

28 MARCH 2021

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



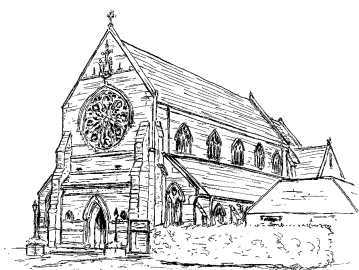
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- CHRIST THE KING &  
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,  
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,  
NETLEY ABBEY



## PATHS TO A BETTER FUTURE

This weekend, as is customary, it will not be possible to gather in procession, to wave palms, or to sing—but it gives us an opportunity to rediscover at a deeper level the heart of Palm Sunday. Jesus has returned from Bethany and descended the Mount of Olives. He now journeys of His own free will to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says 'He will be meek and humble and He will make His entry in simplicity'.

We cannot raise palms or shed garments to line His path but instead we can spiritually prostrate ourselves in all humility by trying to live as He would wish. Palms will wither and garments will not last. Each one of us has been clothed in grace by nature of our Baptism and we can present ourselves to line His path as rewards of His victory over death and recognise that 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is the King of Israel'.

This week we have reflected and paused as we have marked the first anniversary of our national lockdown. A remarkable and unprecedented year but one from which many lessons are to be learned.

Pope Francis in his book 'Let us Dream' (2020. Pope Francis. *Let us Dream*. Simon and Schuster UK LTD) reminds us of the lessons to be learnt from the Pandemic. 'Such calamities for a time throw us off balance, yet paradoxically they can allow a people to recover its memory and therefore its capacity for action and hope. Calamities unmask our shared vulnerability and expose those false superfluous securities around which we have organised our plans, routines and priorities. They reveal our neglect of what nourishes and strengthens. We learn that in our restlessness and frustration in our fascination with new things, in craving, in manic busyness we fail to pay attention to the suffering around us. In their response to that suffering is measured the authentic character of our peoples. ... We must not let the current clarifying moment pass us by. Let it not be said in years to come that in response to the coronavirus crisis we failed to act to restore the dignity of our peoples, to recover our memories and our roots'.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week are not merely annual celebrations that we sign up for and then move on. They mark the unprecedented and remarkable truth that Jesus Christ gave His own life for us in order that we might be saved. We are called to live that passion and death daily. Death to our selfish and consumer led mentalities, death to our busyness and indifference, and an openness to change.

Pope Francis inspires us to change through our experiencing of the pandemic. Our Holy Week celebrations afford a similar opportunity—to reappraise community, to reappraise belonging, to listen to the cries of those who are still struggling and suffering, to observe and listen rather than go through the motions.

**(This week we also have the opportunity to remember our roots at the Seder meal and on the reflections of the Jewish Roots of Holy Week).**

Branches of palm, olive or budding willow are symbols of victory and hope and new life. After the flood, after the storm, beyond the virus, through the passion, we pray that we will all discover and become life in all its fullness. Tina Quinn

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. In today's Passion Gospel, the woman "wastes" expensive perfumed oil on Jesus. Does this relate to God's self-wasting love on humankind? How is the Eucharist a continuation of Christ's self-giving love for us? Does your busy schedule allow time to "waste" on love?
2. The disciples 'fall asleep': do we sometimes "fall asleep" when something might take too much time or be too difficult? Does God fall asleep in our moment of need?
3. In today's opening gospel, some people wave palms and shout "Hosanna". Did they expect the Messiah to have power and to dominate? Could they have recognized Jesus as someone who reawakened hopes, understood misery and healed their bodies and souls? Which group would you have liked to be with?  
(adapted) Vincent Harvey

**TODAY 28 MARCH 2021**

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

**BLESSING OF PALMS** at all Masses and distributed at the end of Masses.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** streamed from St Edmund at 6:15pm online.

**NEXT WEEK** Easter Sunday.

**THE EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**2021** traditionally support our priests, in recognition for all the dedication, guidance and care they give in our Parish and across our Diocese.

If you would like to give a gift to support Father Vincent and Father Ansel in their vocation and mission this Easter, please visit the Parish Website or the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-st-joseph-and-st-edmund-easter-sunday-collection> to donate. **There are yellow envelopes available in the porches and attached to the Newsletter.**

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE!** We are putting together a recorded remote telling of the Easter Story to share with the children of the parish.

