



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

28 March 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE
LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>**

27 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Patrick & Ellen Farrell – RIP (<i>M Farrell</i>)
28 Sun <i>Beginning of Holy Week</i>	9.00	Rajani Reginald – RIP
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Sean Spellman – RIP (<i>M Hill</i>)

HOLY WEEK & SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

29 Mon <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Bella Fernandes – RIP (<i>Y Evans</i>)
30 Tues <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Family</i>)
	19.00	Sean Spellman – RIP (<i>S&J Spellman</i>)
31 Wed <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Irene Powell – RIP (<i>E Powell</i>)
	19.00	Matthew Cruickshank – WB (<i>A & M Cook</i>)
1 Thurs <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	9.00	Office of Reading & Lauds
	9.45	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>1hr</i>)
	15.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>1hr</i>)
	17.00	For the People of the Parish
	20.00	For the Priests of the Parish
2 Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	9.00	Office of Reading & Lauds
	9.45	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>1hr</i>)
	12.00	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	15.00	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
	19.00	Stations of the Cross
3 Sat <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9.00	Office of Reading & Lauds
	9.45	Sacrament of Reconciliation (<i>1hr</i>)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

3 Sat <i>Easter Vigil</i>	20.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People of the Parish
4 Sun	8.00	
	9.15	Anton Sebastianpillai – RIP (<i>1st Annv</i>)
	11.00	Edmund Okon – RIP (<i>1st Anniv</i>)
	18.00	

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

REMEMBERING THE LORD'S PASSION

Today, we commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in preparation for his sacred paschal mystery. With it, we enter into the most solemn week (*Holy Week*) in the liturgical year during which the Christian people re-enact the mystery of our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. These mysteries are at the foundation and heart of the mystery of our salvation; the Christian life and mission is rooted on them and oriented towards them. Throughout Holy Week, we are invited to remember these mysteries in a special way and also to try and enter into them spiritually, uniting ourselves more closely to our Lord's Passion so that we may share in the glory of his Resurrection.

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is remarkable, especially by his humility and simplicity. He enters not as a warrior-king but as a servant-king. So, he rides on an ass, "*on a colt the foal of an ass*" as against a chariot or war horse (see Zech 9:9-10). His mission is to accomplish the paschal mystery, to overcome the power of evil, sin and death by his Passion and Resurrection. Further, he is welcomed by an enthusiastic crowd. Many of them threw their garments and leafy branches on the road for him to ride upon, shouting: "*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!*" Their expectations of him appears different from his mission. The emphasis on *the coming kingdom of our Father David*, is indicative of a different kind of saviour, namely, a political messiah who would "redeem Israel" by overthrowing the Romans and restoring the dynasty of David (Lk 24:21). But that was not his vision and mission (see Jn 6:15; 18:36). Furthermore, Jesus' commitment is most remarkable. He was not unaware of the impending danger in Jerusalem. He spoke candidly about it: "*From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised*" (Matt 16:21). However, the Passion narrative clearly acknowledges Jesus' anxiety, sorrow and pain before his arrest, prosecution before Pilate, journey to Calvary and crucifixion. It is noteworthy that he was fully aware of this danger, yet he chose to enter Jerusalem openly and to face this tragic hour. Was he suicidal? Not at all! Then why?

Jesus' Passion is the epitome of God's love, both on the part of the Father "*who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all*" (Rm 8:32) and on the part of the Son who willingly lays down his life (Jn 10:17-18). "*Greater love has no man than this,*" he says, "*that a man lay down his life for his friends*" (Jn 15:13). This is what gives meaning to the Passion. And so, Paul emphasises, "*But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us*" (Rm 5:8). Nonetheless, Jesus suffered as an innocent victim. And he suffered because he stood up for the poor, weak, and outcast; his very existence and presence had positively threatened, though non-violently, the powers that be.

