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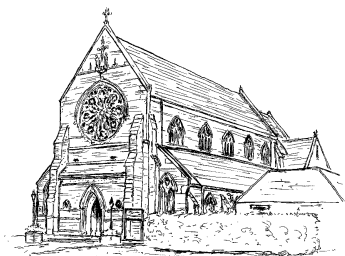


**14 APRIL 2019
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S
PASSION**



**STELLA MARIS DEANERY
INCLUDES:**

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

The Church today celebrates Palm/Passion Sunday which is the last Sunday before Easter. While Palm Sunday signifies royalty and triumph, Passion Sunday signifies both suffering and love. Both however, portray humility in action. Hence today's celebration has a double-barrelled-phase and also bears a dual meaning. While reflecting on the nature of today's celebration one scenario becomes vivid in my mind. I was quick to remember the activities of a particular species of tiny rats in my village. These tiny creatures operate in the night and specialise in chopping or eating off part of someone's toes or fingers. The remarkable thing about these creatures and their activities is that they play a dual role. While they are biting and eating off part of one's toe, they blow a gentle breeze over the area, so that the victim doesn't wake up and chase them away but feels a soothing sensation that keeps them sleeping while the rat comfortably carries out its mission.

On this day in the church's liturgical calendar, the Christian community begins the reenacting of another phase of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ (His death, burial and resurrection) upon which the salvation of humanity is anchored. We reenact the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem as well as His passion. Hence it reminds us of the double-aged nature of our Christian lives and journey. We are celebrated today and persecuted tomorrow; loved today and hated tomorrow; praised today and castigated tomorrow. A very important lesson we are to learn from all of this, is that life presents us with its different dimensions as it unfolds. The same people who cheer us up in good times shouting: "Hosanna! Hosanna!! Hosanna!!!" might equally be the same later on in life, to shout: "Crucify him/her! Crucify him/her!!" This is the mystery and dialectics of life. Mystery because, at times understanding it is beyond our reach and imagination, and dialectical because these two aspects of life certainly help us to know truly who we really are and what we mean to people.

A look at today's readings portray the humility with which Christ approached these situations. In the first reading drawn from one of the "ebed Yahweh" (servant of Yahweh's) songs, one finds the prefigured Christ humbly bearing His suffering without any resistance. Also, in Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see humility at its apogee. This is the meaning or self-emptying of Christ: "though He was in the form of men He did not regard equality with God." In the gospel, at supper He humbled Himself to the point of accepting to eat at the same table with the one about to betray him. "...And yet behold the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on table." In spite of all these, He taught His disciples to humble themselves as He humbled himself before Pilate and the chief priests even till death.

In all of these we learn humility in all circumstances of life both in good and bad times. Christ was strong but humbly, He became weak. He teaches us that: "True power lies in service and humility." During His triumphant entry He rode on a colt which symbolizes humility. In His suffering He abandoned Himself to His enemies without resistance or striking back. Let us therefore pray that the Almighty God may grant us the humility with which to follow Christ during this Holy Week so that in the days beyond we might find the strength we need to live truly as Christ lived without losing our faith in God who truly cares and never abandons those who put their trust in Him.

Father Elijah Fru Nde

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. 'Blessing on the King who comes' everyone cries out on the Mount of Olives (Opening Gospel). Do you 'bless' the Lord? When? Why?
2. The crowd who 'blessed' the Lord on the Mount, soon shout 'Crucify him, crucify him'. Have you ever rapidly 'changed your tune' about others? Why?
3. We, like Isaiah (1st Reading) have been given a 'disciples tongue'!! Do you use it? For what? When?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019

APPEAL after 6:15pm Mass by Cameron Kerr re his 10k run; see website <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/cameronkerr> to donate and for more information.

RETIRING COLLECTION—Church Maintenance Fund.

NEW ENVELOPE BOX SETS NOW AVAILABLE in the porches for parishioners who have chosen to contribute to the parish in this way.

