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PALM Sunday of THE PASSION OF THE LORD(A)

Sunday 5 April 2020 Matthew 21.1–11

Isaiah 50.4–7 Psalm 21 Philippians 2.6–11 Matthew 26.14–27.66

The account of the entry into Jerusalem of the Lord Jesus encourages us to identify with the crowds who welcomed Him. However, the Gospel of the Passion finds them identified as the crowd who shout not 'Hosanna' but 'crucify him!'. Note the powerful resonance of Matthew's sense of drama, the reluctance of Pilate and the hostility of the crowd, and the powerful account of the events accompanying the moment of death. Meditate also on the thirty pieces of silver, the washing of his hands carried over into secular language.

The Passion challenges us to reflect on our own relationship to Christ. Are we just following the crowd? Are we like Judas betraying for gain, abandoning the one who seems to have failed, not washing hands for convenience like Pilate?

In Matthew's account of the Lord, we hear the fate of Judas and his contrition. The readings from Isaiah and the letter to the Philippians are also powerful comments on **the Passion account** and again invite us to reflect on what challenge us to recognise **in it** the Mystery we celebrate every time we come together to 'proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes'

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL: you may email friends and family Parishioners who want to receive the Newsletter by e-mail

PARISH LIFE

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued advice that public Masses and worship are now suspended until further notice

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>

PALM SUNDAY: The Palms are already in the office , and will be blessed privately on Palm Sunday. They will be made available for you to collect individually while maintaining social distance.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: Palm Sunday: The Palms have arrived, and will be blessed privately. You will be able to collect one from the presbytery. Please maintaining social distance ,2 metres .

CONFESSION: If you urgently need to go to Confession, please contact Fr Emile, or telephone another priest confidentially for an appointment.

The Chrism Mass has been put off until it can be celebrated after Easter.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated by the parish priest privately at 6pm.

The Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion will take place at 3pm in private.

The Easter Vigil and Mass will be at 5:30pm on Holy Saturday night. Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

FUNERALS: Contact Fr Emile and the funeral director of your choice. The funeral will have to take place at the graveside or crematorium only, in accordance with the regulations of those places. Arrangements for a Mass in church will need to be made later.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: This is our principal source of income. Please put your money aside and bring it to the church or presbytery when you can. If it is convenient to you to make your contribution by bank transfer, these are our bank details: Catholic Church Ongar St Helens, HSBC 91 High Street, Brentwood, Essex. CM14 4RU. Sort Code: 40-13

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS: During this time when public Masses not being celebrated, if you had a Mass intention booked for a particular

date, please be assured that the Mass intention will still be offered privately by a Priest.

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2020-2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Those who use the Offertory Envelopes should please take your box of envelopes for the coming financial year. You will need them from 10th April, Good Friday. Your box will have your name on it and your Postcode and door number. If there is no box for you, please speak to Fr Bernard Adams or our Office.

Note that there is no private Mass at St Marguerite Dodinghurst .However all private Celebration are taking place at Ongar , ST Helen.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS PRIVATE MASS
PALM Sunday of THE PASSION OF THE LORD(A)

(StH) (Sat) 5.30pm: Fr Robert Wright (Cacelia Yvonne & sr Bernard)

Sun 4th April:

(StH) 9.30am: Alan Blanche RIP (Adrian Smith)

Mon 6th April

Mass will be celebrated privately

Ilford 09.30am:

Tues 7th April

Mass will be celebrated privately

(StH) 9.30am:

Gilda DI Lorenzo

Wed 8th April :

Mass will be celebrated privately

(StH) 9:30am:

Crescentia Menon RIP (Foundation Mass)

Thu 9th April:

Mass will be celebrated privately

(StH) 6pm

Holy Thursday Mass

Fri 10th April:

Mass will be celebrated privately

(StH) 3:00 pm:

Good Friday Mass

Sat 4th April:

Mass will be celebrated privately

EASTER SUNDAY A)

(StH) (Sat) 5.30pm:
Family)

Pasty MC Coey (Yvonne Cecilia &

Sun 12th April:

Mass will be celebrated privately

(StH) 10 00am:

Fr Andrew Hurley, Lesley Boyall & Brian Arnell (Richard Arnell & Family)

If you had a Mass intention booked for a particular date, please

PRAYER LIST: Mike Anthony, Josie Biggs, Carmen Blackett, Marvin Bourke, Joan Cooper, Matthew Dansey, Yvonne D'Cruz, Richard Denton, Kathleen Donovan, Chris Easter, Ann Fahey, Anne Fagan, Lucy Gay, Emma Harnett, Harry & Family, Ron Hawkins, Maria Hickey, Jane & Family, Joanie, Douglas Jason, Joanna Keen, Sharon Lewis, Vivian Levett, Anna Lumley, Dean Macaree, Joan Marshall, Ian Maxwell, Sybil McCloud, Ishbel McGregor, Norman Miller, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Alan Nyman, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Rainsbury, Ann Rayment, Bruna Roberts, Verone Rotanga, Kathy Scott, Margaret Simons, Sophie, Amelia Solomon, Mary Sage, Marie Sainsbury, June Sherry, Jean Thurston, Pam Townsend, John Varellas, Michael Weaver, Ellen Witt, Ruby & Tony Woodford, Harrison Wybow.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile

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