

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION SUNDAY 10th APRIL 2022

The Suffering Servant

Today's first reading is one of four poems about this servant, who is called to speak for God and is ridiculed and mistreated for his efforts. Even so the servant continues his mission with complete trust that God will ultimately vindicate him.

Luke consistently uses this and other Old Testament Scriptures to portray Jesus as a rejected but always faithful prophet a concept his Gentile Christian hearers could readily grasp. Today's passion account contains several elements unique to Luke, who repeatedly depicts Jesus proclaiming by word and deed the mercy of God offered to all, whether Jew or Gentile, sinner or righteous.

The passion account portrays Jesus offering mercy and compassion even as he endures his own suffering and death. At his arrest, Jesus' disciples turn to violence, one of them cutting off the ear of the high priest's servant. Jesus admonishes them to put away their weapons and heals the man's ear. At the start of his own passion, Jesus offers God's healing to one who is an instrument of his suffering. When he is raised up on the cross, Jesus begs God to forgive those who are crucifying him. Unlike Mark and Matthew, Luke narrates that one of the criminals crucified with Jesus acknowledges his own guilt and somehow recognizes Jesus as a prophet of divine mercy. Jesus responds to him: "today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43).

The centurion's statement that "This man was innocent" (Lk 23:47) returns to the theme of the suffering righteous (or "innocent") one of Isaiah. Even in death, God's saving power is at work, and Jesus, God's obedient servant, is acknowledged to be innocent as he awaits God's ultimate vindication.



Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion

Sunday 10th April 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses 10.00 am & 6.30 pm

Weekday Masses 9.00 am

Wednesdays 9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am

Legion of Mary After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

Monday 11th April Monday in Holy Week
Tuesday 12th April Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday 13th April Wednesday in Holy Week

Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 15th April Good Friday

Today is a day of fasting and abstinence

Saturday 16th April Holy Saturday

Sunday 17th April The Resurrection of the Lord - Solemnity

Easter Triduum

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery; by dying he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our life. The Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Holy Week and Easter 2022 at English Martyrs

❖ Palm Sunday 10 th April	
❖ Mass with Procession of Palms	10.00 am
Evening Mass with Blessing of Palms	6.30 pm
Maundy Thursday 14 th April	
Mass with washing of feet	7.30 pm
 Followed by the Watch until 12.00 Midnight 	•
❖ Good Friday 15 th April	
❖ Liturgy of the Passion & Holy Communion	3.00 pm
Stations of the Cross	7.30 pm
♦ Holy Saturday 16 th April	
* Easter Vigil Mass	9.00 pm
∻ <u>Easter Sunday 24th April</u>	
❖ Morning Mass	10.00 am
❖ Evening Mass	6.30 pm



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Sunday 10 th April	10.00 am	V Alexander – RIP
-	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 11 th April	9.00 am	Bernard Mithen – RIP
		(donor – Clare Lostly)
Tuesday 12 th April	9.00 am	•
Wednesday 13 th April	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 14 th April	7.30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 15 th April	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
-	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16 th April	9.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 17 th April	10.00 am	Mrs Anne Melia – RIP and Finbar Buckley RIP
-		(donor – Mary Fant)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

RIP

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Ann Headd at Ravenscourt Nursing Home. Please pray for her husband Patrick and children. Ann's funeral service will take place on Friday 22nd April at 11o/c and burial at Upminster Cemetery.

Palm Sunday - Poster/Palms

Today, Palm Sunday, we begin our Sunday morning/evening celebrations in the hall with the blessing of palms and procession into the church. Kindly collect your palm in the lounge prior to the procession into the church and as you leave the church after mass collect your 'Holy Week' poster and Easter Offerings envelope.

Just a gentle reminder that your offerings is for the Parish Priest as with the Christmas offerings, your generosity, as always, is kindly appreciated.

2nd Collection on Good Friday 15th April 2022

The Second Collection on Good Friday will be for Holy Places.

Gift Aid

Many thanks to those who are in the Gift Aid Scheme. For those parishioners who have continued to use the Gift Aid envelopes throughout the pandemic, new boxes of envelopes are at the back of the church for collection. Parishioners who are in the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to recommence using Gift Aid envelopes, if your numbered box is not there, please use one of the unnumbered boxes and put your Gift Aid number on the envelopes so that any future donation can be linked to your account.

For those in the Gift Aid Scheme who would like written confirmation of the total amount of donations they have made for the tax year ending 5 April 2022, to confirm that they will be paying a sufficient amount of tax for the Parish to reclaim or for their own tax return, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Gift Aid Declaration and Bank Mandate Forms will also be at the back of the church for those who would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme or would like to switch to online transfers.

Once again, thank you for joining the Gift Aid Scheme, which brings in extra revenue for the Parish at no extra cost to the donor."

Maundy Thursday - Washing of Feet

We need 4 more volunteers for the 'Washing of Feet' on Maundy Thursday. Please leave your details on the sheet at the back of the church if you feel you would like to volunteer.

Social Committee Request

Our social committee are requesting for volunteers to help organise our Easter lunch/activity on Sunday 17th April as this will also be Father's last Sunday before he leaves for his sabbatical. Kindly either contact the office or leave your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the church with details of what you are bringing please.

As part of our Easter Lunch/Activity, we would really appreciate your donations of Easter eggs and wine for the Easter activity prizes prior to the 17th April. There will be a box at the back of the church or you can hand it to the social group at the coffee morning after the 10am Sunday mass. Many thanks.

Parish Finance: 03.04.22

Gift Aid: £ 148.95 Loose Plate: £ 258.09 Total: £ 407.04

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D'Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Praying The Hours

Three short videos are now available on www.whatgoodnews.org introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office. Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the website, scroll down on the home page and click on 'Praying the Hours'. Thank you for your interest.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Legion of Mary of this parish will be going to Aylesford for a day pilgrimage in honour of Edel Quinn on 14th May, 2022. Everybody is invited and the cost for the coach is £15 each person. The coach will be leaving from our car park by 9 a.m. Please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370 and pay immediately as the seats are going quickly.

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