PALMS ARE DISTRIBUTED AND BLESSED AT ALL MASSES in the Parish. St Joseph Sunday congregation will join with St Michael's congregation and gather from 10am—10:15am at the West Gate for the Blessing of Palms and procession to St Michael's Square and then to our churches.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME for candidates from 2pm—4:30pm Sunday 14 April in St Boniface Hall.

VOCATIONS: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 14, 2019 "... He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? To explore further, contact Father John Cooke, email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

THIS WEEK (HOLY WEEK)

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/JP!

Penitential Service: VH/AP/EN/JP

Tues Chrism Mass: VH/AP/EN/JP

Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/EN/JP

Thurs/Fri/Sat Triduum: VH/AP/EN/JP

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 15 April at 7:30pm in St Edmund. Come along and celebrate God's love, compassion and forgiveness. Around 7 priests will be available to celebrate the 'Sacrament of Penance'.

CHRISM MASS 11am Tuesday 16 April at St John Cathedral, Portsmouth. All welcome to attend. **(NB: 10am Mass at St Edmund is cancelled).**

BIG CLEAN 2pm—pm Tuesday 16 April in St Edmund Church. Please help if you can. *Preparing of St Edmund Church every day during Holy Week please help if you can.*

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE 5:30pm Tuesday 16 April in St Edmund Church.

JOINT CHOIR PRACTISE FOR THE TRIDUUM 7:30pm Wednesday 17 April in St Edmund Church.

START OF EASTER TRIDUUM THURSDAY 16 APRIL

FAMILY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:15pm Thursday 18 April in St Joseph Church.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8pm Thursday 18 April at St Edmund Church followed by Adoration until Night Prayers at 11:30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10am Good Friday 10 April at St Edmund.

FAMILY LITURGY OF THE CROSS 11:30am Friday 19 April in St Joseph Church.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3pm Good Friday 19 April in St Edmund Church.

NEXT WEEKEND

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2019

Holy Thursday—18 April

6.00pm	Mass in Polish	St. Edmund
6.15pm	Family Mass of Lord's Supper	St. Joseph
8.00pm	Mass of Lord's Supper & Adoration	St. Edmund
11.30pm	Night Prayer	St. Edmund

Good Friday—19 April

9am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	St. Edmund
10.00am	Stations of the Cross	St. Edmund
11.30am	Family Liturgy of the Cross	St. Joseph
3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St. Edmund
7.00pm	Mass in Polish	St. Joseph
8.00pm	Prayer around the Cross	St. Edmund

Holy Saturday—20 April

9am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	St. Edmund
7pm & 9pm	Masses in Polish	St. Joseph
9pm	Celebrating the Easter Vigil	St. Edmund

Easter Sunday—21 April

6.00am	Mass in Polish	St. Edmund
9.00am	Sunday Mass	St. Edmund
10.00am	Sunday Mass	St. Joseph
11.00am	Sunday Mass	St. Edmund
5pm & 7pm	Sunday Masses in Polish	St. Joseph
7.00pm	Sunday Mass	St. Edmund

ALL EASTER COLLECTIONS ARE FOR OUR PRIESTS: As this forms the most substantial part of their income, we thank you in advance for your generosity. Envelopes are attached to this Newsletter.

PARKING ... PARKING ... Please be considerate and legal when parking over the Triduum. We know it is difficult, but there are places to park. But whatever you do please do not ... do not ... park in the Estate behind St Edmund, or block the entrance and exit to the Estate or block any car whatsoever, wherever they may be!!! Be considerate and courteous.

GOOD FRIDAY PARKING: St Anne's are generously allowing us to use their car park on Good Friday afternoon. The car park will be open at 2pm and close around 5pm. Do use it as it will make parking much easier.

WHEN USING THE CHURCH PARKING AREAS during the week please put a Newsletter on your dashboard.

