

29 MARCH 2015

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



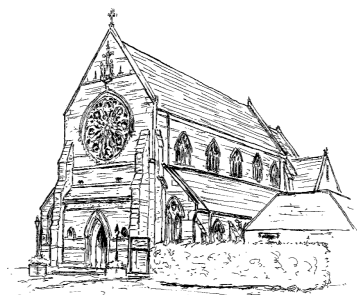
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ST EDMUND'S
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- CHRIST THE KING &
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- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

As we enter Holy Week so much emphasis is put on the Triduum (and rightly so), that there is a danger of seeing Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday as subsidiary to the Passion. It was not the first entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem but it was the vital prelude to the Passion. If there had been no welcoming or recognition of the Messianic Kingship there may have been no passion.

This week we have also celebrated the Annunciation. Similarly if there had been no Annunciation there would have been no Nativity. Both events speak of unlikely circumstances: the discovery of an Ass and the King of the Jews riding on this beast of ridicule, and the choosing of a young simple girl to be the Mother of Christ. But these were not coincidences. God chose the lowly and the despised to shame the wise. *"Christ in his humanity became even humbler yet even to accepting death, death on a cross."*

Both of these events required a yes: the yes to begin that journey to the Cross and the yes to become the mother of God. Both would entail suffering and isolation "a sword will pierce your heart", "He was despised and rejected".

Do we see Passion Sunday as a necessary gateway into our sharing in The Lord's Passion? Are we ready to say that resounding yes to whatever suffering might lie ahead? Do we trust enough that in those unlikely, unexplainable events in our lives God has a plan even if it entails pain and suffering?

Tina Quinn



"In our deepest selves
If we can enter there
We may discover a peace
And a goodness
A forgiveness
A gentleness
A hope.

Christ

In our deepest selves
We may discover a desire
A most inner desire
That what we want
Is to do God's will

And that this desire is
All we can really know
Or be sure about ourselves
Yet it is enough.

It is a grace.

Janda

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Does Jesus enter the Holy City to get power and to dominate (opening Gospel)? Some people wanted him to be a (political?) king. What do you want/need from Jesus?
2. God opens your ears many times and in many ways (Isaiah). When have you heard? When have you responded? How?
3. The disciples fell asleep (Passion Reading). Pope Francis asked himself and the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square these questions: "Has my life fallen asleep?" and "Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands?" How about you?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2015

BLESSING OF PALMS at all Masses (10 am: Procession from West Gate).

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO FATHER DES at the 9am & 11am Masses.

RETIRING COLLECTION: Catholic Care.

ALTAR SERVERS to take home 'consent' form.



RECENTLY DIED: Vincent 'Beloved' Lloyd RIP late of Clovelly Road, Southampton. Funeral 11am Thursday 2 April in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at St Mary's Extra Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy to his family.

THIS WEEK—HOLY WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day Off: VH/TC

Reconciliation Service: VH/TC

Tues Chrim Mass: VH/TC

Thurs Funeral: VH

Sun Baptisms: VH/DC

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY, a vibrant two form entry school in Waterlooville, is seeking to appoint a Headteacher. Closing date 30 March. Further details and an application pack can be obtained from eps-recruitment@hants.gov.uk.

MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall for a cup of tea and a chat; bingo if you like and a raffle. All welcome!

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7:30pm in St. Edmund's Church. *There will be 8 priests available to hear confessions make the most of this annual opportunity.*

CHRISM MASS 11am Tuesday 31 March at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. **10am Mass cancelled at St Edmund's.**

BIG CLEAN starts 2pm in St. Edmund's on Tuesday 31 March, volunteers urgently needed. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE for the Triduum: Tuesday 31 March 5.30 pm in St Edmund's Church. Apologies for being a little early but due to schools still open and other considerations it has to be early. **NB: Altar Servers ... please note.**

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet at 7:30pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome! *(There will be no meeting during Easter week—Tuesday 7 April).*

LAST EARLY MORNING MASS: 6:30am Wednesday 1 April at St Edmund's Church.

EASTER PREPARATIONS OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH:

Wednesday & Thursday 1 & 2 April 10:30am—4:00pm and Saturday 4 April from 11:00am—4:00pm.

TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30pm Wednesday 1 April in St. Edmund's Church.

EASTER RETREAT AND PILGRIMAGE WITH THE VERBUM DEI COMMUNITY: 2 – 5 April at the Verbum Dei Centre, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. For more info, contact by email: iow@verbumdei.org.uk.

HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL:

- Family Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:15pm 2 April in St Joseph's Church.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00pm 2 April in St Edmund's Church.
- Adoration in the Our Lady Chapel after 8pm Mass up to 11:30pm. Half hour slots are offered, sign-up form in the porch.
- Night Prayer 11:30pm in St Edmund's.

ST JOSEPH TRIDUUM PREPARATION: Family liturgies at St Joseph's. If any children would like to help with the Good Friday drama at 11:30am as well as readings and feet-washing on Thursday evening at 6:15pm, we will be meeting on Thursday morning at 10:30am at St Joseph's to prepare. All welcome. Parents and carers will be welcome to help prepare the church for the liturgies while the children are practising. See you then! *Ruth Cunio.*

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL:

- Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9am St Edmund's
- Stations of the Cross 10am St. Edmund's Church
- Family Liturgy of the Cross 11:30am St Joseph's Church
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm St Edmund's Church. **There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday** for Holy Places and Christians living in the Holy Land. This is an important means of support for the Christian Community in the Holy Land.
- Prayers Around the Cross 8pm St Edmund's Church

NEXT WEEKEND

ALL EASTER COLLECTIONS are for *our priests*. It is their main source of income. Thank you for being generous.

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL:

- Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9am St Edmund's
- 2pm—4:15pm Blessing of Easter Food by Father Zbigniew in St Edmund's Church
- Celebrating the Easter Vigil 9pm in St Edmund's Church.

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL: St Edmund's Masses: 6am (Polish); 9am, 11am and 7pm, St Joseph's Mass 10am.

GENERAL ITEMS

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - ROADSHOWS:

Are you interested in finding out more about the upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Philip (22 November - 2 December 2015)? A series of roadshows are planned where you can find out more information:

- Tuesday 21 April, 7.30pm: Discovery Centre, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
- Wednesday 22 April, 7.30pm: St Bede's, Basingstoke
- Thursday 23 April, 7.30pm: English Martyrs, Reading.

THANK YOU to Julie Jack for £100 donated from the proceeds of the sale of her cards in the porch for the Church Maintenance Fund.

2015 TWO HUNDRED CLUB MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE £12 PER ANNUM. Contact the Parish Office if you'd like to join.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKING LAST WEDNESDAY ABOUT THE OCTOBER SYNOD:

"I would like this prayer, like the entire Synod path, to be inspired by the Good Shepherd's compassion for his flock, especially for those people and families who for various reasons are 'harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd'. In this way, supported and inspired by the grace of God, the Church will be able to be even more committed, and even more united, in her witness of the truth of God's love and His mercy for the world's families, without exception, both inside & outside the fold".

"I ask you, please, to ensure that your prayer is not lacking. All of us – the Pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, men and women religious – we must all pray for the Synod. We need this, not chatter! I encourage even those who feel distant to pray too, and those who are not used to doing so. This prayer for the Synod on the family is for the good of all of us. I know that this morning an image has been given to you, which you now hold in your hands. I invite you to keep it and carry it with you always, so that over the coming months you can recite the prayer often, with holy insistence, as Jesus asked us."

As you know Pope Francis wants us to ponder and pray about the direction of the Synod in October: how do we support preparation for marriage/marriage and family life and all issues involved? Also how do we cope with and support those marriages that have broken down in terms of 'communion' with and in the Church and all related issues? A simple questionnaire has been designed to enable us to participate, please do access it to express your opinions/experience: <http://goo.gl/forms/CDFUVNi99V>.

HUSTINGS EVENT—FOR ITCHEN CONSTITUENCY: Wednesday 22 April at 8:30 pm in Above Bar Church. This is a FREE hustings event. Questions can be submitted in advance by email to office@abovebarchurch.org.uk or between 8pm – 8:15pm on the evening of the event.

