

courtyard, one of the high priest's servant-girls came. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said, **R.** "You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.." **N.** But he denied it, saying, **R.** "I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about." **N.** And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders, **R.** "This fellow is one of them." **N.** But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter, **C.** "You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean." **N.** But he started calling down curses on himself and swearing, **R.** "I do not know the man you speak of." **N.** At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled what Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times." And he burst into tears. First thing in the morning, the chief priest 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, **R.** "Are you the king of the Jews?" **N.** He answered, **P.** "It is you who say it." **N.** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, **R.** "Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!" **N.** 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, **R.** "Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?" **N.** 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, **R.** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?" **N.** They shouted back, **C.** "Crucify him!" **N.** Pilate asked them, **R.** "Why? What harm has he done?" **N.** But they shouted all the louder, **C.** "Crucify him!" **N.** 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 whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, **C.** "Hail, king of the Jews!" **N.** 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 charge against him 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," **C.** "Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!" **N.** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said, **C.** "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." **N.** 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. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, **P.** "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" **N.** This means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, **C.** "Listen, he is calling on Elijah," **N.** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, **R.** "Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down." **N.** But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *(All kneel and pause a moment)* 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, **R.** "In truth this man was a son of God. **N.** There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him. It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished, that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.



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St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway

Palm Sunday 24th March

- Vigil (Saturday) 6pm Confession 6:30pm Mass
- Sunday Masses 9am, 11:30am, 6.30pm

NB: Masses start with Palm Procession from the Car Park (weather allowing). Please keep the Car Park free.

Monday 25th: Normal Weekday Mass at 12noon

Tues. 26th: 12noon **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral (**No Mass in the Parish**)

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

Wednesday 27th: Normal Weekday Mass at 12noon

Holy Thursday 28th: 7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

- There will be **Renewal of Commitment by Ministers of the Word (Readers) & Eucharistic Ministers** at this Mass. All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers therefore need to attend.

There will be Night Watch with Jesus (the Gethsemane experience) after Mass till 10pm.

Good Friday 29th: 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- This begins with Stations of the Cross.
- Good Friday is a day of **Fasting & Abstinence**

Holy Saturday 30th: 9.30pm Easter Vigil Mass/Reception of Converts

- Mass begins with the Ceremony of the Light at the Car Park. Please keep the Car Park free)

Easter Sunday 1st: 9am, 11:30am Mass of the Resurrection

NB: No Evening Mass



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

Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation. An aspect of the extraordinary events of Palm Sunday which we may easily overlook actually tells the whole story of how the events call us to respond. It is the story of the unnamed donkey owners who lent Jesus their donkey for the ride into Jerusalem. What a different story we would be telling today if the unnamed owners of the donkey had refused to give it up? Maybe we would have no story of the triumphal entry. The lesson of the donkey owners is that no matter how unknown a person is, he or she can still play a crucial role in the unfolding of God's plan. The Lord needs each one of us as he needed the unnamed donkey owners. Your gifts are his as the donkey was his. Remember the instructions Jesus gave to his disciples "If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, you are to say: "Its Lord is in need." So, what is the name of your donkey? The Lord has need of it. Let us give back to God whatever gift/talent He has given to us.

Mass Times & Intentions

24th – 30th March 2024

Sat 23rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Mary, Tom & Tony Doyle, Bernice Lee, Danny Keogh (**RIP**), Sharon Gaudio (**ANN**), Joan Fitzgerald (**INT**)

Sun 24th 9:00am: Essien-Oku family's Thanksgiving, Joan Fitzgerald (**INT**)

11:30am: Agnes & Michael Heneghan, Mary Slattery, Mary Shevlin, Stephen & Maureen Jennings, Keven Mullaney (**RIP**), Margaret Haynes, Kitty Howard, Jean Willis, Stan Willis (**ANN**), Etukudoh family (**INT**)

6:30pm: Mary McCarthy (**RIP**), Joan Fitzgerald (**INT**)

Mon 25th 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Peggy O'Sullivan (**RIP**), Peter & Mary Hehir (**ANN**), Private Intention (**INT**)

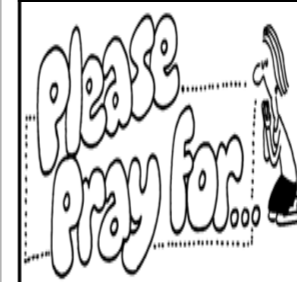
Tue 26th: *No Mass at St Gabriel's.* **12 noon:** The Chrism Mass will be at Westminster Cathedral

Wed 27th 12 noon: Gabriel Da'Costa (**RIP**), Bridie Ronan, Margaret Riley (Birthday), Bridie O'Connor (Get Well), Mark Callahan (Get Well) (**INT**)

Thur 28th Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday) 7:00pm

Fri 29th Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 3:00pm

Sat 30th Holy Saturday *No Midday Mass*



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw, Renee Evans, Maureen Esspay

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT- bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd)-£20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
 3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£33,068.96** Thanks.

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Francis Hoang Son CSSp

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Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, before Masses Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun.

10.30am Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays 12noon Legion of Mary: First Wed. 6.30pm Mon-

day 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."

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.

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!

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."

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!
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47

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 14:1-15:47

N = narrator, **R** = second reader, **P** = priest, **C** = congregation/crowd)
N. It was two days before the Passover and the feast of the Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said, **C.** "It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people." **N.** Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly, **C.** "Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor; **N.** and they were angry with her. But Jesus said, **P.** "Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her. **N.** Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him, **C.** "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" **N.** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **P.** "Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there." **N.** The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said, **P.** I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me. **N.** They were distressed and asked him, one after another, **R.** "Not I, surely?" **N.** He said to them, **P.** "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!" **N.** And as they were eating, he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them, saying, **P.** "Take it; this is my body." **N.** Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, **P.** "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God." **N.** After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, **P.** "You will all lose faith, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered. However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee." **N.** Peter said, **R.** "Even if all lose faith, I will not." **N.** And Jesus said to him, **P.** "I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times." **N.** But he repeated still more earnestly, **R.** "If I have to die with you, I will never disown you." **N.** And they all said the same. They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, **P.** "Stay here while I pray." **N.** Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them, **P.** "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake" **N.** And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said, **P.** "Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it." **N.** He came back and found them sleeping and he said to Peter, **P.** "Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." **N.** Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them. **P.** "You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already." **N.** Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said, **R.** "The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away" **N.** So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said, **R.** Rabbi!" **N.** and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. The Jesus spoke, **P.** "Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures." **N.** And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked. They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him, **C.** We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.' **N.** But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus, **R.** "Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?" **N.** But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him, **R.** "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed one?" **N.** Jesus said, **P.** "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." **N.** The high priest tore his robes and said, **R.** "What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?" **N.** And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die. Some of them started spitting at him, and blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting, **C.** "Play the prophet!" **N.** And the attendants rained blows on him. And while Peter was down below in the