

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The Gospel for the Procession of Palms is the Entry into Jerusalem according to Mark. Only he records the part of the acclamation 'of our father David' linking Jesus firmly in the history of his people (Mark 11:1-10). The Passion of Mark emphasizes the humanity of the Lord and the depth of his suffering (Passion: Mark 14:1-15:47). The third Song of the Suffering Servant proclaims that the Lord chooses the Servant to listen and speak and sustains him in his suffering (First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7). The hymn in Philippians is an ancient Christian poem incorporated into the text, singing of the abasement (Greek: *kenosis*) of Christ (Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11).

Psalm prayer: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Ps 21/22:1).

You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Cycle B; Breviary week 2.

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: St. Margaret Clitherowe. This week's question: 'When does Lent end?'

On Tuesday of Holy Week (March 27th) there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00 – 7.00pm at Corpus Christi. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a visiting priest.

Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Stations of the Cross: Friday 30th March at 6.30pm: the Tolkien Stations.

Deacon Michael Walsh is retiring from the Parish after many years of service. He is moving to Cork to help begin the Permanent Diaconate programme there. We thank Michael and wish him, Fiona and Damien a blessed future.

Fr. Mervyn thanks you for all your kind wishes, prayers, cards and presents for his anniversary celebration last weekend. Thank you to all who helped with the Bring and Share in any way. It was a very memorable occasion!

Monday March 26th Ecumenical Prayers:

Easter Cards:

Volunteers for the Hospitals: volunteers are needed to help with support the Chaplaincy team at the Hospitals, visiting the patients and on occasions taking Holy Communion to them. If anyone feels they would like to help, please see Fr. Mervyn. Volunteers are also needed for the League of Friends to help in the Cafeterias and Tea shops.

Easter Cards

CAFOD Notice

Becoming a Live Simply Parish

Adoremus

Gift Aid: would you please consider – if you are a tax payer – signing the Gift Aid form and handing it in to the Parish. As John Guy explained last week it is a painless way of raising the Parish income considerably.

Ride and Stride: Thank you to Beryl Moffat for organizing this. The Parish raised £570. Thank you to all sponsors and contributors.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Secondary School: if you are motivated to make a real contribution to the education of our children, please consider becoming a governor at the school. Would anyone interested please contact Fr. Mervyn.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: if anyone else would like to join this please call Tangney tours.

Please ensure that your mobile phones are switched off during Mass. They can be a great distraction!

Bishop Kenney will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.30pm on Saturday May 12th 2018 and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday June 10th 2018.

The collections next weekend will be the traditional Easter Offerings for the Parish priest

Retiring Collection this weekend for Easter flowers

Masses this week

Monday 26th 9.15 am; 10.30: Funeral Service: Jeffrey Lockyer at St.
Mary's, Wheatley 6.30pm
Tuesday 27th 9.00 am 6.30pm
Wednesday 28th 8.00 am; 11.30am Chrism Mass in St. Chad's Cathedral
6.30pm
Thursday 29th 11.00am Requiem: Frank Campbell

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 29th 8.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
followed by watching until 11.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 30th 9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION
6.30pm Stations of the Cross (traditional)

HOLY SATURDAY 24th 9.00am Office of Readings and Morning
Prayer
8.00pm EASTER VIGIL

**THE PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI HEADINGTON AND OUR
LADY OF LOURDES WHEATLEY**
HOLY WEEK 2018
PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 24th March 6.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes Wheatley

Sunday 25th March 9.00am, 11.00am, 6.30pm Corpus Christi

There will be the blessing of Palms before all Masses.

Monday 26th March 9.15am Holy Mass

Tuesday 27th March 9.00am Holy Mass

6.00 – 7.00pm Exposition and Confessions

Wednesday 28th March 8.00am Holy Mass

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with the traditional washing of feet, transferal of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose and Watching until 11.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

6.30pm Traditional Stations of the Cross in the Parish Hall with the veneration of the Relic of the True Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

Corpus Christi: 9.00, 11.00 and 6.30pm; Our Lady of Lourdes: 10.00am

