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SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



+ **HOLY WEEK** +

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION AND LIVE STREAMED

THE MAIN LITURGIES OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM (MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY TO THE EASTER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY) WILL BE ADAPTED ACCORDINGLY.

FOR FULLER DETAILS OF HOLY WEEK PLEASE SEE THE **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** ON THE WEBSITE

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES FOR HOLY WEEK ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Sun 5th	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	9.30am MASS (Maria Teresa Vethanayagam)
Mon 6 th	Monday of Holy Week	9.30am Mass (Hannah and Wallace Hall)
Tues 7 th	Tuesday of Holy Week	9.30am Mass (Mohan and Butterly families deceased)
Wed 8 th	Wednesday of Holy Week	9.30am Mass (Bridget Piercy RIP)
Thurs 9th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Rose & Hazel Hall & Susan Loughron)
Fri 10th	GOOD FRIDAY	9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Sat 11th	HOLY SATURDAY	9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.30pm THE EASTER VIGIL (Intentions of Tess Maloney)
Sun 12th	EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am MASS (Marie and Jim Lawton)

Holy Week 2020: Different but just the same...

Well, isn't this very, very strange and sad? Empty churches in Holy Week. No public liturgies. Locked doors. Who could ever have imagined the Church not being able to gather to celebrate the holiest week of the Christian year in so many parts of the world? But it is, as they say, what it is, and we must look for different ways this year to celebrate Holy Week, in the knowledge that our not being in church takes nothing away from the great gift and mystery of our redemption accomplished by our Saviour Jesus Christ through his Death and Resurrection.

From our homes this year, using resources available to us on the internet, on our parish website, in our prayers books and missals, we celebrate the two aspects of the Paschal Mystery which we celebrate every Holy Week together in church: the **suffering and death of Jesus** (by which he liberates us from sin), and his **resurrection** (by which he opens for us the way to a new life). Holy Week 2020 still calls us to contemplate what Pope Benedict XVI has described as "love in its most radical form."

DISPENSATION FROM EASTER DUTIES 2020

You will be aware that our Easter Duties as Catholics are to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. Since it is not possible at this time, and into the future, for the faithful to receive Holy Communion or to make a sacramental confession, **the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020**. The Bishops have asked that instead all should make a **Perfect Act of Contrition** and resolve to make a sacramental confession to a priest as soon as is possible after the current pandemic. More information on how to make a Perfect Act of Contrition is available on our website, with an examination of conscience.

I pray that this extraordinary Holy Week will be a time of extraordinary spiritual renewal and grace for you through personal prayer, scripture reading and participation in the Church's liturgical celebrations in a different way. May God bless us all.

Yours in our Crucified and Risen Lord. Father Paul

Celebrating, living and sharing God's word today

	First reading Isaiah 50: 4-7 The middle part of the book of the prophet Isaiah contains four poems that we now call the Songs of the Suffering Servant. Here the prophet meditates on his sufferings and the price of fidelity to God.	Second reading Philippians 2: 6-11 Saint Paul here adapts an ancient church hymn. It sings of Jesus' pre-existence, his incarnation, suffering, and exaltation.	Gospel Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Matthew highlights certain distinctive themes in his Passion narrative. In meeting death Jesus fulfils his God-given destiny foreshadowed in the Scriptures, and inaugurates a new age of history. Jesus is the obedient Son of God, faithful even in the midst of abject suffering. Jesus' trust in God, tested in the savagery of death itself, is not in vain.
	The church turns to these poems at this time because Jesus did so at the time of his Passion.		

PARISH WEBSITE We are posting lots of resources on the parish website to support and sustain people during this time, so please do check the website regularly. It is an invaluable means of communication. Please also pass on what you find to others.

TOILETRIES FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS I've been asked to make an appeal for toiletries for patients needing them on the three critical care units at UHCW, and indeed for other patients who may need them. These are short in the hospital due to patients not being allowed visitors to take things in for them. Unused brand new shower gel, deodorants (spray), moisturising lotions, shaving foam, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes would be most welcome. New combs would be handy too. If you can help, please put items in a bag and drop them in the box outside church if you're passing on your daily walk.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS The liturgies of Holy Week will be **live streamed** from All Souls. You can also get there via our website. The **National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham** is also live-streaming all Masses and other liturgies during the day. Details of the live streamed papal liturgies at the Vatican are also available on our website. **EWTN** is another invaluable resource.

DAILY EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION I hope you will find the **daily eucharistic reflections** posted on our website a helpful way of remaining spiritually close to the Lord whose presence is always with us. At the centre of them all is the living Lord Jesus, offered, received and adored in the sacrament of his love.

INTERACTIVE EVENING PRAYER We are inviting the people of our parish to pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6pm each day online and interactively via Zoom. It is helping to unite us as a parish community during this time of isolation. Please follow the instructions on our website on how to join us. It is very straight-forward, so please give it a go. We'd love to see you there.

THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME There is an excellent liturgical resource available for those who can't be at Sunday Mass. You can download The Lord's Day at Home resource [here](#).

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES CAFOD have produced downloadable children's liturgy resources which can be found [here](#). Additionally, CAFOD is hosting a virtual children's liturgy of the word at 10am on Sunday as a webinar. You can register for this [here](#).

FUNERAL OF BRIDGET PIERCY Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget (Bridie) Piercy whose funeral takes place this Wednesday at Canley Garden Cemetery. Owing to current circumstances, it will be a simple graveside service. The Mass on Wednesday morning is being offered for Bridie. **Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.**