

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

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## THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

SATURDAY	27 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	6.30pm	Lu Mooney / Philomena, Abe, and Alex Cohen
SUNDAY	28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH		10.00am	
MONDAY	29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH			
TUESDAY	30 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	10.00am	Ellen Chisholm
WEDNESDAY	31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		
THURSDAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	7.00pm	Ann McCarthy /Norman Light
FRIDAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3.00pm	
SATURDAY	3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	7.00pm	Bernard Johnson/ Maisie +Jim
SUNDAY	4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	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 and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Kevin Collins, Terence James Dorgan and Bill Bowen who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace+

Please remember Fr Bill Isaac in your prayers.

We also pray for, James Western, Jane Wanacott, James O'Leary, Joseph Bradley, Leslie Allsopp, Roy Deans, Spiro Tanti, Michael Curmi, Guiseppe Ianucci, Margaret Ann Madigan, Gemma Hanlon, Bernardo Lago, Edith Palmer, Frances Prosser, James McCarthy, Michael Hurley, Yolanda Da Mota, Wladyslaw Struck, Marjorie O'Leary and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**EASTER SERVICES:** We are now fully booked for Easter Sunday and because of this we have had to create a seating plan so that we can accommodate everyone safely. If you have booked a place for Easter Sunday 10.00am Mass please collect your seating information as soon as possible. As we did at Christmas, all the pews are numbered and there is a red and a blue side. Please sit in the seat you have been allocated and then all will be well. There are still places available for the other Holy Week Services

**NEW COLLECTION BOXES:** These are now available from the back of the Church. If you pay Income Tax and you do not already Gift Aid your collection and you would like to do so, please do not take a box, but take a form so that a new numbered box can be allocated to you. There is absolutely no cost to you and we can claim back 25p extra for every £1 you give. Just fill in the form and give it to Pattie Johnson so that this can be arranged and you will be given a box with a new number.

**CANDLES** You will have an opportunity to buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5. **This week's candle will be lit for Capt Sir Thomas Moore and Baby Cheryl Burnett**

**Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.**

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** has been opened in St David's Cathedral. for those who have died during the past year as a consequence of Covid 19. If you would like to include anyone in this book please e-mail Fr Daniel Stanton in the Cathedral at [cathedral@rcadc.org](mailto:cathedral@rcadc.org) or contact Chris German on 02920340776 who will forward the names to Fr Daniel. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact me.

**PRAYERS:** It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please let your parish priest know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

**CONTACT:** As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?**

**Catholic People: March edition**

**Caritas: March /April Bulletin**

**Reflection on an individual Stations of the Cross and a link to join in with the complete Stations of the Cross.**

**'One year On: Book of Remembrance: Letter from Archbishop Stack**

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'"

Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247  
Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

**ON-LINE MASS:** There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass ( On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door. Please mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions. There is an opportunity for you to Gift Aid your contribution.



## MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

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.

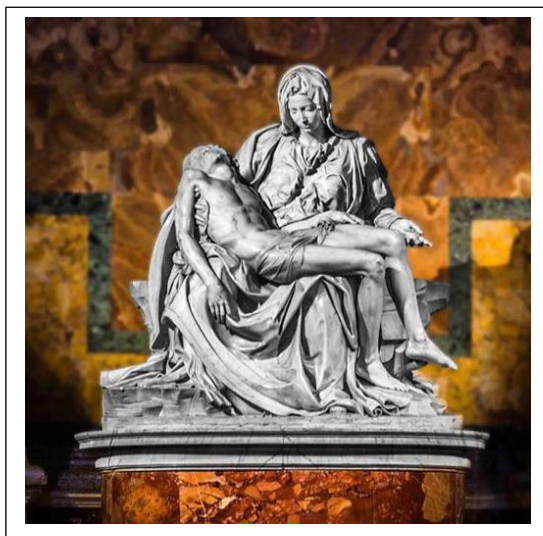
This time last year we were unable to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on His entry into the Holy City, no voice was heard in St Patrick's.

**“ 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. I understand that there are many unable to join the faithful in this wonderful celebration, but maybe take a Palm from previous years, Bless yourself and welcome Jesus into your homes. What Palms are left will be burned and recycled and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday 2022.

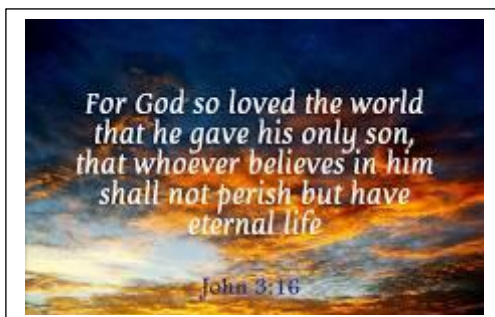
At every funeral that I have officiated at since my ordination I've taken a Palm Cross and placed it into the grave or left it on the coffin when leaving the Crematorium. My Mother always placed the 'New Palm' behind the Calendar and I expect you do the same.

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.



**CONFESSIONS:** For those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation ( Confession), I will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** The wife and I have agreed that as we are unable to travel to our Time-share in “Barrybados” there will be no Easter Offerings next week. Buy the kids an extra Easter Egg!



## LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

A priest was finishing up a homily about temperance. With great expression he said " If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

The congregation nodded approval and shouted "Amen"

" And, if I had all the whiskey in the world" said the priest

"I'd take it and throw it into the river"

The congregation said again "Amen"

As the priest sat down, the music minister stood and announced "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365: "Shall we gather at the River"

And the congregation all sang "Amen".



I WENT TO AN  
ANTIQUES AUCTION  
LAST WEEKEND...



AND SOMEBODY  
BOUGHT ME.

DAN BACKLAND FOR GRUMPY OLD GIFTS | © Little Church Mouse Ltd MMXIX

An old priest was dying. He sent a message for a banker, and a lawyer, both parishioners, to come to his home.

They were ushered up to his bedroom in the presbytery.

The priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. Grasping their hands, he sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time no-one said anything.

Both the banker and lawyer were flattered that the priest would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled: the priest had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness and avaricious behaviour that made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said " Father, why did you ask us to come?"

The old priest mustered up his strength and then said weakly "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go."

A catechist asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied

" They couldn't get a baby-sitter?"

**How long should a good homily be?**

It should be like a woman's skirt:

long enough to cover the essentials  
and short enough to keep you interested.