



9 APRIL 2017

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord



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**“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!”**

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds are jubilant as Jesus arrives on a colt, fulfilling a prophecy from Zechariah in the Old Testament that the promised Messiah would enter Jerusalem riding on a young donkey. This simple yet profound act testified to the crowds assembled that the Messiah comes in peace to reign, for a warrior king would arrive on a horse to symbolise his great strength and might. The people are ecstatic after all they had seen and heard about Jesus concerning His miracles and His challenging of unjust authority and abuses of power. The Messiah had come and all seems to be happening as it should, no wonder the whole of Jerusalem was stirred.

Then as we are reminded in the reading of the Passion (the suffering of Christ) everything suddenly changes. The once jubilant crowd now shouts “Let him be crucified!” Thus the scene is set as to what is going to unfold over this coming week, the most holy of weeks in the Christian Religion.

I would encourage all of you this Holy Week, if you are able to, to come along and play a full, conscious and active part in the liturgy so that you can enter more deeply into the Passion, the death and the Resurrection of Jesus – it is after all the central mystery of what our Christian Faith is based upon!

Father Ross Bullock

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. When, like the disciples, have you betrayed/abandoned/denied the Lord? Why?
2. Has Lent been a time for you to return to the Lord?
3. When have you prayed like Jesus (Garden of Gethsemane) to avoid confrontation, suffering or pain?
4. In the Passion we hear of Jesus giving himself totally into the Father's Hands. When have you given yourself totally: to loved ones, parishioners, neighbours, God?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017

WELCOME: Failte! Witajcie! Willkommen! Merhbal! Mabuhay! Nno! EnnaVishayam! Bienvenidos! स्वागत (Svāgat) ahlan wa sahan أهلاً و سهلاً Selamat datang.

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY TODAY—PALMS will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of all Masses this weekend.

RETIRING COLLECTION: Church Maintenance Fund

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME for candidates continues from 2pm—4pm today in St Boniface Church Hall. Theme: *The Comeback of Jesus*.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE the free diocesan paper available today.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm today will be led by the Evangelisation Strategy Team.

EASTER 'WALK WITH ME' booklets (£1) and calendars (50p) are available in the porch at St Edmund's.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/RB!!

Penitential Service: VH/RB

Tues Chrism Mass: VH/RB

Hospital On Call: RB

THE SACRED TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil on Holy Saturday comprise 'The Triduum', during which we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. These 3 days that take place at the end of 'The Great Week' are the most important in the Church's calendar, and are not to be missed! They are part of a whole as The Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday evening) ends in 'the Garden of Gethsemane'; leads to the Passion (Good Friday afternoon) when we join Jesus' suffering and his 'victory' through the cross; and after time in the tomb (without the celebration of any sacraments except in danger of death) we gather in 'the night' at the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday evening) to celebrate light over dark, love over sin, life over death and new life in Resurrection. **And on this journey with us are those journeying into the new life of Faith, through Baptism (Shilong and Leo), as well as those being Confirmed (Colleen and Josephine). Join us**!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7:30pm Monday 10 April in St Edmund's Church.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK—11 APRIL: 11am Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral. **(**10am Tuesday Mass at St Edmund's cancelled).**

BIG CLEAN starts 2pm Tuesday 11 April in St. Edmund's Church, volunteers needed. Please add your name to the list.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP will not meet over the Easter period. They will resume on Tuesday 2 May at 2pm in St Edmund's Hall.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK—12 APRIL: 6:30am and 7pm Masses at St. Edmund's Church.

PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK 2017

EASTER PREPARATIONS OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH

Wednesday 12 April 10:30am—4:00pm

Thursday 13 April 10:30am—4:00pm

Saturday 15 April 11:30am—4:00pm

Please sign up for one hour, join the happy group—many hands make light work!!

ALTAR SERVERS' TRIDUUM PRACTICE Wednesday 12 April 5.30pm—6:30pm in St Edmund's Church.

LUNCH CLUB will not meet for 4 weeks over Easter and will recommence on Wednesday 10 May.

JOINT TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:45pm Wednesday 12 April in St Edmund's Church.

