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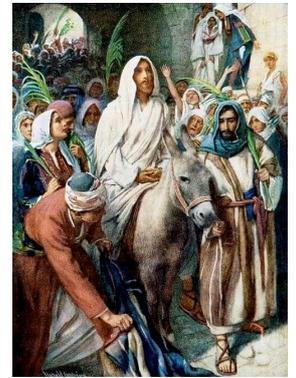
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THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



DATE

**Sunday 28th March
2021**

SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 2

Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am, and all weekday Masses.

Saturday 27th March (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Int. of Ruth & Michael Hardiman ^(PH)
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Kate McIlkenny & Freda Brennan ^{RIP (RJ)} Int. of Maureen Carr ^(SVP)
Monday 29th March Monday of Holy Week	9.15am	Holy Souls ^(SK)
Tuesday 30th March Tuesday of Holy Week	9.15am	Int. of Frances Barraclough ^(Srs)
Wednesday 31st March Wednesday of Holy Week		No Services Today
Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday	10.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Canon Gerard Hanlon ^{RIP (J&AT)}
Friday 2nd April Good Friday	10.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Passion Liturgy of the Passion
Saturday 3rd April Holy Saturday (Solemn Easter Vigil)	10.00am 8.00pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer In Thanksgiving ^(BB)
Sunday 4th April Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Canon Giles Goward ^{RIP} Sick in the Parish ^(SVP)

Pope Francis:

How many times have we told the Lord: “Lord, I will come to you later... I can’t come today. Tomorrow I will begin to pray and do something for others”. In this life, we will always have things to do and excuses to offer, but right now is the time to return to God.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who at this time cannot be with us in church. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the right side of the church you will become visible, in a way in which you might be recognisable, for a brief moment as you return from receiving Holy Communion. If you do not wish to appear on the live-stream please inform one of the stewards who will ensure that you are seated on the left of the church.

Triduum at St. Chad’s Cathedral

In the *Vade Mecum 2021*, the document setting out the guidelines for the celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum, there is a section about live-streaming. Here it encourages those who, for various reasons, cannot attend the Triduum Services in their own Parish Churches to join in the celebrations at which the Diocesan Bishop will preside. This is to show a greater sign of the unity of the Church. Archbishop Bernard will be presiding at the services at St. Chad’s Cathedral as follows:

Maundy Thursday – 7.30pm

Good Friday – 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 7.30pm

All of these services can be followed on the Cathedral Website at:

www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Pope’s Prayer Intention

The Pope’s prayer intention for the month of April is: **Fundamental Rights**. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

Margaret & Leo Jones, John Wynn, Francis Patton, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan nee Meehan, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkley, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

Rosary for the Unborn

On Thursday we pray the Rosary for the protection of all babies in the womb. This month the intention is: **‘For those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy’**.

Easter Offerings

The ‘Easter Offering Envelopes’ are now available at the back of church. If, however, you are not at present coming to church you can still, should you wish, make your offering by placing it in an envelope with ‘Easter Offering’ written on it, which can then be popped through the Presbytery door at any time.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 18
(Palm Sunday)

Lord Jesus, you sacrificed yourself for us by suffering and dying. We praise you, we thank you, our Messiah, our Saviour.

Reclaim our Common Home

This is a new CAFOD campaign in response to Pope Francis' call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies.

They are asking Catholics in the parishes to sign their petition to the Prime Minister. Why? This year the British Government will host the G7 annual meeting for the leaders of the 7 richest countries who gather to discuss how to rebuild after the pandemic. Later in November the UN 'COP26' climate talks take place in Glasgow. So, let's urge Boris Johnson to put people hardest hit by the climate crisis at the heart of COP26.

As the eyes of the world will be on Britain, it is vital that we raise our voices and get our government to listen on 3 basic issues:

- **Tackle the climate crisis**
- **Ending unjust debts**
- **Holding multinational businesses accountable**

Will you sign CAFOD's petition? Yes?

Then go to:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

Organ Restoration Fund



The church organ here at St. Mary of the Angels is in need of some urgent repair work. Many of the electrical components of the organ have now begun to fail, due to their age and general wear and tear, and need to be replaced. As we are currently not using the organ on a regular basis now would be the perfect time to address these issues and so bring the organ back up to perfect working order. The cost of the works needed is **£5,824.80**. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the repair work it would be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Organ Restoration' through the Presbytery door. If you are a taxpayer, and already have a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) set up with the parish, you can Gift Aid your donation – simply ask Fr. Craig for a 'One Off Donation envelope'. Many thanks.

Teaching Vacancy

Holy Name Catholic Primary School, Great Barr are looking for a class teacher (NQT or experienced) with possible TLR2a (£2,873 dependent on skills and experience) to start in September 2021 (or earlier). Please contact Mr. A. Neenan, Headteacher, on 0121 357 3216 or email: headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk if you are interested.

Clocks going forward



Before going to bed this Saturday evening, 27th March, remember to put the clocks forward one-hour. Don't forget, or you might miss Mass on Palm Sunday

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for all who are considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage expectant mothers to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds for them and their child. Amen.

The Sacred Easter Triduum

Please could I ask that those booked in for the Triduum Services arrive early. This will ensure that each of the services can begin on time – this is especially important for the 3.00pm Liturgy on Good Friday.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'.

This is

HOLY WEEK

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds we have been healed.

(1 Peter 2:24)

And finally:- It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng, which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God. (Benedict XVI)

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig