00am	People of the Parish



#### Celebrations of Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum

**Palm Sunday (Saturday 5.30pm & Sunday 10.00am):** Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the **Holy Week** - the most solemn week in the church's year. The Liturgy this weekend celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this event is included in every Mass, with the solemn entrance.

Please note that due to Covid restrictions, there will be no blessing of the palm crosses in the hall and the procession. Instead, the palm crosses will be blessed at the sanctuary and will be distributed by stewards as you leave the church after Mass. The shorter form of the Passion from the Gospel of St. Mark will be read without multiple readers.

**Chrism Mass - Wednesday 31 March at 11.30am:** Sadly, due to ongoing restrictions, it will not be possible for all the priests, deacons and parish representatives from across the diocese to gather, as in the past, at St Chad's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. Instead, the Archbishop, joined by the Auxiliary Bishops, Deans, Chapter Canons and the recently ordained priests will celebrate this Mass.

Priests, and people are invited to join in this celebration via livestreaming. Please pray for the clergy ministering in our diocese and for their faithful pastoral ministry of bearing witness to the Gospel. The blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils that will be used in the Sacramental Celebrations across the diocese in the coming year and the renewal of priestly promises are central to this Eucharistic celebration!

#### The Sacred Triduum

The Triduum (Latin for "Three Days") refers to the three key days at the end of Holy Week and starts with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday** and continues through **Good Friday** and **Holy Saturday** leading up to the celebration of the season of Easter with the **Easter Vigil** and **Easter Sunday**. **Do take note that there is no concluding rite at the close of the first two services of the Triduum - emphasising the continuity of the three days.** Hope

#### **Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10): [The Gospel for the Procession at the Beginning of Palm Sunday Mass]**

The procession of palms is joyful and sad at the same time. It is the triumphant entry of the Messiah as King into his holy city. The crowds were celebrating and singing the psalm for the festival as they entered the city, not knowing that they were in fact welcoming the Messiah who ushers in the Kingship of God. Often in Mark the actors in the story do not realise the full significance of their actions, as when the Roman soldiers later mock Jesus as King, not knowing that that is what he truly is. As Christians we believe that the Kingship of God was brought to fulfilment by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The drama, which begins with this entry into Jerusalem, ends with the story of the empty tomb. John tells us that it was only afterwards, when Jesus had risen from the dead, that the disciples realised the significance of the event. The resurrection at last made sense of everything, showed everything in a new light. John also tells us that this was the humble king of the prophecy, riding not on a triumphant war-horse but on a humble donkey.

**As someone watching the drama of Holy Week unfold, how will you journey with the Lord in these days?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

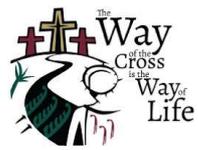
parishioners will take part in the celebrations on all these three days, if not in person, through live streaming.

**Maundy Thursday (7.30pm):** The Mass of the Lord's Supper finds its fullest expression when celebrated with a congregation. Hope as many as possible will be able to attend this Mass.



Please note, the Washing of the Feet will be omitted and there will be no procession to the Altar of Repose. The Reserved Sacrament will be kept in the Tabernacle of the church. The altar will not be stripped. Holy Communion will be given under one kind only. Watching at the Altar of Repose will not be possible this year.

**Good Friday (3.00pm):** The Liturgy on this day begins and concludes in utter silence. The Passion according to St. John will be proclaimed. The Universal Prayer will also include one for the afflicted in time of Pandemic. The veneration of



the Cross will be limited to celebrant alone, after which the congregation will be invited to adore the Cross in silence in their places, with genuflection if possible or bow, as the celebrant holds the Cross elevated higher

for a brief time. Holy Communion under one kind from the Reserved Sacrament will be distributed. The celebration concludes in silence. There will be a collection for the **HOLY PLACES**.

**The Easter Vigil (7.30pm):** This year there will be no Service of Light outside church and the faithful cannot have votive candles for the Easter Vigil. There will be a limited number of readings. Baptismal water will be blessed, and Baptismal Promises renewed, but the celebrant will not sprinkle the faithful with the holy water, nor will the holy water stoups be refilled. Holy Communion will be under one kind.



**Easter Sunday (10.00am):** Easter Sunday is the first day of the new season of **'The Great Fifty Days'**. During the Mass, Baptismal Promises will be renewed, but the celebrant will not sprinkle the faithful with the holy water.

**NB:** Please be advised that booking system will be followed for GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SUNDAY. Please add your names to the forms made available in our church for this purpose or let us know by phone or email.

[The Office of the Reading and Morning Prayer during the Triduum and **the Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday will be livestreamed].

*Believing Christ died – that's history.*

*Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.*

*Wish you all the graces and blessings of this Holy Week.*

- Fr. Arul Samy

#### **Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**RIP:** Please pray for **Deacon Pat Duffy, Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr John Fallon, Fr. Giles Goward, Fr. Patrick Joyce**, and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**Easter Cards:** There are a few Easter cards for sale. Those who wish to buy please speak to Pat Woolstan, tel. no. 01926-814883

**Virtual Walk of Witness:** The Combined Churches in Southam invite you to join for the **Virtual Walk of Witness** on **Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**, between 11.00am and 12noon. For an invite, please email: [info@southamcommunitychurch.org.uk](mailto:info@southamcommunitychurch.org.uk).

**Telephone support:** Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email ([shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com](mailto:shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com)) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

**Miriam's Walk for Water:** Inspired by a video in her school about Cafod's effort in providing drinking water to people in hot countries like Ethiopia, our parishioner Miriam Lambe is doing Cafod's **'Walk for Water Challenge'** this Lent. Parishioners are encouraged to support Miriam's and Cafod's effort. The following is the sponsor link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/miriams-lent-challenge>

Thank you in anticipation for your generous support.

**Unleash the Gospel:** The following is a lovely website with week by week activities for families, prayers and exploration of the Gospel. Hope you will find it helpful. (This week): <https://www.52sundays.com/sundays/march-28-2021>

**Weekly Rosary:** Thanks to the Isaacs Family for their Rosary initiative. Parishioners will be able to join with other parishioners for praying the Rosary via zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm**. Many thanks to all who have joined this initiative.

You can use the same link each week to join which is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84132920743?pwd=NXRoUVJlTQVVlanUwVzYxNkxvbkGlrUT09>

Be encouraged to pray the Rosary regularly (even if a decade or two), especially for the deliverance from the pandemic. Your prayers are much appreciated.

**Lent - Sycamore Course:** The remaining topics of the Sycamore Course will be dealt with after Easter.

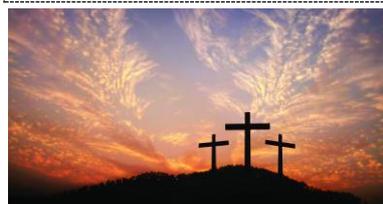
**Easter Collection:** It is customary within the Diocese for a collection to be taken up at the Easter Masses next weekend for the benefit of the parish clergy.

#### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion (St Alphonsus Liguori)**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

#### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE RENEWAL IN OUR PARISH**

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come:  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness. It also reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Remember this: God, in judging us, loves us. If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self, because God never condemns, he only loves and saves. - Pope Francis