MONGU JARS AND CAFOD BOXES please bring them to the *Holy Thursday Masses (6.15pm Family at St Joseph or 8pm Triduum at St Edmund's)* and bring them up with the Offertory Gifts.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2017

Holy Thursday—13 April

6.15pm Family Mass of Lord's Supper St Joseph's

8.00pm Mass of Lord's Supper & Adoration St Edmund's

11.30pm Night Prayer St Edmund's

Good Friday—14 April

9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer St Edmund's

10.00am Stations of the Cross St Edmund's

11.30am Family Liturgy of the Cross St Joseph's

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion St Edmund's

8.00pm Prayer around the Cross St Edmund's

Holy Saturday—15 April

9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer St Edmund's

12:30pm-2pm Blessing of Easter Food St Edmund's
by Fr. Zbigniew— every 15 minutes

9.00pm Celebrating the Easter Vigil St Edmund's

Easter Sunday—16 April Masses

St Edmund's 6am in Polish; 9am, 11am, 7pm

St. Joseph's 10am

ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY 13 APRIL AFTER MASS up to 11:30pm. A half hour slot is offered for you to sign up to on the form at the back of the church. *Watch and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel in St. Edmund's. Please sign up.*

GOOD FRIDAY is collection for the upkeep of the 'Holy Places' in the Holy Land.

NEXT WEEKEND

COLLECTIONS EASTER SUNDAY (next Sunday) are for our two priests. It is their main source of income. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISMS EASTER SUNDAY—St Joseph's 11:30am:

◦ **Maisie Barker**, daughter of Matthew & Rebecca

◦ **Patrick Herba**, son of Andrzej & Agata

St Edmund's—12:30pm:

◦ **Sonya Bodnarenko**, daughter of Stanislaw & Kinga

◦ **Charles Carter**, son of Richard & Amy

◦ **Elizabeth Ashbolt-Smith**, daughter of Oliver & Davina

◦ **Dorian Karpinski**, son of Karol & Klaudia

NEXT WEEK

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF REFLECTION Saturday 22 April 10am for a 10:30am start; finishing at 4pm. *May the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed through Saint Faustina, be made known to all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled: "preparing the world for his final coming" (Saint John Paul II).* In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, (23rd April) the reflection will be led by Father Des. Cost £20 includes lunch and the celebration of Holy Mass. Venue for retreat and Day of Reflection—Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. Contact Father Des by email: fatherdes@icloud.com or phone 023 8029 2337 and leave a message to book.

SOUTHAMPTON MARATHON Sunday 23 April will be passing in front of St Edmund's Church. Be aware that there will be a delay getting to Mass **road closures:** Carlton Road & Carlton Crescent from 8am to 1pm and Rockstone Place from **10:40am to 11:15am!!** **Plan your route to church other roads will be affected.** I sense an insurmountable problem!!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 23 April at St Edmund's Church 2:45pm/3pm. The Sunday following on from Easter Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) was named 'Divine Mercy' Sunday in the Year 2000 by St John Paul II at the canonisation of Sr Faustina, a young Polish nun, who received revelations about God's mercy. Come along to the Divine Mercy Celebrations at St Edmund's at 2:45pm/3pm. Confessions from 2pm.

GENERAL ITEMS

NEW SEEKERS commences on Wednesdays from 3 May to 14 June at 7:30 pm in St Edmund's Hall. An introductory DVD-based series for people interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. Please give your name to the parish office if you are planning to attend, or help by inviting friends and colleagues. Call **Dudley Plunkett: 023 8067 9079** for more info.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING—The Gift Box: a publicity device to spread awareness on human trafficking, let members of the public know what to look for and how to report suspicions to the police. It will be open to the public at **Winchester Cathedral 13—14 May, Southampton Above Bar 16—17 May, Romsey Abbey 20—21 May, all approx. 9.30am-5.30pm.** They are seeking volunteers. Contact Sharon Westby 07866 765859 or Helen Pain helenpain@btopenworld.com if you can help.

You could also do the **Southampton Marathon Sunday, 23 April, which will be passing in front of St Edmund Church from 10:40am—11:15am.** Be aware that there will be a delay getting to Mass.

BRIEFING SESSION: (potential volunteers need to come to **ONE of these**) **Sunday 2 April, Vineyard Church, Winchester,** Unit 1, Bar End Industrial Estate, Bar End Road, SO23 9NP (4pm to 5.30pm) **Saturday 22 April,** Methodist Church, **Chandlers Ford,** Winchester Rd, SO53 2GJ (10am-11:30am) **Thursday 4 May** Above Bar Church, **Southampton** (8am to 9.30pm) 69 Above Bar Street, Southampton SO14 7F.

CAR PARKING please note that **NO ONE** has permission to park beyond the fence at the back of St Edmund's Lodge ... that is residents only (the tarmacked area behind the church sadly does not belong to us it is for the residents in the house there so please do not park there!) You can park on a Sunday in the gravelled area behind St Edmund's Lodge.

'A TIME OF PRAYER' following the themes we used during the visit of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe' last August are taking place once a month after a Sunday Mass.

