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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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4th/5th April 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 176: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14, 27:66

Holy Thursday: Page 192 **Good Friday:** Page 197 **Holy Saturday:** Page 216

Next Week: EASTER SUNDAY: Page: 251: Acts :24, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



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MASS

There will be no public Mass for the foreseeable future. Mass will, however, be said every day in private.
If you wish to offer a Mass intention please email Feltham:rcdow.org.uk or call Fr. John on 0787 905 8732



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Today, Palm Sunday, we enter into the most important week in the Church's year. Today's Gospel is Matthew's account of the Passion with all its drama, from Gethsemane to Golgotha. It is a moment to pause, to pray, to reflect to take stock... At the same time, this Holy Week is unlike any other we might have known. Our Churches are closed and we are now well into the period of social distancing and lockdown. However, we the people of the Church, the Body of Christ are very much open! We are discovering new ways of participating in the Mass by social media and creating prayer spaces in our homes. In a way we are on an extended retreat – it is a time to rediscover a slower pace of life, a more structured routine perhaps with times for prayer, activity and relaxation. We can learn a great deal from the cloister and hermitage where social distancing is part of the daily round.

In today's Gospel, Jesus feels our loneliness and isolation, both in Gethsemane and on the Cross. We see Him at His most human. He shares our hopes, fears, sorrow and joy. Many of you will have seen the Holy Father's Urbi et Orbi Blessing in St Peter's Square some days ago. It was beautiful in its prayerful simplicity and above all it was an occasion for hope. The present situation should not be regarded as God's punishment, but rather His loving desire to draw us back to Him. In the midst of the uncertainty and obvious suffering, there are signs of healing and growth – spring has sprung and we can observe God's working in nature – we may be in lockdown, but God and nature are not.

Please do take care of yourselves and know that I am keeping you in my prayers, especially at Mass each day. Please also feel free to get in touch for a chat with any of us – we are here for you! Above all, know that we are in these times together as the parish family - and that God's love conquers all.

The English anchorite of the Middle Ages, Mother Julian of Norwich, lived through a turbulent period of history – being an anchorite she was self-isolating! Following one of her revelations she wrote "All will be well and all manner of things shall be well and all will be well". May that be our prayer for each other and the world this Holy Week.

Let's pray for each other.

Father John Louis

Cardinal: Obligation to Easter Duties removed this year

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In these extraordinary circumstances of the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic when we are unable to gather together to celebrate the great feasts of Holy Week and Easter, Cardinal Vincent explains, in a video, that the obligation to our Easter Duties to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion is removed from us. Instead, he says, we can make an Act of Perfect Contrition to express our deep sorrow at our sins against the goodness of God, and leads us in prayer.

The video, along with a BSL version, is available

at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-obligation-to-easter-duties-removed-this-year/>

Keep Connected

Are you living alone? Are you over 70? And taking time out during this difficult time

Would you like a call, someone to chat to and someone who may be able to help with things that you would normally do out and about yourself.

You may not feel you need to chat or have a little support right now but during the weeks ahead if you do please do not hesitate to call us. Please note the contact number below and give us a call during the coming weeks. Please call Fr John 07879058732

Can you help?

Do you have time to support our parish with some volunteering during the challenging weeks ahead? No matter how little time you can offer we would really appreciate your support. It could be from just making a call to helping with someone's shopping

Please call Annie (Baker) for more details on: 0208 707 2911 Do leave a message with your name and number if I am not in and I will get back to you as soon as possible (Enjoy my voicemail☺)

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

The passion of Jesus speaks about each one of us and invites us to identify with the characters. At this time of uncertainty we do well to reflect what role we play in this drama of our salvation. Who are we in this story? Are we the disciples who run away? Are we the crowds who betray Jesus? Or perhaps Simon, Joseph or the women who follow and assisted him? All of us have a role to play.

Pray

Lord Jesus out of love for humanity you mounted the wood of the cross while all along praying for those who assisted your execution. Give me courage to place myself in this story and strength to stand by you

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen

(based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Ligouri)

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.

by Cameron Bellm

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Antony Black RIP, Maurizio Cardaci RIP, Elizabeth Kandial RIP and Ian Smyth RIP**, who have died recently.

Antony Black RIP – His funeral will take place on Monday 6th April.

Maurizio Cardaci RIP – His funeral will take place on Tuesday 7th April

Elizabeth Kandial RIP – her funeral will take place on Friday 17th April.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4	Alex Soares RIP (Anniversary) For victims of the Corona Virus
Sun 5	Gabriel D'Souza RIP People of the Parish
Mon 6	John Igboanugo Junior RIP (Anniversary) Antony Black RIP
Tues 7	Maurizio Cardaci RIP
Wed 8	Vivian Marshall RIP (1 st Anniversary)
THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM	
Thurs 9	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 10	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Sat 11	The Easter Vigil
Sun 12	Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention
Sanctuary Lamp: For victims of the Corona Virus	

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral are now available to watch (www.churchservices.tv/westminster):

Sunday: 10.30am Mass, 4.30pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction, 5.30pm Mass

Monday to Saturday: 9am Mass, 12pm Holy Hour, 5.30pm Mass

The Cardinal has also recorded a video praying the Stations of the Cross for this Friday, which is the day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse. The video will be made available from Friday at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/praying-the-stations-of-the-cross-for-survivors-of-abuse/>