



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – Year B – 28 March 2021
Years of the Word & of St Joseph

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2021
at
Holy
Ghost

HOLY THURSDAY - 1 April

7.30pm MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER

The Church will close after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY – 2 April

10am Morning Prayer of Tenebrae

11am ACT of WITNESS outside All Saints Church

12noon FAMILY STATIONS of the CROSS

3pm LITURGY of CHRIST'S PASSION & DEATH

7.30pm SOLEMN STATIONS of the CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY – 3 April

10am Morning Prayer of Tenebrae

6.30pm VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

and the FIRST MASS of EASTER

The Easter Offering is for the priest

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Masses: 8.30, 10, 11.30am

Vespers and Benediction : 4pm

Polish Community Masses 6am and 5.30pm

PALM SUNDAY

Masses as usual : 8.30, 10, 11.30am

Polish Community Mass 5pm

Palms blessed and available after all masses

Monday – 6.30am Mass. 7.30pm Stations

Confessions & Exposition 8-8.25pm

Tuesday – 7.30pm Mass

Confessions & Exposition 8-8.25pm

Wednesday – 9am Mass. 7.30pm Stations

Confessions & Exposition 8-8.25pm



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK -

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 28 March

8.30am RIP Tommy Cavanagh & deceased members of the Cavanagh family, Kathleen Moran, David Mehaffy

10am People of the Parish RIP Patricia McGuinness, Noel Kavanagh, Violet McGee, Gregorio Giliberti

11.30am RIP Mitch Bruce, Barbara O'Brien INT Catherine Dolan

Monday in Holy Week - 6.30am RIP Michael Blake

Spy Wednesday – 9am RIP Noel Kavanagh, Gregorio Giliberti

Tuesday in Holy Week - 7.30pm RIP Bob Steele

Holy Thursday – 7.30pm RIP Tommy Carty

Holy Saturday – FIRST MASS of EASTER - 6.30pm RIP Kathleen Moran, Mary Rose Kelly

Easter Sunday 4 April 2021 – Year of the Word and of St Joseph – Year B of the Lectionary

8.30am RIP Nora Clarke, Anne O'Hehir, Kathleen Moran, Hugh Fenlon, Bob Steele, Bernie Marshall INT Peggy Deery

10am RIP Patricia Murphy, Audrey & Tony Kitching, Nicola Steadman, Mary Clarke INT Nancy White.

11.30am People of the Parish

OUR MASS in the Year of the Word & St Joseph

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Our parish prayer - pray it at home each day remembering all of us

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created
AND YOU WILL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH
Let us pray (*pause*)



Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit, you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to love what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ProceSSIONAL

Lector: Hosanna to the Son of David

ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.
Go forward in procession with branches even to the altar

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Greeting and Introduction

The Blessing of the Palms

Let us pray.

Almighty ever living God,
sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing,
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN

Increase the faith of those who hope in you, O God, and graciously hear
the prayers of those who call on you, that we, who today hold high these
branches to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good
works accomplished in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN

The Gospel of the Palms

[Mark 11:1-10]

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring
it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has
need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied
it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying
the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them
go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on
it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and
others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And
those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom
of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of
Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm
branches and with a loud voice cried out: *Hosanna in the highest!*
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. *Hosanna in the highest!*
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

As the Lord entered the holy city the children of the Hebrews proclaimed
the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried :
Hosanna in the Highest. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to
Jerusalem they went out to meet him.
Waving their branches of palm, they cried : *Hosanna in the Highest.*

The Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

from the prophet Isaiah

[50:4-7]

I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord God has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how
to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he
wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord God has opened my
ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered
my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my
beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord God
comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my
face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm

[21]

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

from the letter of the apostle Paul to the Philippians

[2:6-11]

He humbled himself but God raised him on high

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but
emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men
are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting
death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on the
earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of
the Father.

The Word of the Lord – THANKS BE TO GOD

after a time of silent reflection : Gospel Processional

Lector: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY!

