

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Reading Cycle B
Page 176 in the Mass Book
Psalter Week 2
Sunday 24TH MARCH 2024**

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CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND

ASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	23 RD MARCH	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	6.30pm	Shirley, Terry + Baby Cheryl Burnett R.I.P
SUN	24 TH MARCH		10.00 am	Deceased members of the Sexton and Cowley Families
MON	25 TH MARCH			
TUES	26 TH MARCH	Tuesday of Holy Week	6.30pm	Tichanzii Gandanga R.I.P
WED	27 TH MARCH	Wednesday of Holy Week	6.30pm	Sylva Ita R.I.P
THURS	28 TH MARCH	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00pm	People of the Parsish
FRI	29 TH MARCH	The Passion of Our Lord GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	
SAT	30 TH MARCH	EASTER VIGIL	7.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	31 ST MARCH	EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10.00am	People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We also pray for Gillian Roberts, Philys Formosa, Geoffrey Summers, Dorothy Rogers, Violet May Woodyatt, Basil Salatore, Darren John, James Western, Jane Wannacott, James O'Leary, Joseph Bradley, Leslie Allsopp, Michael Bourge, Patrick Driscoll, Roy Deans, Spiro Tanti, Michael Curmi, Guiseppe Ianucci, Margaret Ann Madigan, Gemma Hanlon, Matilda Felices, Bernard Lago, Edith Palmer, Annie Hall and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Denis Dowell, Jimmy Mackie who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Tony and Jimmy Conway, Harold Osmond, and Kevin Calford**

HOLY WEEK: Today we start Holy Week, a time within the Christian Calender when we follow in the footsteps of Christ, His entry into Jerusalem, His invitation to eat and drink with him in the upper room on Maundy Thursday, followed by His Walk to the Cross on Good Friday. Lent has been a time when we were asked to look at our lives in relation to the life of Christ, an honest assessment and make changes if necessary. If Easter is to make sense please make an effort to attend the Holy Week Services, in fact bring another person with you so as Scriptue says, *"If we have died with Him then we shall Rise with Him.!"*

CHRISM MASS: Each year the Archbishop calls together the People, Religious and the Clergy to meet at the Cathedral for the Mass of Chrism. There the oils are Blessed for us throughout the Diocese and the Priests' along with the Archbishop rededicate themselves to Christ, the Church and the People of God. *"We've come to serve not to be served."* If you have not been before, why not come along to St. David's Cathedral, Charles St on Tuesday 26th March at 11.30pm

EASTER ENVELOPES The Easter envelopes will be found at the back of the Church. Like Christmas what you give goes directly to the Priests. So thank you in anticipation for your kind offerings.

OPEN LISTENING SESSIONS: (Union of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia). It is important that we get as many views as possible. The next session in the **Archdiocese of Cardiff** will take place on **15th May in the Cornerstone, Charles St Cardiff. at 5.00pm**

OUR CAFÉ: All are welcome to our café for a cuppa and a chat. There are still a few prizes left to be collected. The winning numbers are: **306 491 486 426** Please bring your tickets and collect your prize from the café.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: If you use envelopes please collect your new box. These start after Easter. Thank you to all who have signed up for this. There is no cost to you and it means the Parish can collect an extra 25p from the Tax Man for every £1 you give

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

CONFIRMATION: Names are being taken for Preparation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above). Please give your name to Mary Taylor or Chris.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number) please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

PIETY STALL: New Stock in. Lots to look at. **Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

ONLINE DONATIONS: On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

GIFT AID If you pay Income Tax, St Patrick's can collect Gift Aid with no cost to you at all. This is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. All you have to do is sign a consent form. Please consider this. New envelopes are available this week.

QR CODE: Many of you will have seen the poster displaying the QR Code for the Parish. This is another way you can donate to the Parish. You will need a QR Code reader on your Phone.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Frs Valentine, Solomon or Malachy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 16th / 17th March £629.13

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

This weekend we start Holy Week when we follow Jesus as He enters Jerusalem, to be followed by Maundy Thursday

“ Come and Eat, Come and Drink, THIS IS MY BODY. THIS IS MY BLOOD”

The Christian world comes together to stand at the Cross with Jesus as He offers Himself to His Father on Good Friday. We stand with Mary, bewildered and mystified in the depths of despair at the suffering and death of her Son, like her, not comprehending the true meaning of Holy Week.

Jesus is eventually placed into the arms of His Mother, no longer the infant but the lifeless body of Jesus the Man, the Pieta. The ugliness and the grotesque image of the suffering and death of the Lord gives way to the New Life of the Risen Lord, Darkness no more, only Everlasting Light. .

**“ Hosanna to the King of Kings. Welcome Jesus, Messiah to Jerusalem.
Hosanna in the Highest”**

Take this opportunity to come with Palm branches to wave in welcome as Jesus comes among us. However, there are many unable to join the faithful in this wonderful celebration, but maybe we could take a Palm to give to them. Bless yourself and welcome Jesus into your home. What Palms are left will be burned and recycled and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday 2025. Many people put their palm with their calendar on the wall, some put their palm in the car, and some take palms to lay on the graves of loved ones. The palm is a symbol of the sacrifice that the Lord made for each and every one of us.

Lent is coming to its end and if you've failed to follow Jesus into the desert on His Penitential Journey take this opportunity over these next few days, as it's never too late to follow in the footsteps of the Lord.

Loving God,
Give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna,
welcoming Jesus our King with palms,
celebrating all that we hope for as the Easter story unfolds.
Then, as the journey of Jesus turns towards Good Friday,
help us know that you are with us when celebration turns to sadness.
Give us the faith we need to follow you
on the way of the cross, which leads to life.
Amen

