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**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

**Isaiah 50: 4-7    Philippians 2: 6-11    Matthew 26: 14 to 27: 66 (Shorter form Matthew 27: 11-54)**

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. We are just entering into the Holy Week celebrations from today onwards. This is the place in the Liturgical year when the Church stop us so that we can remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Our active participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the rigged trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of the Christ. I invite you to this lovely and ever memorable services on this Holy week. Let us celebrate it with great joy as well .

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Michael Eady RIP</b> <b>Easter Flowers</b> <b>Collection</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April St Hugh of Grenoble</b> Born France 1053. Prayerful, modest and courteous. Intelligent. Well educated. Ordained a priest by Pope Gregory. Bishop of Grenoble at 25. For 2 years struggled against moral laxity of clergy. Gave up and became a Benedictine monk. Superiors made him go back as bishop, this time with great success in reforms. An outstanding preacher on good terms with people, clergy, and monks. As well as spiritual reforms improved the diocese infrastructure with road and bridge maintenance and raised taxes to build hospitals. Started a farmer's market. Worked with St Bruno founder of Carthusian monks. Died aged 79.
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Easter Flowers Special Collection</b>
<b>First Communion</b> <b>Training from</b> <b>16:45 to 17:45</b>  <b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Richard of Chichester</b> Born 1197 in the Midlands to land owning family. Orphaned young. Worked on estate for his elder brother. Refused marriage offer and left estate. Studied at Oxford University. Taught at Oxford. Continued studies in Paris and Bologna. Return to Oxford as Chancellor of University. Then the diocesan chancellor for Edmund of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury. Richard and Edmund had disputes with King Henry III. Both exiled to France where Edmund died in 1240. Richard was ordained by Dominicans at Orleans in France. Returned to England. Parish priest at Deal. Then appointed Bishop of Chichester instead of the king's choice. Furious King Henry confiscated the diocesan lands. Bishop Richard had to stay with a priest. King relented. Richard then started clergy reforms in saying Mass, preaching and celibacy. Lovingly open to all. Generous to those in need. Austere life style, mortification, fasting, strict vegetarian diet. Died in Dover 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1253. Buried in Chichester Cathedral. Author of prayer, "May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day." One of Fr Michael Peter's favourite prayers.
<b>10 am</b> <b>For the Holy Souls</b> <b>from Davis Shaibi</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> St Isidore of Seville</b> Born in 560 in Spain. All 3 siblings were saints. Educated at Seville Cathedral School organised by elder brother, later Bishop of Seville. Slow to learn but very able student. Eventually became a great academic and writer. Bishop of Seville after his brother. Demanded high standards from fellow bishops and clergy. Presided over two local Synods to eradicate heresies. Influenced National Council of Toledo in 633 for diocesan seminaries and broad education. Most learned academic of his generation. Was a prolific and versatile writer. Scripts still survive. Died on 4 <sup>th</sup> April 636 aged 76
<b>SVP Social</b> <b>1 to 3 pm</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>5 - 6 pm Mass 6.30</b>	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> St Vincent Ferrer</b> Born in 1350 in Spain of noble parents. Academically brilliant. Joined the Dominicans, "Black Friars". Study in various places. Doctorate of Theology. Taught at Lérida University. Became a brilliant and fiery preacher. Was strongly opposed to Jewish faith and was anti-Semitic and converted many Jews. Involved in the Great Schism and supported anti-pope Benedict XIII. Tried to resolve conflict with no success. Continued his missionary work and supported charity for poor, vulnerable and sick. All 3 siblings saints.
<b>Mass at 8 pm</b> <b>Followed by a</b> <b>Vigil until 3 pm on</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Blessed Michael Rua</b> Born in 1837 in Turin, Italy, to poor family, father died when he was eight years old. Educated by De La Salle Brothers. Joined Don Bosco at Oratory in Turin. Helped in social club, games, sports and religious instruction. Was ordained in 1860 and supported Don Bosco in forming the Salesians. Believed in education of body and soul with social skills and recreation. Leader of Salesians after Don Bosco. Spread their houses all over the world. Was buried beside Don Bosco in Turin. "Second Father of the Salesian Family" was written on his tomb. Remembered for his Catholic Social Action.
<b>Stations of the</b> <b>Cross at 2.30 pm</b> <b>Mass at 3 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> St John Baptiste de La Salle</b> Born 1751 to a wealthy, aristocratic family in Reims. Father was a lawyer but John Baptist wanted to join the Church. Obtained a Master of Arts and Doctorate of Theology. Ordained and helped to start free school for poor children. Realised founding schools and training teachers was his life's work. Taught in the vernacular rather than Latin and religious instruction to form good Christians. As an aristocrat, keen on good manners and social skills. Founded <i>Brothers of Christian Schools</i>

