

THE WORD THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

10 April 2022

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Isaiah 50: 4-7 - The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue ... I offered my back to those who struck me.

Psalm: 21 - My God, why have you forsaken me / All who see me deride me / Dogs have surrounded me / They divided my clothing among them.

Second: Philippians 2: 6-11 - His state was divine yet Christ Jesus ... was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross. But God raised him high.

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56 - The Passion, from Jesus celebrating the Passover meal, until his body is placed in the tomb by Joseph of Arimathea.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE REFLECTION FOR HOLY WEEK

Our Lenten journey brings us to Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week when Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with praise and rejoicing. At the end of Holy Week, however, Jesus faces betrayal and rejection as cheers of '*Hosanna*' became shouts of '*Crucify Him!*' Many of Jesus' followers turned away from Him, even those close to him.

Throughout Holy Week, we are called to reflect on the kind of followers of Jesus we are.

Are we like Judas, easily giving in to temptations which cause us to turn away from God? Like Pilate, do we condemn or judge others unfairly? Do we betray others who place their trust in us, as Peter denied Jesus? Do we ignore those in need? Or, like Simon of Cyrene and Veronica are we ready to help, comfort and support others with acts of mercy and kindness. Our relationship with God is reflected in the way we treat other people as Jesus reminds us,

'...whenever you did this to one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!' (Matt. 25:40).

Lord, let us pray that we can be examples of Jesus' love in our lives. We pray that you may work through us, so our small acts of love make a big difference whether it be in our parish community or beyond.

Throughout his betrayal, rejection and suffering, Jesus showed no anger or hate, only acceptance, mercy, love and forgiveness

even to those who persecuted Him. His final prayer of surrender shows His obedience and firm desire to fulfil His Father's will.

"Father, in your hands I place my spirit!" (Luke 23:46)

God our Father, we pray that we may be strong in faith and put our trust in God when faced with challenging times in our life. During these times, we ask you to grant us the gifts of courage, compassion and wisdom.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey

4. CHRISM MASS AT SALFORD CATHEDRAL – WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2022, AT 11.00 AM -TICKET ONLY

There are six tickets available for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday (three for Corpus Christi parishioners and three for St Herbert's parishioners). Please see Fr Lawrence after Mass if you are interested in attending. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

5. CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This will take place on Good Friday morning at 10.00 am at St Herbert's Church. Come at 9.30 am if you want to dress up. All welcome. (Will take place outside weather permitting).

6. CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our parish members to our Easter Passion Play on **Monday 11th April 2022 at 10am. Please arrive at 9:30am for tea/coffee and hot cross buns before the show. The show begins at 10am.**

Parishioners can enter via the parish hall entrance.

Stations of the Cross (made my the children) on Wednesday 13th April at 9-9:30am.

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7. CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Many thanks to the staff, children and parents who have supported the restart of lessons during Lent. The numbers show it has been very successful and it will therefore continue during the summer term restarting on Sunday, 1st May. There will be a short meeting in the presbytery after Mass for all CL staff please to finalise dates and teams for the summer term.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 113; Offertory: 362; Communion: 681, 759; Recessional: 310.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 113; Offertory: 583; Communion: 307, 715; Recessional: 593.

8. GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022-2023: A reminder that the new Gift Aid envelopes start this weekend 9/10 April. Please recycle your old envelopes. There are still boxes of envelopes awaiting collection at the back of each church. Thank you.

9. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: Coffee / tea will be served in the Parish Centre after 11.00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. All welcome.

10. NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE
The Feast Day of The Parish of Divine Mercy is on Sunday, 24th April. Please come and join us in the Parish Centre to celebrate this special day. A buffet will be provided. All we ask is a small donation on the day. Please sign the form at the back of Church, this is for catering numbers. We look forward to seeing you.
20th May – A Parish dinner dance with the Singing Pilot. Check out Michael McIntyre's Star of the Show (You Tube). Tickets will be on sale soon. We know you will have a fantastic night.

10. SCHOOL NEWS
Corpus Christi: This week our children in Reception,

Eagle and Hawk Class lead the Lenten Mass in Church. Their theme was based on 'promises' this Lent, and how we can promise to follow in the footsteps of Christ. The children were a credit to the school and they delivered a very reverent Mass for Fr Lawrence and the parishioners. Thank you to the staff for preparing the children.

Our Reception children were very lucky to have visits this week off some real life "superheroes". They had visits off the fire service, a police officer and a paramedic. They have enjoyed their week learning about people who help us and their job roles.

Our youngest children, the Ducklings, held an Easter concert for the school and their parents. They enjoyed singing Easter songs and telling us about their class chicks.

On Friday, we held our annual Rainbow Friday to help raise money for St Joseph's Penny. The children and staff looked amazing. Check out our social media and website to see how much we raised.

SUNDAY SMILE

Items found in Church Newsletters:

Lent is that period for preparing for Holy Week and Easter.

Any church member over 18 is welcome on our new lay ministry programme. It requires minimal training and time, just six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
 - TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm.
 - WEDNESDAY:** **NO MASS AT ST HERBERT'S DUE TO CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL**
 - HOLY THURSDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00 pm
 - GOOD FRIDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am
St Herbert's: Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm
 - EASTER SATURDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Mass at 7.00 pm
 - EASTER SUNDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am
- CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST**

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Special Intention: Virginia Joseph

Lateley Dead: Eileen Roach, Hilary Handley

Anniversary: Mary Cathrine Nangle

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Jack Clark, Jean Allen, Dorothy Buckley, Tony Mulherin, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Beryl Henderson, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Cath Carrol, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mrs Lewandowski, Mary O'Connor.

ARE YOU...

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.



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