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Sunday 2nd April 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 2nd April 2023

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

DISTRIBUTION OF PALM CROSSES

6.15 pm (Saturday 1st April 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Nicole Gaëtan Yan Leung RIP

10am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

11.30am Hazel & Andy McCrystal

& family (Foundation Mass)

(Hymn Choir & Plainchant Choir)

(This Mass starts in the Hall)

4pm Stations of the Cross

(Polyphony Choir)

5pm Daniel & Juliann Linehan RIP

HOLY WEEK

Monday 3rd April 2023

7.30am Maria Pia Capuano RIP

10am Ron Gomez RIP

Tuesday 4th April 2023

DAY OF PENITENCE

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am Mary Vassallo RIP

*After 10am Mass, Confessions all day
with Adoration. Benediction at 7pm.*

SPY WEDNESDAY 5th April 2023

7.30am November Deceased List

9.30am Anna Marie McNamara RIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6th April 2023

(No Morning Masses today)

8pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Polyphony Choir)

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April 2023

(No Mass today)

9.15am Readings & Morning Prayer

3pm THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(Polyphony Choir)

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

8pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April 2023

(No Confessions. No Mass until Vigil)

10am Readings & Morning Prayer

8.30pm THE EASTER VIGIL IN

THE HOLY NIGHT (Polyphony Choir)

People of the parish

Sunday 9th April 2023

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30am People of the parish

10am Louisa Maccagni RIP

11.30am Joseph Lunn RIP

(No Benediction or 5pm Mass today)

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

*Rosary: Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso;

Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Margaret White, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

THANKS FOR MASS COVER

We thank Father David Standley and Father Gus Kinnane, both retired from full time priestly ministry, who continue to make themselves available to say Masses on Sundays whilst Father Deo's recovery continues and until we have news of when we shall be welcoming a new assistant priest.

PARISH EASTER CARD

Please take a copy of our Easter Card.

It contains Easter Greetings to all from Fr Deo and Deacon Ged.

It provides the full list of Masses and services until our normal schedule resumes on Tuesday 11th April 2023



EASTER OFFERINGS

As is customary, your offerings at Easter are your personal gift to your priests. There are some special envelopes available in all porch areas.

Please take one home with you. Gift Aiders, may enter their Gift Aid number in the special box provided. Alternatively, there are Easter Sunday Envelopes in the new Gift Aid boxes.

LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE

This Tuesday 4th April 2023.

After 10am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar. Adoration will continue, with Confessions available throughout until Benediction at 7pm. You are strongly encouraged to set aside time to attend.

Indeed, this will be your last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession until after Easter.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please ask for your new box of Gift Aid envelopes or pack of second collection envelopes.

Forms are available to join the Gift Aid scheme and/or to set up a Standing Order

You are advised to check your tax position with HMRC to ensure that you pay sufficient tax in relation to Gift Aid. The golden rule is:

'If in doubt, leave it out!'

THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

FLOWERS

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing so generously towards decorating the church with flowers.

If you would like to help us to provide flowers, please put your donations, however small, into the wall box in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too, and there is a special place for that on the envelopes.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

If a particular date and time are important to you, then you are advised to put your request in early.

Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass Intention if they cannot afford to make an offering.

REPOSITORY URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP

After years of dedicated service to our parish, Tim and Maureen O'Donoghue will soon be moving away.

This means in particular that we are looking for somebody who would be willing to take over the running of the Repository or be part of a team (training will be provided).

Please let Fr Deo know if you might be able to help.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Please would those altar servers available to serve between Palm Sunday, throughout Holy Week and on Easter Sunday kindly note that this year they should **sign up by email. The address is given below.**

For safeguarding reasons, parents of those aged under 18 years should email on behalf of their children.

Practices for each will last approximately 45 minutes.

We hope so see as many of you as we have in past years.

To take part, please email: norburymc@rcaos.org.uk

Details of practices are as follows:

Maundy Thursday 6th April 2023

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm.

Practice the evening before:

Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Good Friday 7th April 2023

The Passion of the Lord at 3pm.

Practice on the morning of the same day at 10.30am.

Holy Saturday 8th April 2023

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8.30pm.

Practice on the morning of the same day at 10.30am.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

First Collection: £900.45

(Gift Aided: £285.00; Non GA: £615.45)

Plus Standing Orders £884.00.

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Huge thanks to our First Holy Communicants and their parents for last Sunday's Coffee Morning. The cakes were scrumptious!

A small choir gathered after the 11.30am Mass to encourage everybody to go along to the hall!

NEXT FREE COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 16th April 2023, after all morning Masses as usual.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Our thanks to the Knights of St Columba for providing them. There is a fold-down announcement for Easter: "He is Risen!" Please consider making an offering towards the Seminary Fund.

