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Holy Week and Easter Newsletter

Welcome to our Easter and Holy Week newsletter.

This newsletter is valid up to the Second Sunday of Easter, covering Holy Week, Easter Week and Low Week. In the meantime, please keep abreast of updates via our website and our Facebook page.

Programme of Events

Sunday 13th April is Palm Sunday, and the beginning of Holy Week. On this day we recall the triumphal entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, when the crowds waved palms and welcomed him with Hosannahs, proclaiming Him the Son of David. Our Masses are at the usual times of 6pm on Saturday, and 8.30am and 10.30am on Sunday, and they all start in the Hall with the Blessing of Palms and the Gospel of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. (Please see the purple books, page 184.) During the Mass we shall hear the Gospel of the Passion of the Lord, read by three voices. At the moment of Our Lord's death on the Cross, we kneel down in silence.

There will be no sermon, but a period of silent reflection afterwards.

On Monday of Holy Week, Mass is at 10am. **Confessions will be heard after Mass.**

On Tuesday of Holy Week, Mass is at 7am. **Confessions will be heard after Mass.**

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On Maundy Thursday, the Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. (Please see the purple books, p,199.) The bells will be rung at the beginning of the Gloria and then remain silent until the Easter Vigil. During this Mass we solemnly remember the giving of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the institution of the priesthood, and the Lord's exhortation to fraternal charity. During the Mass we receive the three containers of Holy Oils which were blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday: the oil of the Sick, the oil of Chrism and the oil of Catechumens. These will be used at Baptisms and Confirmations in the coming year, and in the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose where there will be silent prayer ('watching') until midnight. The Altar of Repose as in past years will be in the baptistry. The watching is done in the light of the Lord's request to his disciples to keep watch with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane on the eve of His Passion.

On Good Friday, there are Stations of the Cross at 11am, for children, and adults as well. This will last about half an hour. After the Stations there will be another final chance for Confession for those who want it. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3pm. (Please see the purple books, p,204.) There will be no children's liturgy, as the equivalent will have taken place in the morning. Children are invited to take part in the Liturgy with their parents; but the morning Stations exist as an alternative, though one can of course do both.

On Good Friday the collection is for the Holy Places in Jerusalem. This collection is taken in every Catholic Church, and the money goes to support the Custody of the Holy Land, which looks after the shrines in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Jordan.

On Holy Saturday, no sacraments are celebrated. The Blessing of Food Baskets will take place at 10am.

This custom, which is popular in Poland, involves bringing a symbolic basket of Easter food to Church for a short blessing service; it marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter, when we eat all the things we gave up in Lent.

All are welcome!

On Holy Saturday, 19th April, the Easter Vigil begins at 9pm, in darkness, with the ceremony of Holy Fire outside and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. (Please see the purple books, p.223.) We will renew our baptismal promises.

(Please note that there is no 6pm Mass on this day.)

On Easter Sunday, 20th April, Mass is at the usual times of 8.30am and 10.30am. (Please see the purple books, p,252.) At both Masses there will be the renewal of baptismal promises. At the 10.30am Mass, Thomas will be received into the Church, as will Zoe, and Mia and Jenson will be baptised.

At all Masses on Easter Sunday the collection is your Easter offering to the Parish Priest, one of two made in the year, the other being at Christmas.

On Easter Monday, Mass will be at 10am.

Easter Tuesday will be a dies non, and the Church will be shut.

On Easter Wednesday, Mass will be at 10am.

On Easter Thursday, Mass will be at 7pm.

On Easter Friday, Mass will be at 10am, and followed by the Rosary.

On Easter Saturday, 26th April, from 11am-12am, the First Holy Communion Group is meeting in the Hall. Afterwards the catechists are meeting. In the afternoon the **Confirmation Group** is meeting.

Also on Saturday 26th April at 7pm we have the **Parish Quiz Night**.

On Low Sunday, the **Second Sunday of Easter**, 27th April, Mass is at the usual times of 7pm on Saturday, 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday. (Please see the purple books, p.256.) On this day we remember the appearance of Our Lord to His disciples in the Upper Room, and the profession of faith of St Thomas, Apostle of India. We also recall the promise made by the Divine Mercy to St Faustina.

Today the **Blessed Carlo Acutis** will be proclaimed a Saint in Rome, during the Jubilee of the Teenagers.

