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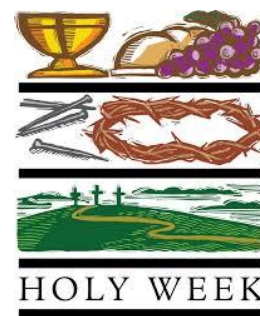
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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

24th March 2024



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March** for the New Martyrs Pope Francis invites prayer “for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.” medical and human care and accompaniment.

Sun 24th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	E McHugh R.I.P.; N O'Connor R.I.P.; Bernard Thanksgiving Adriel C DeSilva Int; P & R Donnellan R.I.P.; J & T Kennedy R.I.P.; I Almazan R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 25th	Monday of Holy Week	B Cantillon R.I.P.; B White R.I.P.; A Mangan R.I.P.	
Tues 26th	Tuesday of Holy Week	All Souls; M Fernandes Int	
Wed 27th	Wednesday of Holy Week	P D Duarte R.I.P.	Requiem Mass 11 am M Gilbert R.I.P. Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thurs 28th	Maundy Thursday	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.</b>	
Fri 29th	Good Friday	<b>Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m.; Family Stations of the Cross 11 am Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m.; Stations 7 p.m.</b>	
Sat 30th	Holy Saturday	<b>Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m.; Easter Vigil 8.00 p.m.</b>	

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### Two Parades.

There are two parades of Holy week:

**First into Jerusalem** from Bethany on the Sunday and Jesus being acclaimed as a political Saviour. People hoped he would triumph, that his followers would put him into power and all hoped he would get rid of the Romans.

**Second, from Jerusalem** outside the walls of the city on the following Friday, to Calvary; a man in disgrace. A man carrying his cross, crowned with thorns, mocked and bullied and tortured. And about to be killed. Like the parade to a dishonoured graveside.

He had all sorts of followers – some like camp followers, some terrorists, some people on the make for themselves, or the ones who stayed till the end, like his mother, an aunt and a few of the followers. The others were at a distance, they would come back, and would follow later to the end.

We hope to be in that second parade.

Palms are for waving in triumph, then they wither. The cross is forever, for all time. The cross is his love, and as we follow in this parade we show our willingness to console him in love to the end.

This is a holy week because a man like us, and one of the Trinity, gave his life for us.



- **EASTER OFFERINGS ENVELOPES** are available in the porch. The Easter and Christmas goes towards Clergy salaries.

- **Fr Albert** will not be available for the next two Monday evenings.

- **Tuesday:** The **Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral 12 noon** when the oils which we will use throughout the year for the celebration of baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick will be blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. All the priests in the diocese will also renew their priestly vows.
- **Wednesday:** Traditionally known as “**spy Wednesday**” for it is the day that Judas went to the priests and leaders to arrange to sell and betray the Son of God for thirty pieces of silver. **Mass at 7 p.m.**
- **Holy Thursday:** At 8.00 p.m. we gather for our celebration of the Last Supper. We remember with gratitude the first Mass, the washing of the feet and the commandment to love each other as Christ has loved us. **Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.30 p.m.**
- **Good Friday** the day Christ died for us all. A day of penance and prayer; also a day of fast and abstinence. **Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3 p.m.**

- **Confirmation Candidates** will meet on **Wednesday after 7 p.m. Mass** to prepare for the Family Way of the Cross on Friday.

- **Brighton Marathon** is on 7th April. Forms available in the porch to sponsor Martin Wright. To donate online <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembley-park>

Thank you for your support

- **Church Cleaning for Easter:** Many hands make light work. If you have an hour to spare, please come along on Monday after morning Mass and on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. to help prepare our Church for the Easter Celebrations. **Thank you.**

- **Bryan Alvares** and family would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and support over the past year. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions on Saturday 6th April at 6 p.m.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

*I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.*

*I love you above all things*

*and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,*

*come spiritually into my soul*

*so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen*

**Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £674**

**Loose Plate: £873**

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- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church - your new box will be available shortly. Your box number remains the same. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or if you prefer to donate by standing order, please let us have your details. Standing Order forms are also available.

- **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, you can add an extra 25p to every £1 that you give – at no cost to yourself with Gift Aid. All you have to do is fill in a form (giving your name, address and the date) and sign a declaration saying you pay more tax than the amount that we will reclaim

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email [wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)