

St. Joseph the Worker

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Week

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Sunday, 25 th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 4.15 pm 5.00 pm	Nellie Finan RIP Intentions of the Ordinariate Private Intention Stations of the Cross The People of the Parish
Monday, 26 th March	7.00 pm	Jack McCrave (Anniv.)
Tuesday, 27 th March	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 28 th March	7.00 pm	Special Intention
Thursday, 29 th March Maundy Thursday	10.00 am Morning Prayer 10.30-11.30 am Confessions	
THE EASTER TRIDUUM		
7.00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>In Thanksgiving</i> After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession from the main altar in the church to the Altar of Repose where there will be watching until midnight. <i>"Can you not watch with me one hour?"</i>		
Friday, 30 th March Good Friday Today is a day of fasting and abstinence.	9.45 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am The Office of Readings 10.30 am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION This is not a Mass, but a solemn celebration held at the time of Our Lord's death on the Cross. 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, 31 st March Holy Saturday	9.45 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am The Office of Readings 10.15 am-11.00 am Confessions The Sacraments of the Church are not celebrated today. We join Jesus in His "Sabbath Rest" in the tomb, until ... 8.00 pm THE EASTER VIGIL <i>The Holy Souls</i>	
Sunday, 16 th April Easter Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Brendan Kelly Intentions of the Ordinariate The People of the Parish Gladys Ayemou
Mass attendance last weekend: 196	Reading Rota	9am
Last week's collection: £629.55; Gift Aid: £220.00.	Today	Peter O'Brien
Collection for SPUC: £227.14.	Next Week	Paul Keenan
Thank you.		Crystal Kofie
		Claudia Rei

Welcome to our celebration of Mass. Today we begin Holy Week.

Holy Week is the greatest week in the Church's year, so please take part as much as you can. *By taking part in the celebrations of the Liturgy we can enter into the events that happened about two thousand years ago. But we enter in, not as bystanders or casual observers but as believers, recognising our own part in what is unfolding, and also recognising the great things that God has done for us.* We can share with Jesus His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His special celebration of the Passover with His disciples at the Last Supper and then His agony and betrayal in the Garden on Maundy Thursday, all the horrible events of Good Friday, His "Sabbath Rest" on Holy Saturday, and thus we can truly share in His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish including: Fr. Michael Jordan, Anne Doherty, Bob Jones, John McKelvie, David Martin, Patsy Sarayar, Mary Smith, Dave Chimber, Kathleen Gavin, Mary and Danny Harrington, Phil Irwin, Bridget Cherry, Tom Murray, Tess Skerrett, Alice Horner, Gabrielle, Enid Butcher, Ann Kelly, Mari Meadowcroft, Terry Richards, Uthaya Swoboda, Brian McLaughlin, Beryl Poppett, Margaret Dunne, Val O'Leary, Keelin Treharne, Mary McDonagh, Paddy Beausang, Elizabeth Conry, Pamela Read, Eleanor Collins, Milly Gunter, Alison Kidman, Peter Kennedy and John Kofie.

Those who have died. Please pray for **Deacon Philip Prince** and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop Humphrey Bright, Mgr. Henry Francis Davis, Mgr. Canon John Joseph Welch, Canon Brian Withers, Frs. John Donnelly, John McManus, Thomas Cockburn, Matthew Sheridan and John Callaghan, and also Catherine Regan, Josie Bates, Rona Overton, Ronald Hamilton, John McCrave, Vincent Grace, William Armstrong, Joseph Convey, Annie Evans, Charles Underhill, Nancy Doyle, Catherine Carey, Kathleen French, Patrick Lynch, and Margaret Wilson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S

His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will consecrate our church on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, 1st May, 2018. That's not much more than a month now. If you would like to make a contribution towards the costs of the Consecration there are some special envelopes in the porch. Thank you very much.



Today is Palm Sunday. We shall begin outside the church and process in, waving our palm branches.

Wednesday: The Chrism Mass. The Archbishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11.30 on Wednesday morning in St. Chad's Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is the occasion when the Holy Oils are blessed which are used for all Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, Anointings of the Sick and **Consecrations of Churches** in the diocese during the coming year. It is also the occasion when the priests of the diocese renew their commitment of service to God and the Church.



Maundy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 on Maundy Thursday evening is the end of Lent and the start of the Easter Triduum. At this Mass we celebrate the institution of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and the Priesthood.



Watching at the Altar of Repose. When the Mass of the Last Supper ends we shall process to the Jordan Room at the back of the church where we shall keep watch with Jesus, remembering His Agony in the Garden and His acceptance of His Father's will.

Good Friday: On Good Friday there is no Mass, but at 3.00 in the afternoon there is a "Solemn Celebration" of the Passion of our Lord. The form is:



1. *The Introductory Rites*
2. *The Liturgy of the Word*
3. *The Veneration of the Cross*
4. *Holy Communion*

Holy Saturday: We do not celebrate Mass on Holy Saturday, the Lord's Day of Rest in the tomb, but in the evening starting at 8.00 we begin our Easter celebrations with the Easter Vigil which is the greatest event in the Church's year. There are four parts:

1. *The Service of Light*
2. *The Liturgy of the Word*
3. *The Liturgy of Baptism*
4. *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*



Easter Triduum. There is a list in the porch for people to sign up for roles at the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please don't be shy.

Stations of the Cross this evening at 4.15 pm, and on Good Friday at 7.00 pm. There will also be Stations for children at 10.30 am on Good Friday morning.

Prayer of the Church. There will be Morning Prayer on Maundy Thursday, and also the Office of Readings on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The Coventry Churches Good Friday Walk in the Precinct. Meet outside Methodist Central Hall at 11.00am and process in silence to Holy Trinity Church.

The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places – i.e. for the upkeep of the sites in the Holy Land associated with the life of Our Lord.

Traditionally the collection at the Easter Masses is your personal offering to your priest. There are envelopes at the back of church to use if you wish, some for me and some for Fr. Paul. Thank you.

Easter Monday Mass with Bishop William Kenny, 10.00am at St. Osburg's. There will be no other Mass in the Deanery that morning and we are encouraged to come together to celebrate Easter.

My Day By Day Easter Booklets are on sale in the porch.

Thank you to the family of Eddie Kelly who asked for donations at Eddie's funeral last week to go to the Church Consecration fund. It came to £285.00.

200 Club winners:

- 1st Prize, £15: No. 86; Lesley O'Connell.
- 2nd Prize, £5: No. 48; M. Clarkson.

Easter Flowers. There will be a retiring collection today towards the cost of the flowers that will adorn our church for the coming celebration of Easter.

Easter Raffle. Many thanks to Carmel, Maria and Robert for organising this last week, and thank you for joining in. It raised £170.20 for the Consecration Fund.

May God bless you and all those you love.
Fr. Harry