NEXT WEEK

BANK HOLIDAY Easter Monday 22 April. Churches closed, no Adoration.

MISSION TEAM meeting 7:45pm Thursday 25 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

NEW SEEKERS continue to meet at 7:30pm Thursday 25 April in St Edmund Hall for those enquiring about the Catholic faith.

PRAYING FOR OUR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS on the last Friday of the month. Mass at 7pm Friday 26 April in St Edmund Church followed by praying of the Rosary. All welcome to join the Vianney Group for this intention.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP 10:30am Saturday 27 April in St Anne's School for parents and children.

SPRING PLANT SALE 11am—1pm Saturday 27 April at Avenue St Andrew's Church, The Avenue. Coffee and cakes for sale too. To contribute plants please bring them labelled with care information. See leaflets and noticeboards.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY LITURGY 2:45pm Sunday 28 April in St Edmund Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

SPRING CONCERT AT ST JOSEPH IN AID OF THE PARISH MISSION 30 April, the Parish will host a Spring Concert at St Joseph Church, Bugle Street. The concert is in aid of the Parish Mission and its two charities (the City Centre Catholic Home Care Service and the School of Joy Project). The Gospel Phonics Community Choir and the Wyvern Flute Quartet will provide a wonderful evening of music. The Concert starts at 7pm, refreshments will be available. Tickets are £5 for adults and free for under 18's and can be purchased at the back of the church after Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office.

POETRY SHARE: the next meeting is on Tuesday 7 May at 7:15pm in the Stella Maris Hall. Do join them as they explore a variety of poems by Female Poets.

MAY, THE MONTH OF OUR LADY AND THE ROSARY IS APPROACHING.... MAY is a good time to look at our relationship with Mary and Her life through prayer. **You are invited to a four week journey called "Let It Be Done Unto Me" produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration).** The course aims to provide enrichment in the knowledge and understanding of Mary in our daily lives using video, small group discussion and prayer. They will meet in St Edmund Hall from **7:30pm to 9pm on Tuesday evenings May 7, 14, 21, 28.** To book please email Anne Wheeler promptly in the Parish Office as numbers will be limited. This is a short four week course, we politely ask that those signing up fully commit to all four sessions.

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL SUMMER FETE from 12noon—3:30pm Saturday 18 May. Stalls include Tombola, Win a Teddy, Hook a Duck, Mystery Envelope, Munch a Donut, Sponge Throwing, Spin the Wheel, Tin Can Alley, Football Tombola, Coconut Shy. See noticeboards. Music by Springuleles at 12:30pm.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS—APRIL 2019: 1st prize Iris Kuitenbrouwer £20; 2nd prize Maria Rog £10.

MISSION Only 45 Days until THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019: Teams are being mobilised within the parish to help make the mission the success it promises. Are you starting to get involved?

DELIVERING LEAFLETS FOR THE MISSION: All homes within our parish will receive a leaflet telling of the Parish Mission. All streets have been listed and half of the list will be displayed in both churches this week. Next week we swap them over.

The shortest route is less than a mile, the longest 2 miles, the average is just over 1 mile. Why not do in pairs or as a family? The lists will include the distances. We are invited to sign up to pop the leaflets through letterboxes at the start of May. Sign-up lists are only available at the end of Mass to protect personal data. Fresh air, exercise and valuable parish work all at the same time! Do sign-up.