Today the 10:30am Mass will be a **First Holy Communion Celebration Mass**.

Immediately after Mass at 11.30am, in the Tivey Room, we are holding the **Baptism introductory session**.

And all morning there is a **Book Exchange in the Hall**. Please bring as many books as you like, and please take as many books as you like!

Monday of Low Week is the feast of St George, patron Saint of England, transferred from 23rd April.

Mass is at 10am. This day, usually the feast of St Peter Chanel, is the anniversary of Fr Alexander's ordination, which took place in 1996.

Wednesday of Low Week is the feast of St Pius V, pope. Mass is at 10am.

Thursday of Low Week, and the first day of May, is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Mass is at 7pm.

The Core Group meeting at 7.30pm. At 8pm, there is the first Baptism Zoom session.

Friday of Low Week is the feast of Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church. Mass at 10am.

On **Saturday of Low Week**, 3rd May, Finance Committee is meeting at 9am:

Sunday 4th May is the **Third Sunday of Easter**. After the 10.30am Mass, **the Polish Community BBQ** is taking place to which all are welcome.

The purple books are of great use, we hope, particularly to those unfamiliar with the Liturgy.

Unfortunately, we only have 50 copies, so please share them, and if you have one, please bring your Missal to Church. The same may be true of hymn books.

We are happy to announce that Tobiasz, whom many of you will know as one of our altar servers, is now the **Captain of Youth**. As we mentioned in the last parish open meeting, we wanted to host youth events which young people themselves organised. This happened the other day, and will happen again in future.

On Low Sunday we are having our first Book Exchange in the Hall. Please bring pre-loved books you wish to give away, and take away whatever takes your fancy. Please tell all your book-loving friends.

Many thanks to all who took part in Skip Day. During the Easter holidays work is progressing on the Hall. The 'to do' list is quite long and a bit daunting, but we are making progress. Currently the fencing on the garden is being replaced, and the walls of the slope are being painted.

On Sunday 27th April, the Blessed Carlo Acutis will be declared a Saint, or canonised, during the Jubilee of the Teenagers in Rome. Here are some more quotes from the first saint of the millennium.

- The Eucharist is the highway to heaven.
- The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.
- By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.
- When we face the sun we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints.
- Our soul is like a hot air balloon. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon, enabling the soul to rise again... It is important to go to confession often.
- The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life.
- The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy.
- Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend.
- I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church.
- There are people who suffer much more than me.

To All Ministers Easter Sign Up sheets

Please use the sign up sheets if you would like to be a minister over the Triduum this Easter.

Murty Conneely RIP

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Murty Conneely who died on 4th April aged 87 years, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. His funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 14th May to be followed by committal at Epsom Cemetery at 12:30pm. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

Mass Intentions from 13th – 27th April 2025

Sat 12	6pm	Vigil Mass	Ints: Nora Enright
Sun 13	8.30am	Palm Sunday	People of the Parish
Sun 13	10.30am	Palm Sunday	Ints: WPLS
Mon 14	10am	Mon: Holy Week	Shaun Husain RIP
Tue 15	7am	Tue in HW	Available
Wed 16	10am	Wed in HW	Caroline Boore RIP
Thu 17	8pm	The Lord's Supper	Ints: WPLS
Fri 18	3pm	The Lord's Passion	
Sat 19	9pm	Vigil Mass	Yet Ming RIP
Sun 20	8.30am	Easter Sunday	People of the Parish
Sun 20	10.30am	Easter Sunday	Ints: Estelle & John Ryder
Mon 21	10am	Easter Monday	Peace in Ukraine
Wed 23	10am		Ints: Rose Gavigan
Thu 24	7pm	Easter Thursday	Available
Fri 25	10am	Easter Friday	The Morrison family
Sat 26	6pm	Vigil Mass	GE of Morris Family
Sun 27	8.30am	2nd 'Low' Sunday	People of the Parish
Sun 27	10.30am	2nd 'Low' Sunday	Declan Tynan RIP

Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward, Joyce Daly, Mel Alvarez, Mary Bruce, Bob Parker, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, 3 year-old Finlay Ewen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Rosa Undasan (Angelina True's Mum) & Sally Mason

Thank you for your continued support of your parish, our new weekly total is £1,161.11

£370.73 was raised for the Myanmar Appeal.

Many Thanks.