Using a short script sent to you, you will need to record a short video telling part of the Easter story, **and send it in by the evening of Monday 29 March.** This will then be edited together with everyone else's videos and shared with the Parish and further afield. If you, or a young person in your family are interested in joining in, please contact the parish office [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

**MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED:**

St Edmund streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx08VII2ww0whsj6gLPptcQ>

St Joseph streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUxGYYxAgmPBgKbk2ufciVw>

**SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES:** Look closely at the times and method of booking. Do not turn up without booking as you may be denied entry (they may be space but you are taking a risk!). **There must not be any congregational singing.....**you may hum through your mask! **Masks must be worn** by law.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** to casual visitors. **Please phone or email in.**

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER** at 5:30pm. To join email Deacon Andy [aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** online at 6:15pm on Sundays during Lent from St Edmund.

**MONDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER** at 6:30pm. Join the Baptism Preparation Team; email Deacon Andy.

**ROSARY GROUP** meet online every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8pm (next meeting 13 April 2021). Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3050730356> same link every week.

**A few words from Father Vincent .....**

*This week we are being invited to join in the Lord's Passion in whatever way we can: spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, liturgically..... The 'Passion' is about Jesus' singlemindedness to do God's will and His suffering as a consequence to achieve it. And to do so not for His own sake but for us! This week let's make time spiritually, and if possible, liturgically (in the church or online) to walk with Him into the Father's embrace and all that this entails; in doing so to know that it leads to life..... life now..... life in eternity!*

*Holy Week is next week, and, due to social distancing, we are planning a scaled down, but dignified, Triduum (Holy Thursday 8pm, Good Friday 3pm, and Holy Saturday 8pm).*

*Bookings will be via Eventbrite. I encourage you to come to one and not all three so as to enable others to experience one of them (usually we request you come to all three..... but circumstances: lack of space; health and safety etc!). Thank you to all working behind the scenes to enable this to happen. Unlike last year at least we can celebrate the Triduum either physically or virtually (all will be streamed..... make the most of this excellent facility)*

*Morning Prayer & Office of Readings for Good Friday and Holy Saturday will take place at 9am via Zoom. Do join the priests for this so that we can make the most of these days especially as we cannot all join in the actual Triduum. Zoom link:*

*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473755955?pwd=Y0s4QVBiblA0alVvL2Y5RUh4dW1Jdz09> (Meeting ID: 834 7375 5955 Passcode: 076517)*

*Stations of the Cross will be at 10:30am on Good Friday morning; again book via Eventbrite. This, and the Triduum, will also be streamed.*

**Don't forget Lent resources:**

- *Stations of the Cross* online from St Edmund at 6:15pm today (Sunday 28.3.21)
- *Half-hour reflection* after 7pm Mass on a Wednesday (approx. 7:40-8:10pm)
- *Websites* for online retreats (see webpage)
- *Liturgies* for use at home from the Schools Department (on our webpage)

*Keep safe! Be safe! Think of others! And remember: if you suspect you have been near someone with coronavirus, or are not feeling well yourself, stay at home and certainly DO NOT mix with others; also refrain from coming to church; think of others!*

*Thank you for reading this..... I hope! Have a good week.*

**Vincent H**

**EVENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY** at 6pm. To join email Deacon Andy at [aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and **Holy 'Half-hour'** after 7pm Mass (approx. 7:40pm).

## JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK

In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them." What prophecies does Jesus fulfil during Holy Week? Most people know that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, died on Good Friday, and lay dead in the tomb on Holy Saturday. But what about the other days of Holy Week?

What did Jesus choose to say and do on the last seven days of His life? We will be having a reflection on these questions to help us enter more deeply into Holy Week with Jesus. **When: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 29, 30, 31 March at 5pm via Zoom.** To participate call or email the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589 or [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** 8pm Thursday 1 April at St Edmund Church (*need to book or participate online*).

**THE PASSION** 3pm Friday 2 April at St Edmund Church (*need to book or participate online*).

**EASTER VIGIL** 8pm Saturday 3 April (*need to book or participate online*).

### FOR INFO:

Mon: VH/AD'M off  
Tues: Chrism Mass at Cathedral: VH  
Christian Med Group: VH  
Wed: Team Meeting: VH/ADL/AP  
Thurs: Interviews at St George: VH  
Fri: Unity 101: VH  
Thurs/Fri/Sat: Triduum: clergy

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL: Universal: Fundamental rights.** For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

## 'HELLO SOUTHAMPTON' AND 'TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING':

"Last summer I became a telephone befriender with Communicare and am really enjoying the calls I make. I really feel I am contributing to helping reduce loneliness and can see the difference my calls are making. More telephone benders are needed. To volunteer contact Communicare on Tel. 023 8250 0050 or email [volunteer@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk) They have two telephone befriending projects:

- **Hello Southampton**—volunteers sign up for a regular slot to call a list of people for a shorter check in call.
- **Telephone benders** make a longer call usually once a week. You will need to complete an application form naming 2 people Communicare can approach for a character reference.

