



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY & Holy Week (B)
March 28th 2021



Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

Samuel Crossman

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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PARISH MASS

OTHER

Sun 28th

PALM SUNDAY (B)

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Tom & Annie Chambers RIP (MG)

Mon 29th

Monday in Holy Week

9.30 (HAD) Joe Singleton's welfare

Tues 30th

Tuesday in Holy Week

9.30 (HAD) t'giving (PP)

Weds 31st

Wednesday in Holy Week

(Chrism Mass, Cathedral: int Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM))

Thurs 1st April

Thursday in Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30 (HAD) funeral service for Stephen Bardsley RIP

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

7pm (BB) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper *B Greening RIP (M&BG)*

Fri 2nd

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30 (HAD) morning prayer

3pm (HAD & BB) LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUFFERING AND DEATH

6pm (HAD) Stations of the Cross

Sat 3rd

HOLY SATURDAY

9.30 (HAD) morning prayer

7.30pm (HAD) Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter *Derek Orr's welfare*

Sun 4th

EASTER SUNDAY (B)

9.15 (BB) for BB COVID team (anon)

11am (HAD) for the parish

PALM SUNDAY (B)

Psalter Week 2

Introduction: With Palms we hail our King and Redeemer.

First Reading : **Is 50** : The Suffering Servant.

Resp.Ps. MY GOD! MY GOD! WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME!

Second Reading : **Philipp 2** : Christ humbled himself; God raised him high.

Gospel : **Mark 14 and 15** : The Passion Narrative.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Mary Perry, Peter James, Fr John Cairns, Cn Michael Moore, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Una Wilkinson, Josie & Peter Cowden, Nella Lewyckyj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Mary Mycio.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Leo Moens, James Kearns, Geoff Kitchen; Eileen Berry, Christine Liley, Martha Gale, Kathleen O'Grady, Tim Killeen, Richard Cooke, Thomas Brown: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we begin the most important week in the church's year—Holy Week. During this week we follow the footsteps of the Suffering Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **On Palm Sunday** we imagine ourselves with the palm-waving crowds at the gate to Jerusalem. We shout Hosanna as we greet our Lord on donkey-back journeying into the city that would host his judgement, Calvary-journey and death. (However this year we are forbidden to process, and the Passion Narrative will be proclaimed only by the narrator and the celebrant. The congregation may not this year speak the 'crowd' parts.)
- **Wednesday** is sometimes called **Spy Wednesday**, when Judas the traitor gets his 30 pieces of silver & makes his plans to betray Jesus;
- **On Maundy Thursday** we keep night-time company with Jesus and his apostles at the Last Supper table, and hear him say 'this is my body; this is my blood', and communicating his apostles at the first Mass. We journey with them to the garden of Gethsemane, and the dark shame of his betrayal and capture. (However : no feet-washing, no Altar of Repose, and limited 'watching'.)
- **On Good Friday** we come to the sombre three-o'clock liturgy of his suffering and death, and come 'silently away' after venerating the Cross. (However this COVID year: no 'kissing of the cross', and an additional 'prayer against pandemic')
- **On Holy Saturday** at sunset we proclaim "Lumen Christi", and rejoice that the light extinguished on Good Friday is Resurrection-rekindled at Easter. (However, this year—no fire outside, no lighting of votive candles.)

MASS BOOKING SYSTEM Thanks to Angie (BB) (07977202639) and Sophie (HAD) (07907 884 105) who administer this system. Please ring them to book a place at BB or Friday or Sunday, or St Charles Sunday 11am Mass.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY of the parish, Lilliana Evelyn Wolf, baptised this weekend at Immaculate Conception church. May Nagyboldogasszony, Our Lady, patron of Hungary, watch over you.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE We note the death recently of **Stephen Bardsley**, (56) (Werneth Rd, Simmondley). May he rest in peace, and may his family and friends be comforted. Stephen's funeral service is indicated for Thursday at St Charles at 10.30.

Furthermore we are asked to pray for the late **Fr James Earley**, parish priest of Alfreton, who died this week. May he too rest in peace.

PLENTY OF BLESSED PALM CROSSES Please take home your own palm crosses (and one for the car as well!), and take some for 'absent friends'. What a kindness to bring palms to the letterbox of those distant or isolating!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TOTE winners : Joan Burkinshaw (£40); Fr Don (£20).

ST CHARLES TOTE winners : Sue Hoolahan (£30); Norman Garlick (£20).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Many of the children who should have been first-communicated last June are presenting at Masses during the next few weeks. We are pleased to make them welcome on their special day. Lola invites families connected to First Holy Communion children to visit the Repository stall for devotion IHC goods, and put the money in the adjacent box.

HOLY WEEK make sure you display the familiar Holy Week posters in the usual places. Please take one home, and tell others of this holy time from your front window.

CHURCH GIVING The box-sets of envelopes are labelled this weekend and available from the usual places. There are plenty of spare sets if you want to take a box.

'CRUSADER' magazine is freely available from the back of church and 'the table'.

'MAGNIFICAT' for April is similarly now available (£5).

"WALK WITH ME" is a diocesan-funded devotional booklet is freely available from the usual places.

"MY DAY BY DAY" for Eastertime is also available from the usual places.

EASTER FLOWERS Baskets will be found again this Sunday to help florally to decorate our churches at Eastertide.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE is mandated in our church on only two days in the year : Ash Wednesday, and of course this week on Good Friday.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES will take place during the Good Friday afternoon liturgy.

PRE-EASTER TIMETABLE

I hope many will feel able to come to church for the Holy Week celebrations, albeit scaled down this year:

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 1st April 7pm (BB) : Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (but with no feet-washing, nor Stripping of the Altar & no Altar of Repose, nor watching);

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April Afternoon liturgy of the Passion of the Lord : 3pm both churches;

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April 7.30pm (HAD) Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April usual Mass-times.

A POEM FOR PALM SUNDAY

*When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.*

*With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.*

*The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.*

*Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.*

~ G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

AND FINALLY stirred from sleep a couple of early mornings this week by the thrum of a woodpecker moving from tree to tree, wood-pecking its amorous invitation loudly to all and sundry (woodpeckers) in the neighbourhood.