Lector: Christ was humbler yet,

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Lector: even to accepting death, death on a cross.

ALL: EVEN TO ACCEPTING DEATH, DEATH ON A CROSS.

Lector: But God raised him high

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Lector: and gave him the name which is above all names.

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Lector: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY!

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and
scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had
Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate
questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he
answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him.
Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many
accusations they are bringing against you!' But, to Pilate's amazement,
Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a
prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas
was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during
the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the
customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for
you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the
chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had
incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them
instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what
am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back,
'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But

they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews'. And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying; 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down'. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *(We all kneel and remain kneeling)* And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God'.

Homily

The Apostles' Creed - Used in Lent & Easter to remind us of our baptism.

* I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
 CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
 * AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD, *[bow your head]*
 WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
 * SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
 * WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED;
 * HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
 ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;
 * HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
 AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
 * FROM THERE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.
 * I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
 * THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
 THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

Intercessions – we bring our prayers together with the pandemic Collect

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.
 Be our shelter in this time of peril
 and strengthen the bonds of our community.
 Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease
 and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.
 Lift up your hearts - WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.

- *The Priest continues the Preface until we pray the Sanctus*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD OF HOSTS.
 HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
 HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
 BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
 HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

- *we kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues*

- *After the Consecration: "The Mystery of Faith" - we respond*
 SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,
 FOR BY YOUR DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SET US FREE

The Communion Rite

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOR EVER.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. AMEN

The peace of the Lord be with you always. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

SIGN of PEACE in the Pandemic

we pray silently for peace for those celebrating mass with us

Agnus Dei - as the Bread (Christ's Body) is broken for us -
 LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
 HAVE MERCY ON US *[twice]*
 LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
 GRANT US PEACE

The Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
 LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY
 THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF
 BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

*The Priest holds the Host above the Chalice
 and invites us to respond in faith:*

"The Body and Blood of Christ" all reply AMEN

OUR COMMUNION PROCESSION as the Church, the Body of Christ -

- *Come forward row by row in the centre aisle, keeping social distance and return by the side aisle*
 - *Communion is given silently in the hand only.*
 - **Please come up to the edge of the table stretch out your hands across the table so that the Host can be out in your hand reverently**
 - *Then stand to one side, only then remove your mask, consume the Host reverently, replace your mask.*
 - *In the current context "blessings" are inappropriate.*

Communion Thanksgiving Psalm

Matt 26:42 Psalm 115

Lector: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

ALL: I trusted, even when I said: I am sorely afflicted,
 and when I said in my alarm: No man can be trusted.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.
 O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Blessing and Dismissal. Palms are available as you leave

PLEASE LEAVE BY THE SIDE DOORS, unless you are in the GALLERY whence you leave by the FRONT DOOR

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LITURGY & SACRAMENT

EASTER LILIES – Donate a lily for Easter in memory of someone or as a personal gift, please do so through the Shop.



DECORATING OUR CHURCH – White or yellow plants are needed for the shrines around the church – all sizes!! If anyone can donate **greenery**

TIME FOR PRAYER.

POPE FRANCIS asks you to PRAY with him in MARCH

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth to taste the infinite mercy of God

Congratulations and prayers to Father ANDREW COY [whose family are in Luton] ordained priest for our diocese on Thursday.

PRAY FOR ALL ON OUR PRAYER BOARD

- Add your requests there for your particular intentions – send them in by email or post to Fr Kevin to put them up in Church.

PRAY for ALL OUR SICK and HOUSEBOUND and all whose names are on the Prayer Board. Send names in to Fr Kevin

PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEAD to know God's mercy especially those who died recently: TOMMY CARTY, JOHN MORAN, TOM CAREY RUBY JANE CAHILLANE, MAUREEN LENEHAN.