For **Hello Southampton** calls you need to be available weekday mornings and have a computer, tablet or iPad. Do think about it. To speak with me contact Father Vincent or the Parish Office". Thanks, Christine Parker

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or affected by the Coronavirus in any way or are experiencing extreme poverty.

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM:

### Holy Thursday/Good Friday/Holy Saturday.

**These three days (Three Days of Salvation)** are the most important in the Church's Year. They commemorate Jesus Passion, Death and Resurrection. Although we celebrate this at every Mass, these three days enable us to go deeper, and to ponder longer the Mystery of Christ; the Mystery who is Christ!

**Usually we encourage people to come to all Three Days** as they are a unity. This year, though, we suggest you come to only one, so that as many people as possible can come along to at least one of these days. All will, of course, be streamed ..... so please join **via streaming ALL** of the celebrations.

The celebrations will be stripped down to a minimum due to the restrictions we are currently under. Nevertheless they will be dignified and uplifting and enable us to 'touch' the mystery of Salvation into which we are all invited and, as it were, enfolded.

The celebrations are all at St Edmund (*sadly St Joseph is too small for the 'family celebrations' we normally hold there*); book on Eventbrite:

**Holy Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April)**  
**8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> April)**  
**3pm The Passion of the Lord**

**Holy Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup> April)**  
**8pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter**

As well as the above we will have:

**Good Friday 9am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer;** Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473755955?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473755955?pwd=Y0s4QVBibIA0aVlL2Y5RUh4dW1Jdz09)

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**Good Friday 10:30am Stations of the Cross:** come in person (book online via Eventbrite) or join on YouTube.

**Holy Saturday 9am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer;** Zoom link:

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**COLLECTIONS:** ongoing income is, as we know, vital. This can be done:

- **Online**.... already mentioned, but as a reminder: accessible via the Parish Website
- **Bank Transfer** (details also on the Parish website)
- **In a clearly marked envelope** put through the Presbytery or Office letter box
- **A 'bucket' at the back of church**

**200 CLUB FEES: 2021-22 fees now due for members.**

Email [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you would like to join. £12pa with a chance of winning 2 prizes per month. All contributions go towards much needed income for the Parish.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021

(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	27 MAR	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	RITA CHRISTIE RIP (OC)
SUN	28 MAR	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	9:00AM	SE	PAT O'NEILL RIP (MB & JB)
			10:30AM	SJ	FRANCINE P, ANGELA C & WELLSRING PRAYER GROUP— BIRTHDAYS; THEONI MASON, BHIULA V, ISHARI K, MARGARET M, JEAN B & ALL UNA MEMBERS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			**	**	FRANCIS BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING—PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY (ANUSHKA P)
			7:00PM	SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRANT & CONNOLLY FAMILIES RIP (PG)
TUES	30 MAR	<b>OF HOLY WEEK</b>	10:00AM	SE	MONICA GILES RIP (PO & VH)
WED	31 MAR	<b>OF HOLY WEEK</b>	7:00PM	SE	RITA CHRISTIE RIP (OC)
THURS	1 APR	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY THE EASTER TRIDUUM</b>	8:00PM	SE	JOSEPH IRO RIP (MI)
FRI	2 APR	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3:00PM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	3 APR	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	8:00PM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN	4 APR	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	9:00AM	SE	OLIVE & CHARLES PARKER RIP (HP)
			10:30AM	SJ	MATTHEW MORAN RIP (F)
			**	**	HEALING & GOD'S BLESSINGS OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP, CHINTHAB & ALL WHO ARE SICK (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	CHRISTOF BODDEKE—90TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (WB)

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

**28 MARCH 2021**

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

**Psalm Response:**

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting  
death, death on a cross. But God raised him  
high and gave him the name which is above  
all names.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**READING 4 APRIL 2021**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

First Reading: Acts 10: 34. 37—43

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1—4

Gospel: John 20: 1—9

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY**

**EASTER FLOWERS**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

**FOR OUR TWO PRIESTS**

PARISH INCOME 21.3.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND - CATHOLIC HOME CARE
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,000.89</b>	<b>£157.50</b>
Donations	130.00	—
Standing	1,518.71	126.00
Gift Aid	352.18	31.50