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Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

24 March 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items and cards, etc. for Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Last week's collection was £591.91 (£376.75 in offertory envelopes, £215.16 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Last week's collection for the **Easter Flowers was £450.76**. Thank you for your generosity and our thanks also to J F Knight Funeral Directors for their kind donation to this fund also

Our Lenten support for the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge enters its final week. Thank you for your magnificent response!

The next **UCM meeting** will take place on Friday, 5 April, after the 10.00am Mass in the undercroft and then on Saturday, after the national conference, 11 May, from 9.30 to 11.00am.

First Holy Communion preparation

Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children. Listed here is only that formal or direct parish preparation that will hopefully support them in this task. Classes will take place in the undercroft from 9.30am until 12 noon:

Saturday, **20 April** &

Saturday, **27 April** (final class).

Please remember the children and their catechists in your prayers.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation,

For those who have registered to receive this Sacrament preparation will take place at St Joseph's on **Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00am** on the following dates: **20 & 27 April and 11 & 18 May** (Incl. rehearsal). **Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation**, within the octave of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on **Saturday, 25 May, at 5.00pm**.

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, **are available to collect** in the church. *To save on costs*, especially as bank charges have risen significantly *please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order*. As usual, in order that its value does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation. If anyone has not completed a **Gift Aid** declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then they can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.

HOLY WEEK

- **Confessions:** on the Monday and Tuesday, **25 & 26 March**, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school** Confessions. **N.B.** The final public Confessions before Easter will be on Tuesday evening, **26 March, at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).
- On Wednesday, **27 March**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.
- On, **27 March**, the Wednesday of Holy Week, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All welcome.
- **Holy Thursday Mass** of the Lord's Supper, **The Washing of Feet:** There is a sign-up list at the back of church for those who are willing to have a foot washed during this celebration. More people are still needed.
- **Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence;** everyone aged 14 years and older should abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 should fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.
- On **Good Friday** there will be a **retiring collection** to support the upkeep of **The Holy Places** in the Holy Land.
- **Altar Servers:** There will be practices for each of the Triduum services, on Holy Thursday at 6.45pm, Good Friday at 2.15pm and Holy Saturday at 6.15pm. Thank you for all that you do.

Novena to Our Lady Perpetual Succour

Our annual novena will run for nine Tuesdays from Tuesday, 2 May, at 7.00pm. As part of our preparatory prayer for the Jubilee Year in 2025 this year's theme will consider the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father!' The Catechism calls it 'truly the summary of the whole gospel' and refers to it as the 'most perfect of prayers.'

Tuesday, 30 April, The Summary of the Whole Gospel

Tuesday, 7 May, 'Our Father Who Art in Heaven'

Tuesday, 14 May, 'Hallowed Be Thy Name'

Tuesday, 21 May, 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Tuesday, 28 May, 'Thy Will Be Done on Earth, As It Is in Heaven'

Tuesday, 4 June, 'Give us this Day Our Daily Bread'

Tuesday, 11 June, 'And Forgive Us Our Trespases, As We Forgive...'

Tuesday, 18 June, 'And Lead Us Not into Temptation'

Tuesday, 25 June, 'But Deliver Us from Evil'

We will conclude with Mass at 7.00pm on the final evening.

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 24 March <i>Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am D M Bradley & Butler Families <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Monday 25 March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>7.15am</u> Intentions of Christine Calvert 3.15 – 4.15pm Confessions</p>
<p>Tuesday 26 March <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Helena Šukevič 3.15 – 4.15pm Confessions 6.00 - 7.00pm Confessions</p>
<p>Spy Wednesday 27 March <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i></p>	<p align="center">Mass of Chrism at St Marie's Cathedral 11.00am</p>
<p>Holy Thursday 28 March <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p>	<p align="center">7.30pm The Supper of the Lord Andy Cahill <i>Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm</i></p>
<p>Good Friday 29 March</p>	<p align="center">3.00pm The Passion of the Lord 7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration</p>
<p>Holy Saturday 30 March <i>Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil</i></p>	<p align="center">7.00pm The Resurrection of the Lord Arthur Higton</p>
<p>Easter Sunday 31 March <i>Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Kevin Hegarty</p>

**Please pray for Patricia Mitchell, Arthur Higton & Eileen Owens
RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries
occur around this time.**

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Children Who Suffer Cruelty & Abuse**