

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**YEAR C**

**13 April 2025**

On Passion (Palm) Sunday the Gospel 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 much more than a simple story. It is THE story of God achieving salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Thus the immense depth of the Isaiah reading - a personal testimony to suffering - should open our hearts to understand more of the depth of Jesus' sacrifice.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

### PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

**1.** 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 disciples 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. GIFT AID DONATIONS 2025 -2026:** The new Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid envelopes (St Herbert's) are now available for collection from the back of church.

#### 4. SACRED CHRISM MASS:

Date: Wednesday 16 April.

Mass at 11.00 am:

Venue: St Partick's Church Collyhurst.

Please note attendance is for Ticket Holders only.

**NO PARISH MASS AT ST. HERBERT ON THIS WEDNESDAY.**

#### 5. EASTER LITURGY – 2025

**Maundy Thursday:** St Herbert's at 7.00 pm

**Good Friday:** Corpus Christi at 3.00 pm

**Easter Vigil:** St Herbert's at 7.00 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Corpus Christi at 9.30 am  
St Herbert's at 11.00 am

**6. STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Children's Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St Herbert's, 10am. Come early if you want to dress up. Weather permitting, we'll go into the garden.

**7. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL:** Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

**8. MASS TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**9. TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP SURVEY:** Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. Your responses will contribute to a short report/briefing, and insights gathered will inform further advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. You can find the survey here: <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/>

**10. LEGION OF MARY (DIVINE MERCY PARISH):** Our Legion of Mary members continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.00 - 8.30pm at St Herbert's Parish Church. We are always looking for new members to join and expand this beautiful devotion to 'Our Lady Mother of Christ'. Please feel free to come and visit one of our meetings, speak to one of our Legion members or alternatively ring Annette on 07975869010. Auxiliary (praying) members are also required as a very important part of our work.

#### HYMNS

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 113; Offertory: 362,641;  
Communion: 681; Recessional: 310.

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

**11. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** It has been a very busy week here at Corpus Christi. We started the week welcoming the Diocese anchor of Hope and reflecting on the Church's Year of Hope. We took part in a hope prayer trail and special assemblies to mark the occasion. We then took the anchor to St Thersea's so it can continue the pilgrimage around the other schools in the Diocese.

This week, we also welcomed back a dear friend to our school. Mary Farmer carried out Lenten retreats across the school, exploring the true meaning of Easter. The children enjoyed their time in their retreats.

Our LKS2 children performed their Easter production for the school and their families. The children were sensational! They were a credit to us. Well done to them all and to the staff that helped them prepare for the show.

We also held our annual Rainbow Friday and raised money for the Caritas appeal- St Joseph Penny. The children came to school dressed in bright, rainbow colours and talked about the meaning of the rainbow and the hope it brings to others.

**St Herbert's:** What a lovely week it has been- the sun has been shining showing that spring is in the air and it was lovely to see the children playing out with their friends with no coats on!

This week key stage 1 had their Prayer and Liturgy based on Lent ,with Father Lawrence. It's lovely to have Father in school sharing this special time. Year 6 continues with the Chameleon project again asking many questions. This programme helps prepare the children for what they might encounter as they leave primary school and move to secondary school.

Stay with us Lord on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

**12. SUNDAY SMILE:** Last Thursday, a parishioner and his mate from work went to the McDonalds on Broadway. However, his friend wasn't that hungry, so he just ate a kid's meal. You should have seen the child's mother, she was absolutely furious.

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed
- TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** **Sacred Chrism Mass at 11. 00 am: St Partick's Church Collyhurst for Ticket Holders only.**  
**St Herbert's: NO PARISH MASS**
- MAUNDY THURSDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
- GOOD FRIDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 2.30 pm; **Service** at 3.00 pm
- HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL):** **St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; 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 AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populo**

**Special Intention:** Victor Heyes, Margaret Connolly.

**Lately Dead:** Alan Kennedy.

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:

Noreen Butterworth, Margaret Lawless, Sheila Cavey, Stuart Williams, Peter Stone, Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Mary Gowran, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Peter Wooldridge, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mary O'Connor, Louise Knotman, Shirley Pryce, Heather Matson.



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**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.