	better known as the <i>De La Salle Brothers</i> . Produced new rules, ideas and initiatives in education. Spread through France, then the world. Fr John Baptiste de La Salle died on 7 <sup>th</sup> April 1719, just before his 68 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
<b>8 pm Easter Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass for 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Aleen</b>	<b>Easter Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> St Julie Billiart</b> Born in France in 1751. Knew Catechism by heart at age 7. Recited it and explained it to other children. Received First Communion early. Paralysed at age 30. Taught and gave spiritual advice from her bed, collected a group of rich aristocratic women and met Françoise Blin de Bourdon, Viscountess of Gizaincourt. Went into hiding in French Revolution in 1779. Founded <i>Sisters of Notre Dame</i> with Françoise for the education of girls after collapse of schools due to Revolution. Order grew through France but due to conflict with bishop the motherhouse had to be in Belgium. Convents threatened in Napoleonic Wars.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>	

Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Collection for flowers for Easter to be taken this weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Please be generous so that Shirley Keates can decorate our church beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

### Easter Services

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Confessions available with Fr Tomy and Fr Michael from 5pm to 6pm. Mass 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Mass at 8 pm followed by a Vigil until 3 pm on Good Friday

Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Stations of the Cross at 2.30 pm followed by Holy Mass at 3 pm

Easter Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Mass at 9.30 am

### St Vincent de Paul has gone DIGITAL !!

We now have a website page where you can find our latest news and newsletters and contact details, so you can keep in touch on your mobile phone, iPad or computer, even if you are away from the area.

The link to the site is <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/st-vincent-de-paul/>.

The site is hosted on the diocesan website, where you can also see what's going on in the diocese, the latest news from the Bishop, news from Bamenda, Marriage and Family Life and much more.

To open **Select** and then **Ctrl + left click** and see what's there for you. Feedback welcomed.

### The SVP Social will be next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 1 to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours. . Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

### Very sad news. Diana Stimson died on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

Diana has been a long standing parishioner of SVP although recently due to mobility issues she was rarely able to attend church. Diana died peacefully on Thursday with members of her family around her.

### Readers needed for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and 4 readers for Easter Vigil

Please add your name to the reader's rota list in the porch or contact Maria Linnell on 023 8032 4549.

### Stella Marist Seafarers Easter Egg Appeal from ship visitors Charles Stuart and Gregory Hogan.

As last year, Easter eggs are being collected to give to seafarers who will be confined to their ships over the Easter period. Parishioners were very generous last year. Also woollen hats were knitted using the pattern given to us by Stella Marist, or Apostleship of the Sea. So far 7 Easter eggs have been donated.

### Diocesan Fund Raising Campaign. The target for SVP is £30,000 of which £10,000 will be kept.

Every Thursday after the 10.30am morning Mass until May, one of the team members of the American company running the campaign for the diocese will be available for discussion with parishioners.

### 8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm

The next session will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

### Parish collection for last weekend 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March

							SPECIAL COLLECTION Clergy Assistance Fund		
Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose plate	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£62	£15.50	£110.20	£300.23	£68.13	£556.06	---	£20	---	£576.06

**Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the porch for donations for the next financial year.**