NOEL KAVANAGH, [Funeral 12 April 10am]

BENOIT DEROSE [Funeral 15 April 10am]

ST CLARE's, 3 Abigail Close, LU3 1ND – LENTEN SYMBOL GARDEN is open for private prayer from 10am-6pm daily.

A place of silence and reflection where all are welcome. Face coverings are essential. [The Chapel is closed]

HOSPITAL & HOME VISITING – Fr Kevin and other priests can be called to any end of life patient. This request must come through the ward sister or the Chaplaincy.

HOLY WATER IS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY.

Bottles are available in the Baptistry font. [If you can give a donation for the bottles please do as they are part of PPE]

OUR PARISH FINANCES

Thanks for last Sunday's Collection which was £744...95 with Standing Orders [£200] the total is £944..95 Collection for EASTER FLOWERS - £294...87. Thanks you ENVELOPES for your weekly offering are available. Sign a Gift Aid form for us to reclaim the tax you paid. You can also give by :

1. **Standing Order** Bank: NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11 Account No: 91052122 Account Name: **Holy Ghost, Luton**
2. **Diocesan Donation page**, please specify **Holy Ghost, Luton** and go <https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/>
3. **"Giving Tuesday"** : to donate to the parish, ring 01604 712065, on Tuesdays 10-4, using your debit/credit card.

Weekly Collection – April to December			
	2020/21	2019/20	DEFICIT
TOTAL	£25,842	£39,510	£13,668

300 CLUB – RESULTS - MARCH 2021

Thanks for your support and to the organisers for all their work in setting things going

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	WINNER
£100	237	MARY LAWLER
£30	304	VINCENT McMORROW
£10	158	GERALDINE CLERKIN
£10	201	MARY MURPHY
£10	300	MARIE LAWLER

OUR PARISH DIARY

The Parish Office is open on Friday 9am-2pm

You can contact Fr Kevin 07889762005 /ansaphone 01582 728849

LENT PROJECT 2021 finishes today

Our SVP and All Saints CofE are providing **EMERGENCY BOXES**

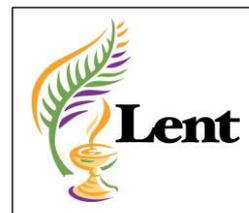
for people who are in need when suddenly rehoused. Please bring what you can to the church porch,

* **crockery and cutlery** [sets of 6 if possible]

* **kitchen equipment: pans, utensils, tea towels**

* **basic in date emergency foods to get started:**

* **bathroom: basic toiletries, loo roll, loo brush, cleaning things.**



The SVP writes: If you know of anyone who has been put into difficulties, or who are in need of help. please do not hesitate to contact us on 07565 724557..



2021 – A Year of St Joseph, dedicated by Pope Francis.

Prayer from his Apostolic Letter

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Try to pray this prayer daily at home in this year

ENROLLING for CONFIRMATION IN 2021 for FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION

For anyone in Year 8 now or older for Confirmation -

For anyone in Year 3 or older First Confession -

Send an email or a letter asap with –

1. FULL NAME of CANDIDATE
2. DATE OF BIRTH.
3. WHERE BAPTISED
4. NAME[S] OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS
5. PHONE CONTACT
6. SCHOOL and YEAR

Send to mcginnell@nores.org.uk or post to the Parochial House as soon as possible. Fr Kevin will acknowledge receipt of your enrolment. If you do not receive that please email again as your email may not have got through. Details of preparation after Easter will be send soon

CONFIRMATIONS delayed from 2020 will be celebrated on 1 July.

Please bring back all your RED MISSIO BOXES and GREEN WINDOWS+ FUND BOXES.



THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

DAILY PRAYER – Join us daily at 6pm to pray the Angelus for all who have died, those who are suffering, all in the NHS, all carers and all who work so hard to serve us in so many ways.

Please observe all the required precautions and support our stewards as they help us worship together safely.

THANK GOD more people are feeling able to come to Mass To ensure we keep to the necessary regulations and to make everyone comfortable follow the steward's guidance about seating, especially moving to the middle of benches.

