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Palm Sunday
14 April 2019



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' Passion and resurrection, is the most important time of the Church Year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday. Prepared by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days, the saving work, God has accomplished in Christ. In our Easter Vigil, we welcome into Full Communion with our Church, Paul Hassall and Edward Stringer. Please keep them in your prayers.

From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the Church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words, the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, His passion, His cruel suffering, His rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age-old questions: Does God love us? Is God merciful? Does God care for us? *We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ.*

These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of His Cross and filling our hearts with the words of His Gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love of Christ showed for a sinful world, we find the beginning of our Church, the source of the Sacraments, the key to understanding the human story and our hope for eternal life.

LMA No 9 Trip to Hereford Saturday 13 July 2019. This year, we have organised a free day-out to Hereford Cathedral and city on the River Wye where we shall celebrate Mass and take time to wander round the shops and sights of the old town. Coaches will leave at 8.30am. There will be an organised guided tour of the Cathedral at 12pm. This will take about 45 minutes. (cost £5). Our parish priests will then concelebrate Mass in the Lady Chapel at 1.15pm. If you are interested in the visit, there is a sign-up list at the back of the church. Coach returns @ 7.30 pm at St Gabriel's.

Confirmation 2019. Bishop Mark will be confirming candidates from our Parish of St. Gabriel's and St. Winefride's on Wednesday 9 October at 7pm in St. Gabriel's Church. If you have a child currently in Year 8, who would like to be confirmed, please give their name, date and copy of baptism certificate, and contact details to Father Tony or Deacon Eddie. The Confirmation preparation sessions will begin in June after May half-term, and will be every Tuesday evening, 6.30pm to 8pm during Term-Time only in St. Gabriel's School hall. There will also be a retreat on Saturday 5 October in Freshfields, Liverpool.

Experience Faith, Fun & Family in beautiful surroundings. St Cassians Centre, Kintbury Berkshire is a retreat centre for young people. Schools such as St Joseph's and St Margaret Ward Stoke visit regularly. Once a year they open the doors of their beautiful centre and its grounds to people of all ages at their Family Weekend on 31/05 to 02/06. Costs for board & the retreat is £100 for adults (£70 ages 4-8). Cathie and Tony Smith have personal experience of the retreats at Kintbury if anyone wants to chat to them. They are planning to go this year. For more information go to www.thekintburyexperience.com or email office@cassians.co.uk / nickajsmith@hotmail.co.uk

Help for The Parish to gain extra funds. If you are a UK tax payer and you give money at the offertory (however much) if you give through the "Gift Aid Scheme," it is worth an extra 25% to the Parish. All you need to do is give your name and address, tick whether you would like to use the envelopes, or to give by standing order, on a Gift Aid Form at the back of Church. Then either hand it to Fr Tony or Deacon Eddie. Please consider Gift Aid. Many thanks to all who contribute so generously each week. For more information please contact Sue Edge, Gift Aid organiser on 01270 876090.

Extraordinary Month Of Mission October 2019 The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with "the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the *Missio Ad Gentes* and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal". (Pope Francis, WMS 2017). For more information and to download a guide for the Month of Mission 2019, visit the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emm/>

Summer Holidays for Catholic Families. If you would like a Summer Holiday with other Catholic Families, The organisation involved is Catholic Peoples Weeks or CPW. The link is as follows:-
<http://www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk/>



Easter cards and 1st Holy Communion cards are on sale at the back of Church.

HUMAN DIGNITY AT THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE: CONFERENCE and DINNER Saturday 11 May, 2.45 pm onwards, Thornycroft Hall, Macclesfield. What are the core values which should guide healthcare when money is tight and new ways of working threaten Christian norms? The next Thornycroft Conference is especially aimed at anyone who is concerned about the direction of modern medicine, but especially at those who work in the field. It will look at what it means to be a Human Person, and then at practical issues and how they can be managed. The conference will end with a full dinner, to network and continue discussion. Price £20 + £30 for dinner. Discounts for medical students. Full details at: <http://www.thornycroftHall.org.uk/node/19>.

You are invited to the Ecumenical evening service at the URC at 6.30 pm on the 21st April. The service will be led by Rev Murray George and their Student minister Lee Battle and the speaker will be Amanda Lovitt from "Refugees Welcome - Alsager" a local arm of a Cheshire wide group who are working to help Syrian refugee families to be welcomed and settle in the area. The free will offerings at the service will go to "Refugees Welcome - Alsager"

REST IN PEACE; Tom Carnes, Emma Blair, Julia Stammers, Ken Phillips, John Dennehy, Denis Maguire, Jane Galea, Phyllis Woodley, Sophia Taguma, Agnes Williams, Florence Ellsmore, Alan Davies, Arthur Winkley, Rita Barry, Ray Chidlow, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kathleen O'Toole, John Bagshaw, Samuel Bagshaw, Theresa Kerr, Karen Bastiman, Michael Squara. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Especially for Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, John Horton, Rebecca Moseley, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, James Byrne, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Gerard Davey, Doreen Turner, Ruth Hilton and Ned Hilton and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 14TH APRIL 2019

Saturday 13th April Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday 	5.30-6.15 pm 6.30 pm Mass 11.30 am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tom Carnes RIP & Philomena Flynn RIP & John Bagshaw (Anniv) Karen Bastiman (3 rd Anniv) & Lucy Meir RIP (15 th Anniv) & Chris Foulkes RIP & Julia Lloyd RIP & Marjorie Turnock (9 th Anniv) & Michael Squara (Anniv) Terry Orford (sick) & John Horton (sick)
Monday of Holy Week 15th April	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour John Bagshaw (Anniv) & Andrew Richards (Anniv) SVP Meeting
Tuesday of Holy Week 16th April	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Wed of Holy Week 17th April	10am 10.30am 7pm	Celebration of Word & Communion Lectio Divina Chrism Mass, St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe. All welcome
Holy Thursday 18th April Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 	7.30pm	Harry Tams (Anniv) Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper Watching until 10.00 pm Night Prayer 9.45 pm
Good Friday 19th April The Celebration of The Lords Passion	11am 3pm	Stations of The Cross for children Celebration of The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 20th April Easter Vigil Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday	<u>No 6.30 pm Mass</u> <u>n.b 8.15 pm Mass</u> N.B. 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 1.30pm	For our Loved ones and for reception into Full Communion with Church of Paul Hassall and Ed Stringer John Dennehy RIP & Carole Marden RIP Philomena Flynn RIP & Chris Foulkes RIP & Julia Stammers RIP Baptism of Sinan Finn Williams
Saturday 20th April Sunday 21st April	6.30 pm	11.30 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Easter Rota	Easter Rota
READERS	Easter Rota	Easter Rota

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