

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY



Walking the Walk - What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday?

Perhaps we are wondering how those very clever people weave their palm into a cross. Or perhaps we imagine we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations. How many of us would

remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he certainly wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. On this day we honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

Bitesize – "Let God's promises shine on your problems." ~ *Corrie Ten Boom*



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>
 Daily liturgy website: www.universalis.com

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25th MARCH 2018 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday Masses [Parish Mass Book p176]		Intentions
Saturday, 24 March	6.00 pm	Pam Barnwell
Sunday, 25 March	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Pamela Barnwell

Music for Palm Sunday - *Setting: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)*
Entry: Hymn 230 – Ride on! Ride on in majesty! ...
Psalm Response: (11am sung) – *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
Offertory: Hymn 752 – My song is love unknown ...
Recessional: Hymn 229 – All glory, laud and honour ...

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

Mass Times for HOLY WEEK		[Psalter Week 2]
Monday	10.00 am	Int. Vincent Dunne
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, Norwich – Departing Dereham at 5.00pm
Wednesday	10.00 am	Donor's Int.
Maundy	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching at the Altar of
Thursday		Repose until midnight. (Int. Victims of War)
Good Friday	10.30 am	Stations of the Cross, <i>Led by children of the parish</i>
	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday	8.00 pm	EASTER VIGIL – Int. People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	9.00 am	Mass during the day – Private Int.
	11.00 am	Mass – Int. People of the Parish

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Anniversaries this week: Basil Howard, Frank Broom, Hazel O'Connor, Helena Josephine Bennett, Michael Casey, Sidney Carter, Antonio Pereira, Patrick Malone, Margaret Hindle, Gladys Reeve and Rita Power. *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: David Peek, Robert Nicol, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Anne & Derek Williams, Rita Smith, Eileen Brockleby, Kathleen (Jenny) Rudd, Ellen Flood, Margaret Leggett, Robert Anderson, Carole Whitesides, Janet Yardley, Mary Cawley, Ken Summerford, Patrick McKenna, Anna Thompkins, Andre Kanssen, Joan Wells and Francis Buxton.

Money Matters – The collection last weekend for the maintenance of our parish amounted to £390.35. Thank you very much. The collection during Easter Masses is the traditional Easter Offering to the Parish Priest.

There will be a collection on Maundy Thursday for the SVP and on Good Friday for the maintenance of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

Diary Dates for this week –		
Tues. 27 Mar.	<i>Please note that there is no Queen of Peace Prayer Group this week in view of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.</i>	
Good Friday	10.30am	Stations of the Cross, led by children of the parish
Good Friday	10am – 10.45am	Churches Together “Reflecting at the Cross” at the Salvation Army, 3 St Nicholas Street, Dereham
Holy Saturday	<i>Saturday Club is on Easter holidays.</i>	

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The blessing of Palms will take place before each Mass on Palm Sunday. The **Easter Vigil** will begin with the lighting of the Easter Fire in the Presbytery garden (weather permitting).

Altar Servers – It would be great to have as many of our Altar Servers in attendance for all of the Holy Week ceremonies.

Easter Flowers – Donations are invited towards the cost of flowers to decorate the church for Easter. There is basket on the table at the back of Church this weekend. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Holy Places Collection - In most Catholic parishes around the world, a Good Friday Collection will be taken up to aid Christian parishes and their outreaches in the Holy Land. This initiative has been an annual tradition in the Church since its institution by Blessed Pope Paul VI. According to Paul VI, the collection was created “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.” The unforgettable faces of thousands of children and teens, fleeing violence and persecution in Syria and Iraq, continue to challenge us. The small Christian presence in the Middle East has great need of the support and attention of the entire Church.

The Fabric Committee needs help. We need to identify competent and reliable tradesmen for various electrical, decorating and other jobs in the church and presbytery. Are you, or do you know of any of these who would be prepared to quote for some specific jobs? If so, in first instance could you contact Anne Maskell on 01362 860721 or to acmaskell@me.com.

Parish Open Meeting – The date for this has been set for Sunday, 15th April following the 11.00 am Mass. I would like to follow the usual format of Midday Prayer, lunch and then the meeting. I would be grateful if all groups in the parish could now prepare their written reports to be distributed at the meeting. The Financial Returns for last year have now been sent to the Diocesan Finance Office. Items for the agenda can be sent to me by email. Thank you.

Parish gardener - Our gardener has given notice that he would like to quit working for us later this year. Consequently, I will be looking for his replacement from about August. If you know of anyone or can recommend anyone for this job, please let me know.

The Newman Lectures 2018 – The programme for this year’s Newman Lectures at the UEA has been announced as follows:

- 16th April – Professor Stephen Bullivant (Director of the Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society at St Mary’s University, Twickenham).
- 23rd April – Dr Rowan Williams, University of Cambridge
- 30th April – Sr Ann Swailes OP – University of Cambridge

The theme of this year’s lectures is ‘Holiness’. As usual, there is no need to book tickets to these events and everyone is welcome to attend. Lectures start at 6.30 p.m. and parking at UEA is free from 6pm onwards for those attending the lectures.