

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY



### When Compromise isn't an Option

Today we remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. A question that gets asked a lot is, why did Jesus not turn his donkey around and bypass Jerusalem altogether? Wouldn't it have been better for Jesus to have lived into old age continuing to teach and to heal? The hardest lesson for Jesus' disciples to learn was that for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem, he would also have had to bypass his mission. Jesus had an unwavering commitment,

and as Christians we are asked to share that commitment, and understand what that commitment might mean in the detail of our lives.

Commitment doesn't just mean thinking something is quite a good idea, or thinking we really ought to pursue something. It doesn't even mean badly wanting to do something. Commitment is about a passion that drives us towards an end goal despite all the odds. Commitment is about dedication, and self-discipline. Commitment means being uncomfortable now and then; it might even mean self-sacrifice. Christianity is not just about wearing our Sunday best and being very nice people. As Christians we are looking at the world in all its life and death situations and knowing that compromise isn't an option. How sad to get to the end of life and having to admit we have done nothing of great importance; nothing worthy of our commitment; nothing worthy of being a Christian. If this all seems a bit daunting, it doesn't have to be. Part of our larger commitment brings smaller daily commitments. Christianity is a big meaningful journey starting out with small manageable steps.

For Jesus, commitment and self-sacrifice went hand in hand. This week we remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught us that we are worth all that pain and suffering. How do we live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

**Bitesize** – 'Everyone must choose one of two pains: The pain of discipline or the pain of regret.' ~Jim Rohn

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Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)



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## 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

[Holy Week, Sundays Year C, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

### MASSES in the PARISH

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

1800 *First MASS of Sunday*

+Anne Monaghan

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

0900 MASS

#### PALM SUNDAY

For the Parish

1100 MASS *Live streamed*

+ Michael McBrien

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

1000 MASS

#### Monday of Holy Week

+Edith Oliver (Cummings)

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

1200 Noon CHRISM MASS at St John's Cathedral

#### Tuesday of Holy Week

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 MASS

#### Wednesday of Holy Week

Calvin & Becky Cummings (Sick)

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

1930 MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER (*Live streamed*) followed by *watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight*

#### HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY

Ann Hannon (Sick) (Cummings)

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

1030 Children's Stations of the Cross

#### GOOD FRIDAY

1500 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

2000 EASTER VIGIL MASS

#### HOLY SATURDAY

+Anna Easton (PM)

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

0900 MASS

#### EASTER DAY

+Ann Mealy (PM)

1100 MASS *Live streamed*

+Stephen Mealy (PM)

For **Live Streamed Masses** Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on **YouTube**, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Tom Brady, Cyril Byrne, Brigid Mary Murphy, Daniel Creamer, Colin Nicholson, Eileen Wells, Christina Duffield, Joan Mary McManus. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits:** If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

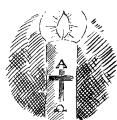
**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Allan Michael Howard, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Una Morris, Fr. Brendan.

**Fr. Brendan Update** - Fr Brendan is currently in the Norwich Community Hospital on Bowthorpe Road where he moved from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) two weeks ago. He's on Beech ward in the Mulberry Unit which treats people with stroke. Fr Michael from the Cathedral normally visits Fr Brendan once a week on a Friday with Holy Communion and stays for a chat. Fr Brendan is making steady progress. Thank you to everyone for their prayers, good wishes and practical help.

**Money Matters:** Offering for last Sunday: Plate £258.58. Offerings by Standing Order for March 2022 came to £1,221.00. Thank you. The collection during Easter Masses is the traditional Easter Offering to the Parish Priest. Your Easter Offering this year goes to Fr. Brendan. Fr. Jay will have his from Bury St Edmunds.

**There will be a collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. This is a great way for the parish to get additional funds from the tax reclaim benefits scheme; with this scheme you do not need to commit to a fixed amount as it will just be based on your total annual contribution. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.



Sorrows around the Cross.

**Prayer Time during the Triduum** - Our Bishops invite every parish to set aside some time of dedicated prayer during the Triduum in order to be in spiritual solidarity with all who suffer as a result of war or violence. This could take place during the Solemn Watch on Holy Thursday or on Good Friday evening gathered with our Lady of

**Chrism Mass, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April** - The Diocesan Choir will be gathering again to sing at the Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians to share their talents with fellow musicians from our Diocesan family! There will be a rehearsal in the Cathedral Choir Sacristy from 10am on Tuesday ahead of the Chrism Mass at 12 Noon. All are welcome!

**Coach arrangements** – Our coach to the Chrism Mass will depart at 1030. Return coach from the Cathedral is at 1430.

**Volunteers for Easter Services** – There are still spaces for volunteers at each of the Easter Holy Week services. Please see the lists on the table at the back of church and sign up if you are able to help.

**Confirmation Catechesis** - We are running a Confirmation group this September/October. Anyone interested and eligible please see Michael King.

**Church Cleaning Rota** – Volunteers are sought, please, to fill some vacancies on the church cleaning rota. If you can help, please contact Catherine on 01362 699334 or email: [scarning19@talktalk.net](mailto:scarning19@talktalk.net)

Diary Dates for this week	
Mon. 11 Apr.	Due to Holy Week, our monthly Afternoon Tea is cancelled. We will meet again on 9 <sup>th</sup> May.
Sat. 16 April	First Holy Communion Class is on Easter holidays. Classes resume on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April.

**Picnic Lunch:** The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invites you to bring a picnic lunch and come enjoy the grounds at our convent in Dereham on **Easter Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April from 12:00 - 15:00**. Teas and coffees will be available for purchase along with homemade cakes and biscuits! If the weather is inclement indoor seating will be available. Please be aware the grounds are a little uneven at the moment due to ongoing works. For more information email [admin@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:admin@walsinghamcommunity.org).

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2022** - Just for this year our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on **TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> MAY (The Visitation of Our Lady)**. The Diocesan children's Pilgrimage will also take place on the same day. The Pilgrimage Programme will be the same beginning with Mass at 12 noon and ending around 4.00pm with Benediction in the Priory grounds. **Please make a note of the date in your diaries** and endeavour to come on pilgrimage this year!

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 19 to Friday 26 August 2022.** We hope to top 100 East Anglians for the first time this century. For help contact the diocesan director, Deacon John Morrill at [john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:john.morrill@rcdea.org.uk) or at 07956 536140 or at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 12 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. There is a lot of detail on the pilgrimage website at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#>