Today / this week we are invited to remember our Lord's saving and to imitate him. This memory should not only be re-enacted in religious rituals. It should form part and parcel of who we are and what we do as Christians, as followers of Christ. Remembering Christ's Passion is incompatible with keeping silent in the face of the evils in our world today. Instead, it challenges us to protest against evil in all its guises, to non-violently confront the victimisation of the innocent, the poor, vulnerable and defenceless, including the unborn. © **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 10:34,37-43
2ND READING	Colossians 3:1-4
GOSPEL	Mark 16:1-8

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<p>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Stephen Jones, Mary Creighan, Andrea Arbia, Paul Bullen, Sr Chimaoge Mahakwe, Philomena Eyo, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (28/03): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (29/03): 10 – 11.15am & 5pm – 6pm Tuesday (30/03): 10.15 – 12pm & 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (31/03): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (01/04): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (02/04): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (03/04): 9.30am – 10am (<i>During Confessions</i>)</p>	
	<p>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Ann-Marie Deasy, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen & Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, and Claire Pender.</p>	<p>THE SEVEN 'LAST WORDS' OF JESUS Fr Ignatius will conclude the brief meditations on the Seven 'Last Words' of Jesus on the Cross during the 9.30am Mass on Monday and Tuesday.</p> <p>HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME Please, collect a leaflet / newsletter as you leave the Church after Mass. it is also available on the parish website.</p> <p>EASTER COLLECTION Traditionally for the support of parochial priests. Envelopes are available as you leave Mass and on the desk in the narthex.</p> <p>NOTICE FOR GIFT AID DONORS The Easter weekend is the last of this Tax Year. Boxes of envelopes for the 2021/22 Tax Year will be set out in the Old Chapel (<i>NB not the RDJ Room</i>) on Easter Sunday after the 9.15am and 11.00am Masses. Please ask a friend to collect for you if you do not expect to attend one of these. If you used to give by envelopes but are now giving, or wish to give, by standing order or online bank transfers, please collect your envelopes box anyway, as it contains envelopes for diocesan special collections as well as your Christmas and Easter donations which go to the clergy.</p>	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS			
	<p><i>Due to current social distancing measures at Mass, the weekly collection will be taken as you leave the church or in an envelope through the Presbytery door or through bank transfer. I am grateful to those of you who have started to make your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</i></p> <p>IMPORTANT: If you would normally have given by Gift Aid envelopes, please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368 Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</p>	<p>PARISH LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK This year, due to COVID restrictions, we cannot have a sponsored walk event where we walk as a group. Instead, we are asking Parishioners to commit to walk either individually, or as a family, a certain number of miles during the period of Lent. Given that this year is the 50th Parish Lenten Project, a number of Parishioners have committed to walking 50 miles; however, one individual has committed to 500 miles! Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com) if you are interested in taking part, as it would be lovely to calculate the total walked by Parishioners. If you would like to sponsor us, please either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door or use the above Justgiving site. Many thanks for your support!</p>	
INFANT BAPTISM			
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA</p>		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION			
	<p>Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.</p>		
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	<p>Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA</p>		
CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS			
<p>Who carries cash these days? Many retailers don't take it anymore! Yet for many, we come to Church and get "caught out" by the collection bags at the end of Mass. Great news! Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open: Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it. Thank you for your generosity.</p>		<p>VIDEO REFLECTIONS ON STATIONS OF THE CROSS The students and staff of Richard Challoner Chaplaincy Team are creating short (2 or 3 minute) video reflections for each Station of the Cross. They are being posted online twice a week and should be complete by Holy Week. Each reflection has either been chosen by a student from resources online, or were written by the member of the community: www.richardchalloner.com/prayerfulpause</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP</p> <p>Saint Louis Marie de Montfort said it is better to pray the Rosary with a group, rather than alone. For those interested, a parishioner would like to organise a group to meet every Tuesday before Evening Mass in the Church (18.20-18.50) and pray a full, five-decade of the Rosary. You can contact him at mrmvdvd@protonmail.com if you wish. We will meet for the first time (in the nave, not Lady Chapel) on Tuesday 23rd March.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</p> <p>Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). <u>Urgently Needed Food Items:</u> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.</p>	