



# PALM SUNDAY - A

29 March 2026



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## The Celebration everyone misunderstood.

Palm Sunday is a misunderstood celebration, for while the crowd celebrates one thing, Jesus' gaze is on another thing. While the crowd works themselves into a transient frenzy of expectation and adoration, Jesus weeps at what their understanding misses. He weeps because of their failure to comprehend that this is the long awaited hour of Divine Visitation. He weeps at human blindness, which focuses on the victory, and ignores the God of victory. Human blindness waves branches and ignores the branch of David. May we never celebrate the moment, and ignore eternity. Palm Sunday is an invitation for us to allow Jesus to help us with our real needs, rather than our fancies. It is not about the crowd's celebration of the Messiah, but about Jesus' intention to die in love for us. He is unmoved by our noise and half-hearted worship, but focuses on our needs. While the crowd celebrate a worldly powerful Messiah, Jesus comes as the Servant King, sacrificed on the cross for the salvation of all. Palm Sunday shatters expectations of a kingdom of army and conquerors, and brings forth a kingdom of humble donkeys and total submission to God and love. Hence, Palm Sunday tells us that the Cross is the true tree of life. While the crowd yells for liberation from "Rome," Jesus offers salvation from sin and reconciliation with God. While the crowd understands a kingdom of throne, Jesus focuses on the cross. While the crowd yell for glory, Jesus insists on service. While the crowd anticipates liberation from transient material woes, Jesus calls for total submission to God. While we offer our palm branches, Jesus seeks our heart. While we demand this celebration to be a spectacle, Jesus insists that the Passion leads us to lay down our lives to God and others. Remember, do not just wave branches—welcome the King into your life and family. Do not just shout "Hosanna," but submit absolutely to God and love. Do not only celebrate the arrival of the Messiah, but be his disciple. Let Palm Sunday be the day we recognise that Jesus came for us, and understand how much we are loved by God.

**Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 29 MARCH - 05 APRIL 2026

**Sat 28** 18.30: Noel Burke - RIP (*J Friel*) & Sundralingam Pathinathar RIP ANN  
**Sun 29** 09.00: For all of God's Blessings (*Stella & Family*)  
 11.00: Paul Neeson - RIP & WB of Neeson Family (*Stevens*)  
 18.00: John Brennan & June Munk - RIP & Martin Guy - Healing  
**Mon 30** 09.30: Mary & P Hosey - Ints  
**Tues 31** 09.30: Irene Powell - RIP (*M Powell*)  
 19.00: Roman & Anna Szymanski 75th Wedd Ann (*M Szymanski*)  
**Wed 01** 09.00: Rosary Anthony - RIP (*L Rosary*)  
 19.00: People of the Parish  
**Thurs 02** 09.00: Office of Readings & Lauds  
 16.00: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 17.00: Maundy Thursday: Intention of Spiritan's Superior General  
 20.00: Maundy Thursday: Intentions of the Holy Father  
**Fri 03** 09.00: Office of Readings & Lauds  
 09.30: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 11.00: Service of the Passion with Children  
 15.00: Commemoration of the Passion  
 19.00: Way of the Cross  
**Sat 04** 20.00: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
**Sun 05** 09.00: A. S. Bastiampillai - RIP  
 11.00: Flordeliza Subade Abello - RIP  
 18.00: People of the Parish

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

**THE SICK:** Vanessa Andrew, Deacon Al Callan, Martin Dray, George Trutwein, Rita Reginald, Ian Beard, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Tim Ryan, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Brian, Sue Jones & Martin Guy.

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:**  
**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:**  
**SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL**  
**YOUTH MASS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM**  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM**  
**SATURDAY: -** 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm  
**TUESDAY: -** After morning and evening Masses  
**WEDNESDAY: -** After morning and evening Masses  
**FIRST SATURDAY -** of the month, after morning Mass  
**FIRST FRIDAY -** of the month  
**LAST SUNDAY** of the month

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

# INFORMATION

**LAST CHANCE TO GET THE EASTER RAFFLE.** Please see any of the clergy or volunteers at the back of the Church. See also the beautiful prizes to be won at the back of the Church. Thank you.

**EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY.** By custom the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Fathers Michael & Bonaventure. Envelopes are available on the desk in the Narthex or on the cash machines under Easter Offering

**THE 9AM TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK AS THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONS WILL START FROM THE MAIN HALL.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR EASTER** - The Parish Office will be closed for Easter holiday from Thursday, 2nd April and will reopen on Wednesday 15th April at 10.00am.

**A COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE** will be taken on Good Friday.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** will be on Monday, 30th March at 7pm.

**MORNING MASS ON 1ST APRIL** will be at 9am followed by Morning Prayer (Lauds).

**SERVICE LEAFLETS FOR HOLY WEEK ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.** Please take some leaflets and invite your neighbours to our Easter celebration.

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

### **Maundy Thursday Collection – 2 April**

As is tradition, all collections from Maundy Thursday will go directly to the Lenten Project. **Please give generously.**

### **South Indian Cultural Night – 11 April**

Join us at the OLI Community Hall for an evening of vibrant food, music and community, hosted by the Syro Malabar Community. Enjoy a 3-course dinner, live entertainment and great company.

**All proceeds support the Lenten Project.**

Tickets available via QR code



### **Table-Top Sale – THANK YOU!**

A fantastic **£800+** raised!

Thank you to everyone who came, donated and supported — and special thanks to Elspeth and the volunteers for making it such a success.

### **Rose's Artwork – Please Support**

Rose (Year 5) continues to raise funds through her artwork. Watch her story and support via QR code



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### **LAST WEEKEND**

**Gift-aid:** £562.00

**Non-Gift-aid:** £671.83

**Total:** £1,233.83

**2nd Collection:** *Poor Parishes* £266.93

### **TOTAL COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026**

Cash / cheques – £4,532.71

1. Gift-Aided – £1,922.96

2. Non-G/A – £2,609.75

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4,006.50

1. Gift-Aided – £3,054.00

2. Non-G/A – £952.50

C. Contactless Machine – £1,014.00

**Total = £9553.21** (Last month: £9848.21)

*Thank you for supporting your Parish.*



## EASTER 2026

1. **MONDAY (30TH MARCH)**  
7pm – Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
3. **MAUNDY THURSDAY (2nd April)**  
9.00am: Office of Readings & Lauds  
4.00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5.00pm: Mass of the Last Supper  
8.00pm: Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching at the Chapel of Repose, closing with Night Prayer before Midnight.
4. **GOOD FRIDAY (3rd April)**  
9.00am: Office of Readings & Lauds  
9.30-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
11.00am: Service of the Passion with Children  
3.00pm: Commemoration of the Passion & Adoration of the Cross.  
7.00pm Way of the Cross
5. **HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL (4th April)**  
9.00am: Office of Readings & Lauds  
8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation
6. **EASTER SUNDAY (5th April)**  
Masses at 9am; 11am; and 6pm

John and Jim were professional footballers and really loved football. One of their big concerns, was, if there would be football in heaven. They had an agreement that the first to die would get a message back to earth, letting the other know whether football was in heaven. Well, it happened. John died. Two weeks after, Jim was awakened in the middle of the night by the calling of his name, “Jim, Jim, Jim, wake up! This is John.” “I have some good and bad news. The good news is that there is football in heaven. We play matches every day. “That’s great,” said Jim. “But what’s the bad news?” “Well,” said John, “You are scheduled to play next Tuesday.”

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