



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

09 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	George Trutwein – WB (<i>C Stevens</i>)
10 Sun	9.00	Kim Lannon & Mary Moffett – WB (<i>Houston</i>)
	11.00	Dec'd of De Souza, Middleton & Tremeneheere & Families
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

HOLY WEEK

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

11 Mon <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Joseph Hutchinson – RIP
	11.00	Requiem Mass: Eddie Walsh –RIP
12 Tues <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Hipol D'Cunha – RIP (<i>B Cunha</i>)
	19.00	Christine Gordon (<i>J Canavan</i>)
13 Wed <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Ivan Flanagan – RIP
	19.00	Michael Donovan (<i>A Donovan</i>)
14 Thurs <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	17.00	Holy Souls
	20.00	Andrew Tsui (<i>J Wong</i>)
15 Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	12.00	Commemoration of the Passion
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16 Sat <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9.00	Office of the Readings & Lauds

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

16 Sat <i>Easter Vigil</i>	20.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
17 Sun	9.00	Angela Morrissey –RIP (<i>Buchanan</i>)
	11.00	Martin Family Dec'd – RIP (<i>Edith</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

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
Charismatic Prayer Group	Friday, 7.30pm, Old Chapel

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" – please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. Amen.

~ St John Paul II.

CELEBRATING THE MYSTERY OF OUR REDEMPTION

Holy Week starts today. It is the last week of Lent, the greatest week in the liturgical year. It is the week during which the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection is re-enacted in a special way, especially in the Sacred Triduum, that is, Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Throughout this week, we are invited to contemplate the mystery of our salvation by closely associating ourselves fully – hearts, minds, soul, and spirit – to the sacred passion of our Lord in view of sharing in the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

We begin with the commemoration of the *Triumphal Entry* of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. The setting of today's liturgy draws us to accompany the Lord, not just bodily, that is, marked by the bearing of palm branches in procession into the church but, above all, by lifting our hearts and minds to ascend with him spiritually in pilgrimage along the paths that will lead us towards the living God. The two readings from the Gospel, namely, before the procession or solemn entrance (Lk 19:28-40) and the passion narrative (Lk 22:14-23:56), show us a portrait of the mystery of Jesus' life and mission in his final days leading up to his Paschal Mystery.

The first passage recounts the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus clearly takes charge of events here; he instructs the disciples on what to do. But he also depends on the generosity of others to accomplish his mission: the owner of the colt upon which he rode into Jerusalem, and the cheery crowds who welcomed him with enthusiasm and joy and laid their cloaks on the back of the colt for him to sit on and their garments on the road for him, while acclaiming him king of Israel: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Riding on a colt instead of a horse (a symbol of power), signifies Jesus' humility as the servant-king, the "one who serves." As St Paul says in the second reading (Ph 2:6-11), though God, Jesus "did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave ... even to accepting death, death on a cross." For St Paul, therefore, the reason for his exaltation is that he willingly gave himself up to die. Thus, he fulfils the hopes expressed by Isaiah's suffering servant of God in the first reading (Is 50:4-7) about God's deliverance and vindication of his faithful servant.

In the passion narrative we witness, among others, an interplay between light and darkness, love and hatred, mercy and revenge, loyalty and betrayal, truth and false accusations. Arguably, nowhere else in the Gospels is God's faithfulness, mercy, and compassion contrasted dramatically with human infidelity, vengeance, and hatred. It is intriguing how the shouts of acclamation on the road to Jerusalem in the first part of today's liturgy would turn into aggressive outbursts of rejection, bogus allegations, and a demand for his life! "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Not even his own disciples are spared in the infamous roll call: They were worried about power and privilege instead of sharing his anxiety. His three closest associates remained asleep instead of staying awake to pray with him at Gethsemane. Judas handed him over for a fee. Peter denied him three times before the cock crew. Most of them deserted him as he was taken away for conviction and execution. Yet his blessed Mother and some of the women and his friends who had followed him from Galilee remained steadfast to the end. Most importantly, the Father did not abandon his Beloved Son who, in turn, abandoned himself completely to the Father as he breathed his last: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Herein lies his vindication, which is accomplished fully in the mystery of the Resurrection at Easter. It is, therefore, in the light of the Paschal Mystery, that the mystery of human suffering is unravelled and takes on a new and salvific meaning. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 10:34,37-43
2ND READING	Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
GOSPEL	John 20:1-9

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Eddie Walsh, Jebamalai Muthu, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, James & Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Christine Howey, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Kathleen Kelly, Wendy Cook, Jemima Francis, Nivetheni Robert, Sally Wells, Joe Ingrassi, Baby Freddie Page, Philip Lightley, Alison Browning, Nevile Coshan, and Clare.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: For Easter flowers.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: MONDAY, 11 APRIL @ 7PM

There will be visiting priests to hear confessions. Kindly avail yourself this opportunity to make your Easter Confession.