The next ones:

- 28 May 12noon—1pm St Edmund's
- (the one planned for 30 April cancelled due to 'Divine Mercy' on the 23rd April see elsewhere)

This period of prayer following directly on from the Mass will involve Adoration, silence, prayer and singing, stay if you can.

INTERRELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

JEWISH—10 APRIL—PASSOVER/PESACH: commemorates the liberation of the Children of Israel and their Exodus from slavery in Egypt. The highlight is the Seder meal, when the story of their deliverance is recounted. Matzah (unleavened bread) is eaten throughout the festival, as are other foods that contain no leaven (yeast).

JAIN—9 APRIL: Mahavir Jayanti celebrates the birth and the life of the 24th Tirthankara, or spiritual leader, of the Jain faith – the final one for the current age. He was born in 540 BC, and, after attaining enlightenment as a monk, spent his life travelling and spreading the Jain faith. The message of urging Christians and Jains to foster an environment of non-violence speaks particularly deeply into our situation this year: "Unfortunately, refusal by some to accept the 'other' [...], mostly due to fear, ignorance, mistrust or sense of superiority, has generated an atmosphere of widespread intolerance and violence. This [...] can be overcome by countering it with more love, with more goodness." (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 18 February, 2008).

SIKH—13 APRIL—BAISAKHI : The Sikh New Year Festival. In 1699, on Vaisakhi, the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, founded the Order of the Khalsa. Five men were prepared to offer their lives when the Guru asked for volunteers.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Sunday 11—Monday 19 February 2018. Flying with El Al. Cost: £1695 based on 2 sharing. All rooms have en-suite facilities. Price includes full board accommodation, entrance fees, portage and tips to driver and courier. Full services of English speaking guide. Headsets and bottle of water supplied daily. **APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE: CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.**

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE with Bishop Philip 18—25 August 2017. To book contact Father John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572 797 or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Shrine of our Lady Queen of Peace. Trip supported by Marian Pilgrimages. Departs 4 October from Gatwick returning 11 October. Cost £589 per person sharing; £130 single room supplement. Call Heather Hauschild 07810 310 316 / hauschild287@btinternet.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR Kevin Jones (op. recovery), Shane Wing, Michael Parker (op. recovery), Steve Norman (op. recovery), Janice Cummings, Sharon Carron, Bill Kearns, Andrew Cole, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Sharon Carron, Tony McCall, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Robert Rymill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Josie Franklin, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Sheila & Clare Morris, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Panawela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Teresa Adams, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Joe Sculley, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017

*(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	8 APRIL	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR LADY (CH) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	9 APRIL	PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	LEO STOY—THANKSGIVING (JS) EILEEN & PETE COLES RIP (MB) JONATHAN INTENTIONS (MCL) IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR LADY (CH)
MON	10 APRIL	OF HOLY WEEK	7:30PM SE	LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE
TUES	11 APRIL	OF HOLY WEEK	10:00AM SE	*MASS CANCELLED DUE TO CHRISM MASS (CATHEDRAL)
WED	12 APRIL	OF HOLY WEEK	6:30AM SE 7:00PM SE	EDWARD DONACHIE RIP (PP) JAMES McCONNELL RIP (83rd BIRTHDAY ANNIV) (DMcC)
THURS	13 APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY THE EASTER TRIDUUM EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	6:15PM SJ 8:00PM SE	EILEEN & ALEX AITKEN RIP (F) JOHN FREEMAN—HEALING & WELLBEING (MF)
FRI	14 APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	11:30AM SJ 3:00PM SE	FAMILY LITURGY OF THE CROSS FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA (F)
SAT	15 APRIL	HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)	9:00PM SE	JOAN HALL RIP (SJ)
SUN	16 APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	OSCAR SOHNA SOHNA RIP (F) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH THE WEBBER FAMILY—LIVING & DEAD (F) WILLIE & KATIE COADY RIP (S&DC)

PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); Holy Day 19:00. *St. Boniface, Shirley* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 20:00. *St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood* Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. *Christ the King & St Colman* Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. *Immaculate Conception, Portswood* Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. *Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End* Sat Vigil 17:30; *St Brigid, West End* Sun 17:30; *St Patrick, Woolston* Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). *The Annunciation, Netley Abbey* Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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St Anne's School 023 8032 8200

Prayer of the Church Week 2

9 APRIL 2017—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!

READINGS SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37—43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1—4
Gospel Reading: John 20:1—9

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE

COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES IN THE HOLY LAND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR OUR TWO PRIESTS

Collections 2.4.2017	1st	2nd Easter Flowers
Total	£2,851.33	£357.96
Cash	1,280.57	211.13
S / O	1,256.61	100.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	46.33

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.