URGENT—WALK FOR LIFE: New York State and other States in the USA have now passed legislation to allow unborn children to be aborted up to and including their day of birth. The legislation also decrees that depending on the wishes of the mother and a medical practitioner (not necessarily a doctor) that a child who survives a late term abortion may then be left unaided so that it will die. *In light of this and that what happens in American happens in Britain ten years later, it's time to make our voices heard.*

You are invited to attend the March for Life in London. **A coach will leave St Edmund Church at 8am on Saturday 11 May and return from London around 5:30pm. The first part of the day will be spent in various workshops. In the afternoon we will walk to Westminster. The cost of the coach has now been covered by a generous donation made by one of our parishioners. If you feel you would like to be part of this day contact Father Des by email fatherdes@icloud.com or call him on 023 8029 2337 and leave a message.**

If you tell him you are going please do go so that everyone who would like to be part of this day will have the opportunity. ****Please note, we are not pointing the finger at anyone who has had an abortion. We want our voices heard by those who make our laws. See poster on noticeboard.**

INTER-RELIGIOUS EVENTS

Sikh: Vaisakhi / Baisakhi is on 14th April. This day celebrates the Sikh New Year. In 1699, on Vaisakhi, the tenth Guru, Gobind Singh, founded the Order of the Khalsa. Five men were prepared to offer their lives when he asked for volunteers

Hindu: Rama Navami on 14th April is an important Hindi festival which celebrates the Birthday of Rama, seventh avatar of Vishnu.

Muslim: The night of forgiveness / Lailat-ul-Bara'ah (14th Sha'ban) birthday of 12th Iman, on 20 – 21st April, Muhammad ibn Hasan al-Mahdi (Shi'a) On 14th Sha'ban, 8th month of the Muslim year, 2 weeks before Ramadan, Muslims seek forgiveness for their sins and spend the night in prayer.

Jewish: Passover / Pesach on 20 – 27th April, 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jose Tew, Stella Thompson, Daya, Janet Wastall, David Spencer, Pat & Don Devers, Judy Brown, Valerie Summerton, Maddie Clarke, NW, TG, Roque Vaz, Joanne G, Janet P, Azad & Viyille Perera, Elvira & Rocky, George Chesworth, Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Colette Clarke, David Palmer, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris & family, Karen Bell, John Hennessy, Aruni Panabokke, Pat O'Neill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Kushmi De'Saram, Eloise Chessman, Christopher Browne, Bobby Murphy, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Daham Korlage, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019

*(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	13 APRIL	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ SEÀN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON (DC) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH 9:00AM SE OSCAR SOHNA SOHNA RIP (F)
SUN	14 APRIL	PALM SUNDAY (OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD)	10:00AM SJ FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA (F) 11:00AM SE AIDAN WASTAL'S 5TH BIRTHDAY & NEW BORN BABY SISTER JANE ELIZABETH & BABY LUCAS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (FRANCIS & ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE THE WEBBER FAMILY, PAST & PRESENT (F)
MON	15 APR	OF HOLY WEEK	7:30PM SE LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
TUES	16 APR	OF HOLY WEEK	*10:00AM SE *MASS CANCELLED—CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
WED	17 APR	OF HOLY WEEK	6:30AM SE THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 7:00PM SE REG FARRINGTON RIP (F)
THURS	18 APR	MAUNDY THURSDAY THE EASTER TRIDUUM	6:15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 8:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	19 APR	GOOD FRIDAY	3:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	20 APR	HOLY SATURDAY	9:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN	21 APR	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ MAX BACON RIP (F) 11:00AM SE FRANCIS P—BIRTHDAY & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING; EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING TO JESUS, ST JOSEPH, MOTHER MARY, SAINTS, PRIESTS AND THE UNIVERSE (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE CECILIA COUTINHO RIP (ME)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

14 APRIL 2019 PASSION SUNDAY, YEAR C
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 21 APRIL 2019
EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR C

1st Reading:	Acts 10:34, 37—43
2nd Reading:	Colossians 3:1—4
Gospel:	John 20:1—9

2ND COLLECTION TODAY
CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
EASTER COLLECTION FOR OUR PRIESTS

COLLECTIONS 7.4.2019	1ST	2nd—EASTER FLOWERS
Totals	£2,761.16	£332.11
Cash	1,153.66	191.48
S / O	1,286.00	112.50
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	28.13

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
7:30PM MONDAY 15 APRIL AT ST EDMUND CHURCH