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MARCH – MONTH DEDICATED TO
ST JOSEPH



✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE WEEK – 28TH MARCH 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD HOLY WEEK

In spite of the Government Lockdown, the church is open for private prayer and public Mass. Please keep a safe distance from those outside your household. There is no need to book. You **MUST** wear a face covering unless exempt. The church will open just before the times listed below, and will close soon after Mass to allow for cleaning. **Confessions** may be heard before Masses, or upon appointment, in the Lady Chapel with social distancing in place. Live stream continues at maidenlane.org.uk/live

SUNDAY 28TH

✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Ps Week 2

Pro Populo

Fernandes Family – Intentions

MONDAY 29TH

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6.30 pm Mass – Extraordinary Form

Jeanette da Silva – Intentions

TUESDAY 30TH

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

No Mass today due to Chrism Mass in the Cathedral. Church closed today.

WEDNESDAY 31ST

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK – SPY WEDNESDAY

12 noon Exposition
1.05 pm Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Sheila Peasey RIP

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12 noon – 1:30 pm Exposition and Confessions
7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Foundation Mass

Watching until Midnight via Live Stream.

Compline at 11:45 pm

FRIDAY 2ND

GOOD FRIDAY

3.00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
6.00 pm Stations of the Cross

(Fasting & Abstinence)

SATURDAY 3RD

HOLY SATURDAY

10.00 am Church Cleaning
8.00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Euan Woodworth – Intentions

SUNDAY 4TH

✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.30 am Mass
11.30 am Sung Latin Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour

Proper Psalm Week

*Liam Bell RIP – Anniversary
Pro Populo*

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday is the great doorway leading into Holy Week, the week when the Lord Jesus makes his way towards the culmination of his earthly existence. He goes up to Jerusalem in order to fulfil the Scriptures and to be nailed to the wood of the Cross, the throne from which he will reign for ever, drawing to himself humanity of every age and offering to all the gift of redemption.

Today's Gospel passage invites us to ask ourselves: what is really happening in the hearts of those who acclaim Christ as King of Israel? Clearly, they had their own idea of the Messiah, an idea of how the long-awaited King promised by the prophets should act. Not by chance, a few days later, instead of acclaiming Jesus, the Jerusalem crowd will cry out to Pilate: "Crucify him!", while the disciples, together with others who had seen him and listened to him, will be struck dumb and will disperse. The majority, in fact, was disappointed by the way Jesus chose to present himself as Messiah and King of Israel. This is the heart of today's feast, for us too. Who is Jesus of Nazareth for us? What idea do we have of the Messiah, what idea do we have of God? It is a crucial question, one we cannot avoid, not least because during this very week we are called to follow our King who chooses the Cross as his throne. We are called to follow a Messiah who promises us, not a facile earthly happiness, but the happiness of heaven, divine beatitude. So we must ask ourselves: what are our true expectations? What are our deepest desires, with which we have come here today to celebrate Palm Sunday and to begin our celebration of Holy Week?

Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their "Hosanna!", and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love. But we must respond worthily to so great a gift, that is to say, with the gift of ourselves, our time, our prayer, our entering into a profound communion of love with Christ who suffered, died and rose for us.

The early Church Fathers saw a symbol of all this in the gesture of the people who followed Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, the gesture of spreading out their coats before the Lord. Before Christ – the Fathers said – we must spread out our lives, ourselves, in an attitude of gratitude and adoration. As we conclude, let us listen once again to the words of one of these early Fathers, Saint Andrew, Bishop of Crete: "So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, or with the whole Christ... so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet... let us offer not palm branches but the prizes of victory to the conqueror of death. Today let us too give voice with the children to that sacred chant, as we wave the spiritual branches of our soul: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel'" Amen!

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is fast approaching and our Mass times for all these services is on our website. Please note that seating at these Masses will be **first come, first served**. Once the church is full, according to our distanced capacity, we won't be able to admit anyone else.

Maundy Thursday: 7pm with watching until Midnight

Good Friday: 3pm, with Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Holy Saturday: 8pm

Easter Sunday: 9:30am and 11:30am

Easter Monday: 10am

There will be some slight adjustments to the usual ceremonies, though none of these will be significantly drastic so as to be confusing.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, the Church around the world holds a collection for the **Holy Places** and the people who live in the Holy Land. These offerings are used for the maintenance and restoration of the Holy Places and to help support, educate and defend the Christians of the Holy Land. Please remember to bring your donation on Good Friday, or donate using the card machine at the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING

Please come and help us prepare the church for Easter – cleaning from **10am on Saturday 3rd April**. Last time we had a great team – and the church glistened. Please come and help.

EX VOTO OFFERINGS

I'm sure many of you will have seen on your travels in Europe, representations of people or various body parts in shrines and churches. These are *ex voto* offerings; left as prayers of thanksgiving for healing or deliverance, or intercession for the sick, dying or dead. Lourdes is a good place to see these things, left as offerings by pilgrims.

You can see on the grilles in our Lady Chapel some such offerings. These represent my mother, father and sister, who are all dead. They have been placed here, asking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for their eternal happiness, as She accompanies them on their journey towards heaven.

It is possible for us to obtain these for you, if you would like to leave such offerings. It's rather like leaving a perpetual votive candle burning in the chapel. Visit maidenlane.org.uk/exvoto to see a selection of offerings available and to order one.

CONFESSION

Confessions may still be heard before all Masses, or upon appointment, in the Lady Chapel. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering to protect both yourself and the priest.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can still request Masses to be offered for a particular intention. At the moment, the earliest date available is in July. You can make a request either by using the envelopes at the back of the church, or going on the website maidenlane.org.uk/intentions

SEVEN DAY LAMPS

Are available at the back of the church for £5, or online at maidenlane.org.uk/lamps You can also request the Sanctuary lamps to burn for a particular intention in this way.

Our sick parishioners and friends: Velrich Fernandes, Kee Ow Peng, Maria Jessiman, Adam Serdiuchenko, Sue Wingfield, Marilyn Bruce-Mitford, Peter Noakes, Tony Pearce, David Jordan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Griffith, Pascal James, Jean Bernard, Brian Keenan, Sid Shepherd, Terry Miles, John Hughes, Warren Peterson, Nicholas Pollock, Fr Patrick Hayward, Traute Pollock, Noël Tobin, Geoff Smale, David Michael Barrett, Christopher Browne, John Lynch, Ann Gorman, Janet Seeley

Of your charity – please pray for those who have died recently: Paul Coleman, Nancy McWilliams, Virginia Maria Vaz, Fr Kidane Lebasi, Giles Canon Goward, Mgr Mark Langham, Olive O'Grady, Fr John Miller, Jack Ward, Mary Quinlan, Fr Frederick Jackson, Christopher Canon Tuckwell, Larinka Wright, Claus Tenzler, Revd. Dr. Cadoc Douglas Auld Leighton, Mgr Frederick Canon Miles, Rita Lobo, Bill Tomlinson, Mgr John Klyberg, Mgr. Wolfgang Nastainczyk,