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR UKRAINE

We are looking for parishioners to be Prayer Sponsors for the people of Ukraine. In the narthex you will find Prayer Sponsor Sheets. Please can you commit to remembering all the people and communities of ONE diocese in your regular prayers for the duration of the conflict – if you have any questions please speak to Fr Ignatius or Fr Joseph, or email neil.daguiar@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED FOR THE TRIDUUM

Altar servers are still needed for all our Holy Triduum Services. If you can help at any of these Masses, please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room.

YOUTH LITURGY TEAM LOGO COMPETITION

Calling all Young People in our parish! Put your stamp on our Youth Mass. Please send your designs to Jefin who is part of the Youth Liturgy Team: jefinjoh@gmail.com Deadline: **13 April**. Winner to be announced during our Youth Mass in April.

SOUTH INDIAN EVENT – SATURDAY, 23 APRIL @ 7.30PM

You are cordially invited to taste a homemade three course Indian dinner; with Indian talent, culture and entertainment organised by the Syro Malabar Community. Church Hall, £15 per adult, children under 5, £5 & family £50. To book a table contact Jommy @ 07738652931 or Rosamma @ 07961444865

LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK

Last weekend, the Tolworth Trekkers completed an epic 26 mile (42km) walk for the Lenten Project, despite a number of very painful blisters! Please do sponsor us by either leaving some money at the Presbytery, or using the following Justgiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church> Many thanks for your support

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12th at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel. After the business we shall have a Bring and Buy Sale. All ladies are welcome to join us. Come and pick up a bargain. Proceeds will go to our Parish Lenten Project.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Require a full time KS1/KS2 teacher to start in September 2022. You will be joining a team of committed staff who make sure every child feels valued and is provided with a curriculum that is stimulating, creative and child centred. For more details, please look at our website: <https://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/>

EASTER COLLECTION

By custom, for the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Frs Joseph and Ignatius. Envelopes are available as you leave Mass and on the desk in the narthex.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COLLECTION

For the Lenten Project in support of the four Charities for 2022.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

For the Holy Places, to help maintain the places connected with Our Lord's Passion and support Christian schooling in the area.

THE PASSAGE: Is a Catholic Charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the *Big Give*, a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. To support the campaign please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22>

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Kingston foodbank at present is particularly short of potato foods (tinned new potatoes and powdered mash), jam, rice, instant mash, fruit squash, household cleaning items, bleach, washing tablets etc., razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes.

† EDWARD (EDDIE) JOSEPH WALSH – RIP

Kindly pray for Eddie Walsh, who died peacefully at home on 22 March, aged 91. Our condolences to Sheila and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen. **Requiem Mass:** Monday, 11 April, 11am.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £666.05

Gift-aid: £358.15 **Total: £1,024.20***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR FEB 2022

A. Cash / cheques – 4,476.96

1. Gift-Aided – 1,499.00

2. Non-G/A – 2,977.93

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,183.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,700.00

2. Non-G/A – 483.00

C. Contactless Machine – 737.00

Total = £8,396.93

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking:

**RCAS Tolworth, Account Number: 06467032;
Sort Code: 60-21-05.**

*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after the first weekend of every new month.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

PALM SUNDAY: 6.30PM (SAT), 9AM, 11AM, & 6PM

MONDAY, 11 APRIL: 7PM: Penitential Service & Confessions

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1. **5PM:** Mass of the Last Supper (1)

2. **8PM:** Mass of the Last Supper (2)

3. **11.45PM:** Night Prayers

GOOD FRIDAY

1. **9AM:** Office of the Readings & Lauds

2. **9.30-10.30AM:** Sacrament of Reconciliation

3. **12PM:** Commemoration of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross (1)

4. **3PM:** Commemoration of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross (2)

5. **7PM:** Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

1. **9AM:** Office of the Readings & Lauds

2. **8PM:** Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 9AM, 11AM, & 6PM