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PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

4 April – 5 April 2020

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS AT THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK



Even as we find ourselves confined and isolated with the current COVID-19 crisis, we are going to walk in sorrow with Jesus this Holy Week, but we are going to look forward to Easter joy in his Resurrection, the ultimate victory over death and suffering. This Sunday we begin the prayer of Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, accompanied by crowds shouting joyfully 'Hosanna!' and waving palm branches. Very soon, the mood of the people changes and their cry is 'Crucify him!' (Gospel *Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66*). We accompany Jesus as he goes to his death. The other readings help us to understand what is happening. We see that Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies of the suffering servant from Isaiah (First Reading *Isaiah 50: 4–7*); in the face of his Passion, he knows and trusts that the Father will help him. Psalm 21 (22) expresses the outcry of so many in the world: '**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**' and yet we are a people of hope who end up giving praise and trusting in God: '**Give him glory ... revere him!**'

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	4	Lent Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Nyirenda†
Sunday	5	PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mary & Angelo Mainini (M Mainini)
Monday	6	Monday of Holy Week	12.00 pm	Holy Mass	David Ward† (A Wiseman)
Tuesday	7	Tuesday of Holy Week	9:15 am	Holy Mass	All those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 (The Craig Family)
Wednesday	8	Wednesday of Holy Week	9.15 am		Colette Mary Fahy† (C Phelps)
Thursday	9	Maundy Thursday – Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper	7.00 pm	Evening Mass	Private Intention (D Craig)
Friday	10	Good Friday	3.00 pm	Passion of the Lord	
Saturday	11	Holy Saturday	10.00 am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
Saturday	11	EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER	8.30 pm	Holy Mass	The People of The Parish
Sunday	12	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Intention of The Priest

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Fr. Naz is celebrating Masses on behalf of the people of the parish. Please find time to make an act of Spiritual Communion by saying the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

CLARIFICATION FROM THE VICAR GENERAL ABOUT PALMS THIS SUNDAY

'Palms are NOT to be blessed in parish churches, or in other locations, other than the Cathedral, this weekend and so palms are NOT to be distributed by any means until later when normal travel is possible again. You may wish to consider using palms when the people can finally return to church for public Mass.'

So, there will be no blessing of palms this Sunday. Palms will be kept until next year or parish priests may wish to bless palms separately from the liturgy so that they can be available to their people at a later date when travel becomes possible. Fr Naz

Easter Duties The Archdiocese of Birmingham website has a video message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols about our Easter Duties <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/blog/easter-duties>

Masses Online Although you cannot physically attend Mass, many parishes live stream Masses and there are many resources online. See the Birmingham Archdiocese website or follow this link: [Parishes and resources online - prayers and resources for Catholics](#)

Mass Intentions Fr Naz is still saying Mass for parishioners' intentions. If you would like Mass said, please email the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick To arrange an anointing please phone Fr Naz on 01684 574250.

Support for Quarantined or Isolating Parishioners The parish has a team of people who have offered help to those who would like it during this time of isolating and quarantining. If you would like support or would like to offer help, please contact the parish office or call Chris and Liz Burger on 01886 832729.

Please welcome Seminarian Jithin Thomas Titto to St Joseph's in your prayers. While the English College in Spain is closed, Jithin will be living and studying at the Presbytery. It is a great honour to be entrusted with a seminarian.

Parish Office Anne and Sam are working remotely. They are monitoring Parish Office emails, producing the Bulletin for the website and building the database.

RAYMOND BREE, a long-time member of our Parish and former sacristan, will celebrate his 90th birthday on 10 Apr. It would be great if people who know him could send him a card or a message I could add to a card. Cards sent to the Parish Office will be forwarded to me to be delivered on the day. Messages can be e-mailed to parkct@btinternet.com - Chris Park

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank: TOILET PAPER, Antibacterial wipes, Ladies shampoo, Men's shower gel, Men's deodorants, tinned custard, tinned fruit, jam, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, bottles of tomato ketchup, sugar, UHT milk, kitchen rolls, men's razors, washing up liquid, surface cleaner, small and medium bio and non-bio washing powder. Thank you all for your continued support & generosity. While the church is closed, please leave donations at the stores where you shop.

The ecumenical intention this week is for Malvern Evangelical Church, Pickersleigh Road Dr Leston Blackburn; Renewed blessings as they continue to serve the community and share the Good news. Rainbow Club, Sunday Club, Songs of Praise, Coffee and Chat, Freedom in Christ, English Lessons, Meeting Point.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: a) John O'Brien (Jack) whose funeral service will be held on Monday 20 Apr at Worcester Crematorium at 11:30am; b) John Howell Hawkins, who died in Paris.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Divine Mercy Rosary every day at 3pm. Phone the Parish Office to arrange to collect a free CD and booklet. Play the CD every day at 3pm and join the whole world in praying for the end of COVID-19.

PRAYER DURING A TIME OF 'FLU & ILLNESS

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all, you call us to the service of others.

Grant to those who govern the community the skill to recognize its urgent needs and the strength to pursue the common good.

Endow us all with patience and courage, that we may care for the suffering, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR teachers, parents & pupils of St Joseph's Primary School and for all those who care for the most vulnerable. Lord, be with them and sustain them in their daily service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdult, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them.