

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?

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

Useful links: Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
Notre Dame High School, Norwich: Website <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>

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Sunday Masses – Page 184 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Maryanne Eldred's Int.
Sunday	9.00 am	Jeremiah Ryan
	11.00 am	People of the Parish
	5.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (led by the Prayer Group)

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Entry 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 229 – All glory, laud and honour ...

Gospel Acclamation Hymn 184 – Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Offertory Hymn 602 – Almighty Father, Lord most high ...

Communion *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence ...*

Recessional 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 230 – Ride on, ride on in majesty ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Mass Times for HOLY WEK

[Psalter Week 2]

Monday	10.00 am	Sheila Christie (Borthwick)
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (coach departs at 5.45pm)
Wednesday.	10.00 am	Una O'Dwyer
Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vocations) and Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight
Good Friday	10.30 am	Stations of the Cross for children (led by children & Catechists)
	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil

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

Anniversaries this week: Margaret (Peggie) Jackson, Joy Lannon, Mary Roberts, Desmond Stone, Anna Platt, Alex Siedlecki, Margaret Bowles, Sheelah de Chenu, Basil Howard, Frank Broom and Hazel O'Connor. *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 (QEII), King's Lynn, 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 Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick List - Please pray for: Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rita Smith, Rhonda Darby, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Eileen Brockleby, Pat Howe, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd and Pat Grout.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend was £497.00 and £542.00 was given to the parish by Standing Order in February. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The collection at the Easter Masses is the traditional Easter Offering to the Parish Priest. During the Sacred Triduum, the collection on Maundy Thursday will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and on Good Friday, the collection will be for the upkeep of the Holy Land Shrines.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Sun. 20th Mar. – Stations of the Cross today at 5.00pm (led by the Prayer Group)
- Tues. 22nd Mar. – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 7.00pm (coach departs at 5.45pm). **Note – There is no Queen of Peace Prayer Group meeting this week.**
- Good Friday, 25th Mar. – Stations of the Cross for children at 10.30am (led by the children & Catechists).
- Sat. – Saturday Club is on holiday until 16th April.

Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence from meat.

Holy Places Collection (Good Friday) - Support Christians in the Holy Land - 100% of donations taken up by the Good Friday Collection support Christians in the Holy Land. The continued existence of programs that support Christians in the Holy Land depends on the faithful financial support received from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your donation helps maintain the holiest of shrines and provides charitable activities for the poorest of people in that area. Holy Land Franciscans also provide education to children, run parishes and provide liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs. It is because of you that a Christian presence exists in the Holy Land.

Too Late for Lent? Did you mean to do something for Lent, but didn't get around to it? Don't waste the opportunity to take on board Pope Francis' 'Message of Mercy for Lent'. There's still time to do something ...

World Water Day - 22nd March - Did you know... almost half of the world's workers - 1.5 billion people - work in water related sectors and nearly all jobs depend on water and those that ensure its safe delivery? Yet the millions of people who work in water are often not recognized or protected by basic labour rights. The theme in 2016 — water and jobs — is focusing on how enough quantity and quality of water can change workers' lives and livelihoods - and even transform societies and economies.

Inviting ALL young people in Year 9 - 13 to the Ignite Festival - April 30th - May 2nd - Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. Held in Swaffham, the weekend will include live music and talks as well as free time for sport and activities. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

The Diocesan Youth Service wish to appoint three people to join the Ignite Team - These are full-time residential positions, sharing the Gospel Message in schools and parishes, in a way young people can relate to including using music, drama and tech. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more information.

Real Easter Eggs - Easter eggs have been on the supermarket shelves since....well, just after Christmas! If you have yet to get your Easter eggs in, look out for the 'Real Easter Egg'. Out of the 80 million Easter eggs that are sold in this part of the world, the Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story booklet in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate, and makes a donation to charity from its sales.

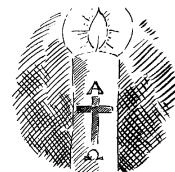


Newman Lectures – 'The Catholic Church & The World' – on 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th April at 6.30pm in the Julian Study Centre, UEA, Norwich. Free Admission. All Welcome. Speakers: Francis Campbell, Vice-Chancellor, St Mary's University, Twickenham,; Dr Graham Jones, Bishop of Norwich; Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, former Archbishop of Westminster, and Bishop Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth. Pick up a leaflet at the back of church for more details.

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"Everyone must choose one of two pains: the pain of discipline or the pain of regret."

Jim Rohn



Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum — from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery ... so do your best, if possible, to make all the services