

# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Holy Week/Easter Schedule

**Palm Sunday 28th Weekend Masses as usual: NO PALM**

**PROCESSION.** Palms will be blessed before Mass and received as we exit the Church at the end of Mass.

**Tuesday 30th 12noon Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral.

**7pm Penitential Service/Confessions** (Guest Priests would be available).

**Maundy Thursday 1st April 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

There will be **Renewal of Commitment by Eucharistic Ministers & Readers** at this Mass.

**NO NIGHT WATCH.** However, the Cardinal has provided a diocesan online resource. So from 8pm until midnight on Maundy Thursday, 1 April 2021, everyone in our diocese is invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane:

<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

**Good Friday 2nd 3:00pm & 7pm Celebration of the Lord's**

**Passion:** Services begin with Stations of the Cross.

Retiring collection is taken for the Holy Places.

**Holy Saturday 3rd 7pm Easter Vigil Mass. NO CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT.** Mass begins inside the Church with

Easter Proclamation.

**Easter Sunday 4th Masses at 9am & 11:30am. NO EVENING MASS**

**Parish Office Closes** for Easter on Thursday 1st April and reopens on Tuesday 6th. Masses and essential pastoral services will continue as usual.

**Parish Website:** Our new parish website is up and running, please visit it and make observations. We would like to thank Florian for seeing this through. Visit us at [www.stgabes.uk](http://www.stgabes.uk)

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** The few envelopes are ready for collection after every Mass from Sunday 21st March. For more updates, please speak with the Parish office team.

**First Holy Communion dates:** Mar. 28th, April 18th, 25th, May 9th, 22nd, 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th (**Reconciliation & rehearsals**), 27th (**Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm**)

**Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Weekdays at 7pm:** We have successfully started this for our spiritual nourishment even while we are at home or at work. It is also very easy to join the Mass through Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayParish/> Online Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm on Fridays followed by the Mass at 7pm. God bless you as you join us. The Mass will be quiet, prayerful and in 25 minutes. **Zoom link for weekday evening Masses @ 7pm GMT beginning Monday 8th March**, is below;

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09)

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Meeting ID: 859 2152 7142

Passcode: 071411

**100 Club** April draw is after the Parish Zoom quiz on Friday 9th April. Please hand in your subscriptions by Easter Sunday. New members welcome!

**Christian Stewardship:** (21st March 2021)

Envelopes: £171 Loose: £373.86. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



A man has been ill for some time. Fearing that his end is near, he calls his wife to his bedside.

"I have a last wish," he says to her. "Promise me that 2 months after I die, you'll marry our neighbour, Ken." The wife is perplexed. "But, my dear, I thought you hated Ken," she asks him. "I do," says the man.



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## + Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

28th March 2021

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### Name your donkey

Discerning Jews at the time must have been stunned by the precision with which the manner of Jesus' triumphant Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): "Rejoice greatly, O! Daughter of Zion, shout aloud O! Daughter of Jerusalem, lo your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...." With the corruption in the Temple and the failings of successive kings, the nation of Israel had suffered. As the people began to dream and long for the return of the ideal king, the true David, who will liberate them, the prophets indicate that Yahweh (God Himself) will come to reign as king precisely through a son of David who will enter the Holy city. However, as Zechariah prophesied, he will enter, not as a conquering hero riding a chariot, but as a humble figure riding a young donkey. In other words, he would not be a political Messiah but one who would save his people from their sins as the angel foretold: "And now she (Mary) will bear a son. You shall call him 'Jesus' for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21). This triumphant entry begins the overpowering drama of the passion with Jesus the tragic hero acting with awesome dignity. But, there were also many actors and actresses in "supporting" roles whose performances elicit all shades of emotions from us. Indeed, no one can escape the cross but you can choose how you respond. It would therefore be worth reflecting in which of the scenes I can see myself and with which of the characters I can be identified. For this moment however, I want to draw our attention to some characters that may easily be overlooked but whose role actually tells the whole story of how the Passion is calling us to respond. It is the story of the unnamed donkey owners who lent Jesus their donkey for the ride into Jerusalem. Had they refused to donate their donkey, perhaps the story of the triumphal entry would have had a hitch. Thus, the lesson from them is that no matter how unknown a person is, he or she can still play a decisive role in the unfolding of God's plan. Each of us has got a donkey that the Lord needs; something in our lives, which, if given back to God, could, like the donkey, move Jesus and his story further down the road. Maybe you can sing, maybe you can read, maybe you can clean, make a visit, give a welcoming hug or even write a cheque.

### Mass Times & Intentions

28th March — 3rd April 2021

**Sat 27th Vigil 6:30pm:** Michael O'Brien (RIP), Martina McDonnell (ANN) Louise McDonnell, Ann, Marcia (INT)

**Sun 28th 9:00am:** Tom & Lorretta Keenan, Lino (Len) Madoni (RIP), Babs Kavanagh, Fr Kevin (INT)

**11:30am:** Michael Cadwell, Rose, Mary Horan, Maria Zanre (month's mind), Mary Slattery (RIP), Richard Quainoo (20th), Agnes & Michael Heneghan (ANN), Bridie Ronan (birthday), Fr Kevin (INT)

**6:30pm:** Michael O'Brien, Piero Delgrosso, Frank Riordan, Mrs O'Sullivan (RIP)

**Mon 29th 9:30am:** Pietro Piroli, Tom & Lorretta Keenan, Carlo Avanzi (RIP) Mick Perren (ANN), Babs Kavanagh (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

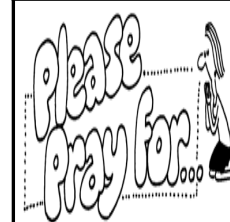
**Tue 30th 9:30am:** Muriel Minnear (ANN), Babs Kavanagh (birthday), Mary O'Gorman (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

**Wed 31st 9:30am:** Ivy Coelho (RIP), Matre Tighe (1st), Anthony Beattie (ANN), Babs Kavanagh (birthday), Paani Dias (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

**Thur 1st Maundy Thursday 8:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Fri 2nd Good Friday: 3:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Sat 3rd Holy Saturday 7:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass**



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Diane Sewell, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Paani Dias, Anonymous

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Dr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun.

10.30am, Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 9.30am - 10.45pm. Legion of Mary: First Wed.

6.30pm, Monday Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...



# TODAY'S READINGS

## GOSPEL (Mark 11:1-10)

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat: untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately." And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!"

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the solemn Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!"

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

R. **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
Let him release him if this is his friend."

R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones.

R.

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
"You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons."

R.

## SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

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**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

## The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 15:1-39

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though, we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 15: 1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'It is you who say it.' And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you! But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me released for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, '**CRUCIFY HIM!**' Pilate asked them, 'Why? What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, '**CRUCIFY HIM!**' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, '**HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!**' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charges against read: 'The King of the Jews'. And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, '**'AHA! SO YOU WOULD DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND REBUILD IT IN THREE DAYS! THEN SAVE YOURSELF: COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!'** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said '**'HE SAVED OTHERS, HE CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF. LET THE CHRIST, THE KING OF ISRAEL, COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS NOW, FOR US TO SEE IT AND BELIEVE.'** Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, '**'LISTEN, HE IS CALLING ON ELIJAH.'** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, '**'WAIT AND SEE IF ELIJAH WILL COME TO TAKE HIM DOWN.'** But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *All kneel for a few moments*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,  
We bless You,  
We adore you,  
We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Key Notes:

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Percy Aggett (Temporary) 02077989350 **Email:** tollingtonparksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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