

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY



What Makes Holy Week Holy?

Here we are again at the beginning of Holy Week, but what is it that makes Holy week holy? As we process into Church on Palm Sunday waving our palms or weaving them into crosses, it's tempting to feel that this is all just a commemoration of the past. But if Holy Week doesn't impact on our lives a little more with each passing year, then it really is just a story about something that happened a very long time ago.

It's the very first 'Palm Sunday' and the excitement is growing like wildfire. Jesus rides into Jerusalem and his followers throw down palms and robes. Only Jesus seems aware that something is very wrong with this triumphant parade. The followers are misguided. They think that Jesus has come like some great military deliverer to overthrow the authorities. But in truth, Jesus doesn't ride into Jerusalem on a stallion with great might and power, he rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and he comes in peace, humility and servitude. He comes to stand up for what he believes without any hint of compromise or aggression. He comes ready to lay down his life. He comes to show humanity what real love means and he brings the promise of his heavenly kingdom for all those who can realise his teaching.

Those original Palm Sunday crowds had a very poor grasp of what Jesus was about, and so it's no wonder that by the end of Holy Week they had switched to shouts of 'Crucify!' Like those original Palm Sunday crowds, we celebrate Jesus' life, but we celebrate for the right reasons. Hopefully we are not celebrating someone we think can wave a magic wand and make everything right for us. Holy Week brings into sharp focus what Christianity should be about. Each year we endeavour to make Holy Week holy with greater insight and a greater maturity of faith. Each Holy Week we endeavour to become better ambassadors for Christ.

Bitesize – "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life." ~Winston Churchill



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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14TH APRIL 2019 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – Year C

[Holy Week, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 2]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 13 th Apr.	6.00 pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord [Parish Mass Book p184]	Jack Smith
Sun. 14 th Apr.	9.00 am 11.00 am		The People of the Parish Joao Lobo & Thanks (Moniz)
Mon. 15 th Apr.	10.00 am		Maria, Martino & Luigi Giaquinto
Tues. 16 th Apr.	7.00 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - Coach departs at 5.00pm	
Weds. 17 th Apr.	10.00 am	Wednesday of Holy Week	Bob Shutt (Cummings)
MAUNDY THURS. 18 th Apr.	7.30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.	
GOOD FRIDAY 19 th Apr.	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Children's Stations of the Cross	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
HOLY SATURDAY 20 th Apr.	10.00 am 8.30 pm	Blessing of Polish Food Baskets	Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY 21 st Apr.	9.00 am 11.00 am	Mass during the Day	Jeremiah Ryan The People of the Parish

Music for Palm Sunday – Setting: Belmont Mass (incl. Mem. Acclam. 2)

Entry: Hymn 230 – Ride on! Ride on in majesty! ...

Psalm: (11am sung) **R:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Offertory: Hymn 752 – My song is love unknown ...

Recessional: Hymn 749 – From heaven You came, helpless babe, ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Colin Nicholson, Eileen Wells, Christina Duffield, Joan Mary McManus, Enid Whatmore, Bernard Reddington, Edwin Gatt, Tony Lannon, Frederick Hetherington, Margaret Warner and Pamela Clark. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, Shirley Liebenhals and Brenda May.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering for the day-to-day running of our parish last weekend which amounted to £455.88, plus a cheque for an annual donation of £350.

Easter Offering: The collection at the Easter Masses is the traditional offering to the Parish Priest.

On Maundy Thursday there will be a retiring collection for the S.V.P. and on **Good Friday** there will be a collection for the Maintenance of the Holy Places in Jerusalem. Please also see the Thank You letter on the noticeboard from CAFOD for the Family Fast Day collection.

130 Club Draw for March 2019 - Quarterly Prize £25 - Ticket No. 42; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 175; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 129; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 145; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 164; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 79.

Diary Dates for this week -	
Tues. 16 th Apr.	Please note there is no Queen of Peace Prayer Group meeting this week or next. Meetings resume on 30 th April.
Thurs. 18 th Apr.	No music meeting this week.
Sat. 20 th Apr.	Saturday Club is on Easter Holiday. Classes resume on 27 th April.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Parish Open Meeting, Sunday 19th May - Agenda so far: Opening Prayer, Parish Priests' input, Treasurer's Report. Parking at Sacred Heart. Please submit reports for the meeting and items for discussion as soon as you can. The agenda will be published in advance of the meeting and there will not be a slot for Any Other Business.

The Newman Lectures at the Cathedral Narthex: Thursday evenings from 23rd May to 6th June 2019. The subject this year is 'Mary'. Please see the poster on the noticeboard and the leaflets on the table. Speakers include Fr. John Hemer (Allen Hall) – Mary in Sacred

Scripture; Daniel Justin and the Cathedral Schola – Mary in Sacred Music; and Dr. Caroline Farey – Mary in Sacred Art. Talks commence at 6.30pm and refreshments will be available.

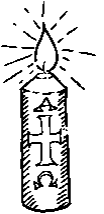
An invitation to all parishioners to join members of the UCM on **Wednesday 8th May** at 11am, to hear a speaker from The Medaille Trust. This Trust helps people who have been involved in modern day slavery. They are often lured under false pretences. If from abroad, their passports are confiscated and they are made to write to their families saying all is well. Please come and learn more about the work of The Trust and join us for a cup of coffee.

UCM Members are asked to note that the minutes of their last meeting are available for collection from the letter rack in the porch.

At the Foot of The Cross (BBC Radio 2) - At the Foot of The Cross, presented by Dan Walker, returns to Radio 2 with songs of despair and hope for Good Friday, at 8pm.



Easter Triduum - The term triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We look at the East Triduum as on single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. Because the Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.



Holy Places Collection (Good Friday) - The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday. The collection ensures not only that sacred buildings remain accessible, but that local Christians are able to stay in their homeland. Funds gathered support young families, parishes, seminaries, schools, hospitals and clinics, refugees and small businesses.

Lent Prayer: We pray for the Church, that together we may be inspired to transform the world out of love for God and one another. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lenten Alms Box - There will be a box at the back of the church throughout Lent to receive your Lenten Alms. This year the proceeds from across the Diocese will be divided equally between Aid to the Church in Need and The Cambridge Nazareth Trust.