If you are free earlier in the evening you are invited to a CARE Election Forum on 'God and Politics' which will include a simple meal, a talk and a Q&A session with Gareth Davies. This event will be in their top hall with a charge of £1 towards the food. Event is from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. **Hustings Event: for Test Constituency at St James Road Methodist on the same night at 8pm.**

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE: On their patronal feast day Thursday 23 April from 3:30pm to 7:00pm St George College will be blessed to have the pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on display in the College Hall. All Parishioners are most welcome to visit and pray before the miraculous image. For info visit website <http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk/>.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Are you celebrating a big wedding anniversary this year? If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th and over wedding anniversary during 2015, or any anniversary, Bishop Philip warmly invites you to the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass 11am Saturday 27 June. The Mass is held at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, after which a light lunch will be served. It is a wonderful celebration of and witness to marriage. *To find out more or to attend, email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or book online at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/significant-wedding-anniversaries-2015.php>*

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB – weekly in St Edmund's Hall during term time - spaces now available. Come along 11:45am for 12noon, meet up with fellow diners, enjoy a two-course lunch for £4.00 and try your luck in the raffle before returning home around 1:15pm. Local transport available. If you are interested in joining our friendly, sociable group please contact the Parish Office, Tel: 023 8033 3589. We are a mixed age group (60 years +) - always excited to meet new members!



DRIVERS are also needed on a rota basis. Petrol expenses can be claimed. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

CARER VACANCIES: CATHOLIC HOME CARE are looking to recruit new carers to join a friendly and supportive team. If you like elderly people and have a few hours spare during the week, this is the job for you. Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required; full details and application form from Anne Monaghan 023 8033 3589 **Closing date 17 April 2015.**



CATHOLIC ALPHA IS COMING? to a school in your area. Interested? Watch this space to find out when and where.

GENERAL ELECTION: Are you registered to vote? We recently presented national statistics of those not registered to vote. Locally the situation is dire:

- 26,000 people in Southampton who are eligible to vote are not registered (10% or so of the population)
- 4,500 people in Bargate (our area) are not registered!
- The most affected groups are students and the black & minority ethnic communities

Today: Pick up a leaflet: 'Make sure you are heard'. Register here in the church. Find out more: Our Voice Our HOPE voter registration website: <http://www.ourvoiceourhope.co.uk/why/>.

HCPT GROUP 170 are preparing for their annual pilgrimage taking sick and disabled children to Lourdes. Some of their helpers are training for a half marathon on the 26 April to raise funds for their trips. If you would like to sponsor them please visit their fundraising page at <http://www.justgiving.com/teams/HCPT170Marafun> They are also very grateful for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you.

PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER: The PA newsletter was published last weekend. Copies are available at the back of the churches and on the PA website. Please do take a copy to see what is happening across the area.

VACANCY: PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT MANAGER based in YoungMinds London office. Full time position £40,000pa. Closing date 7 April 2015. See Noticeboard for all the details.

PLEASE PRAY for all parishioners on our prayer list who are ill or having surgery.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2015

*(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	28 MAR		6:15PM *SJ	KATHLEEN MORLEY RIP (LL&EL)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 MAR	PALM SUNDAY of the Lord's Passion	9:00AM SE	CATHERINE IXOHA—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (WO)
			10:00AM SJ	LOUIS FINN RIP (AF)
			11:00AM SE	FRANCIS PONNIAH 80th BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	MARGARET PENNEY RIP (CONNELL FAMILY)
MON	30 MAR	OF HOLY WEEK	7:30PM SE	LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
TUES	31 MAR	OF HOLY WEEK	<u>10:00AM</u> SE	<u>MASS CANCELLED</u>
WED	1 APRIL	OF HOLY WEEK	6:30AM SE	JULIA BROOKING RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	HUBERT & DOROTHY LYONS RIP (F)
THURS	2 APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY— EASTER TRIDUUM: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	11:00AM SE	FUNERAL SERVICE: VINCENT LLOYD RIP
			6:15PM SJ	CATHY & ALBERT FARMER RIP (MK)
			8:00PM SE	MATTHEW MORAN RIP (F)
FRI	3 APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	11:30AM SJ	FAMILY LITURGY OF THE CROSS
			3:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	4 APRIL	THE EASTER VIGIL	9:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN	5 APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY of the Lord's Resurrection	6:00AM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE	TEDDY RICHMOND RIP (DP&GP)
			10:00AM SJ	LUIS CYPRIAN & ADELINA RODRIGUES RIP (SR)
			11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

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St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
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SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2015

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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!

Prayer of the Church Week 2

READINGS SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

2nd COLLECTION TODAY
CATHOLIC CARE

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
FOR OUR PRIESTS

Collection	22/03/15 1st	22/03/15 2nd—Easter Flowers
Total	£2,233.69	£323.36
Cash	829.47	157.73
S / O	1,139.85	132.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	264.37	33.13

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

CONFESSION TIMES:

St. Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am

St. Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am; Saturdays 5:45pm