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**Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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**Isaiah 50: 4-7**

**Philippians 2: 6-11**

**Mark 14: 1 to 15: 47**

This Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and tells of the final days of Jesus, culminating in the crucifixion and resurrection on Easter Sunday. This weekend's Masses are Holy Week in miniature.

The first reading from Isaiah uses wonderful words to describe the life of a disciple who wakes each morning to listen to God and shows the obedience of a disciple and servant of God who, despite suffering and humiliation, remains steadfast and trusts in God's plan.

The second reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians is a great canticle, which appears in the *Liturgy of the Hours*, and is one of the oldest hymns of the Christian community. It probably predates Paul himself, a song known and loved by the Philippian Church. Paul added the line "death on a cross" to the poem. It tells of Christ's humility and obedience that leads to His ultimate glorification with God.

The first Gospel tells of the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna". This event is reported in each of the four Gospels. The main Gospel from Mark relates Jesus' passion and death presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death. Mark tells the story as a sequence of swiftly changing scenes and sets in dramatic contrast the actions and the motives of the chief players; the priests and scribes; the betrayal of Judas; Peter challenged by a servant girl; Pilate with all the power of Rome, but yielding against his better judgment in the face of pressure from the mob. During the week we should prayerfully remember the events of the passion and death of Jesus, the most ignominious death known to the ancient world, and immerse ourselves in the drama of Holy Week. As followers of Jesus we are invited to embrace humility, endure suffering and remain faithful to God's will, inspired by the example of Jesus. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Mora and Michael Hunter RIP</b>	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> St Turibius of Mongrovejo</b> Born in 1538 in Spain to noble parents. Qualified lawyer. Professor teaching law. High reputation as a lawyer. King Philip of Spain made him Grand Inquisitor. Ordained a priest in 1578. Made Archbishop of Lima in Peru. Stood up for the indigenous Indians against their Spanish masters. Reformed the clergy to learn Indian languages. Produced catechisms in Quechuan, Aymara and Spanish. Visited all parts of his diocese, staying with local communities. He baptised and Confirmed almost half million converts including 4 future saints, the most famous St Martin de Porres and St Rose of Lima. Started 1 <sup>st</sup> seminary in Western Hemisphere
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday Diana Stimson RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> St Margaret Clitherow</b> Born in 1553 in York to Protestant parents. Married Protestant butcher in the Shambles Became a Catholic 3 years later. Refused to attend Protestant services and her husband paid fines. Imprisoned 3 times. Learnt to read and had a child in prison. Hid priests in their home. Opened school to teach the Catholic faith. Hired house for celebration of Mass. Lodged priests, in heavy disguise, in Black Swan Inn where priest catchers stayed. Sent stepson to English College to train as a priest. Husband arrested to explain. House searched and priest hole and hidden room for Mass found. Margaret arrested and tortured. She refused to plea. Martyred while pregnant with her third child. Crushed by the door from her house being loaded with heavy weights. Her stepson and son became priests, and her daughter became a nun.
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> St Ludger Múnster</b> Born in 742 to wealthy Christian Frisians near Utrecht in Netherlands. When young met St Boniface. Educated at Utrecht Cathedral School. Sent by Abbot Gregory to York. Studied under scholar Alcuin. Then ordained a deacon. Returned to Utrecht Cathedral School and wrote biography of Abbot Gregory. Ordained a priest in Cologne. Sent to rebuild churches and evangelise in Friesland. Driven out by Saxon war leader. Went to Rome. Stayed at Monte Cassino for 2 years. Emperor Charlemagne recaptured Friesland. Ludger returned to restore Christianity. Built monasteries and churches. Cured blind singer and poet Bernlef and then converted him. Appointed the Bishop of Múnster. Reformed the diocese and the clergy.
<b>Reconciliation Service 5.30 pm 6 pm Mass</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> St John of Egypt.</b> Born 305 in Egypt. His parents were poor. He trained as a carpenter. Aged 25 became a monk under the guidance of an elderly hermit for ten years. When the old man died he visited various monasteries for five years in Egypt but did not like living in a community. Aged 40 he returned to living as a hermit walled into a collection of three cells. For 5 days of the week he prayed and received no visitors. At weekends people brought him food and water and he preached to the crowds that gathered. He only gave personal advice to men, avoiding seeing women to avoid temptation. He only ate after sunset, a diet of vegetables and dried fruit. Gained a reputation for prophesy. Visited by St Palladius, first Bishop of Ireland. Died aged 90.

<b>7.30 pm Special Service</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> St Tutilo</b> Born about 850 in Germany and educated at Benedictine monastery of Saint Gall in what is now Switzerland. Became a monk there. He was very handsome, a strong large man who was an excellent boxer. He had a variety of considerable skills. Quick witted, eloquent orator, a painter, a poet, a sculptor, architect, metalworker, mathematician and astronomer. His main passion was music. Played and taught a variety of instruments as head of the Abbey School. The Holy Roman Emperor King Charles III admired him and thought it a pity that such a genius was secluded in a monastery as Tutilo avoided the limelight and appeared in public reluctantly. Taught and preached in both Latin and Greek. Few of his music and paintings survive.				
<b>Stations of the Cross 2.30 pm Good Friday Service 3 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> St Rupert of Salzburg</b> Born about 660 of Frankish nobility. Bishop of Worms. Wise and devout. Driven out of city by pagans. Duke Theodo II of Bavaria asked for his help. Did missionary work in Bavaria. Given ruined city of Juvavum as his centre. Built Church of St Peter where St Maximus was martyred and Benedictine monastery of St Peter. Made Abbot. Founded Benedictine Convent of Nonnberg. Made his niece abbess. Enlarged salt mining, rebuilt the city and old Roman fortress overlooking the renamed city of Salzburg. Bishop of Salzburg in 698				
<b>8 pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> St Leonardo Murialdo</b> Born Italy in 1828. Studied theology at Turin University. Ordained in 1851. Used his family wealth to minister in a poor area of Turin to poor and abandoned children. Met both Don John Bosco and Don Joseph Cafasso who were working with young people. Director of an Oratory for 8 years. With Don Bosco met Pope Pius IX who praised their work with young people. Then in charge of a Boarding School in Turin where young people were educated and taught a trade. Director of another Oratory which gave vocational training. Founded <i>Union of Catholic Workers</i> to improve workers rights. Promoted Catholic libraries. Formed <i>Congregation of St Joseph</i> modelled on St Joseph the Worker to support his social action. Founded weekly newspaper <i>The Voice of the Worker</i> , later called <i>The Voice of the People</i> . Early exponents of <i>Catholic Social Action</i> which helped to inspire in 1891 the papal encyclical <i>Rerum Novarum (Revolutionary Change)</i> by Pope Leo XIII. It defined the rights and duties of capital and workers. Foundational text of <i>Catholic Social Teaching</i> . Proposed schooling to age 14 and abolition of night work in factories.				
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>				
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>					
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Valerie Baker after a quadruple heart bypass

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Special Collection for flowers for Easter to be taken this weekend

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

#### Lenten programme for the next few weeks

Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Mass at 9.30 am Holy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Reconciliation Service at 5.30 pm. Mass at 6 pm.

Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Washing of the Feet Service at 7.30 pm

Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> March: Stations of the Cross at 2.30 pm followed by Good Friday Service at 3 pm.

Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Vigil Mass at 8 pm Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Mass at 9.30 pm

#### Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

#### Charity chosen by Fr Michael to support during Lent. Reaching the Unreached

Reaching the Unreached was set up in Tamil Nadu in south east India in 1978 by De La Salle Brother James Kimpton. There are now 4 Children's Villages, 10 Hostels so that around 1,000 children are in care. There are 8 Nursery Schools, 3 Primary Schools and a Secondary School for children of the most disadvantaged families locally. Other ventures include house building, nearly 9,000 built; bore well drilling, around 2,500 wells; Self Help Groups to empower rural women; affordable loans to start small businesses or borrow money for emergencies such as medical care to avoid high interest rates of money lender

**Please donate generously in Lent. There will be a basket for each charity in the porch. Graham Churchill is the contact**

#### Second charity to support during Lent. Project organised by Fr Blaise, former priest at SVP, in Malawi

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Economy is heavily dependent on agriculture. Unpredictable climate and unplanned population growth created poverty and lack of food especially for single mothers, widows and orphaned children. The project initiated by Fr Blaise will empowered them with skills for income generating activities that are not dependent on weather conditions. They are taught tailoring and dyeing skills to produce items to sell; how to produce nutritious foods for their families and for sale; basic hygiene and child care and home management so they can produce economic development of their families.

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#### Parish collection for last weekend 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March

							Clergy Assistance Fund		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Reaching the Unreached Sewing Machine Project	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£84	£21	£131.80	£242.54	£51.98	£531.32	£210.40 £228.70	£86	£37.21	<b>£1,093.63</b>