

| THIS WEEKEND | 5th Sunday of Lent | | Year B |
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| Sat 17th March St Patrick | 11.00am | St O | Service of Reconciliation |
| | 5.00pm | St O | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | St T | Gould + Phipps Families, Mary Cobham |
| Sun 18th March | 8:30am | St MM | Latin Extraordinary Form Mass |
| | 8:30am | St O | Catenian Int, Eileen O'Donnell, James Henry Singleton |
| | 9.30am | St T | Catenian Intentions, Maureen Stuart |
| | 11.00am | St MM | Catenian Intentions, Paul Tassiker Mrs Celestina, may her soul rest in peace |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | | Divine Office Week 1 | |
| Mon 19th March St Joseph | 9.15am 9.30am | St T St O | Michael Russell Roger and Patricia Holdcroft |
| Tues 20th March | 9.00am 9.30am | St T St O | Margot Theresa Schwartz For those who are sick |
| Wed 21st March | 9.30am | St MM | Sid Simpson |
| Thu 22nd Match | 11.00am 7.00pm | St O St T | Funeral Mass: Claire Marie Elliott Liz Blackburn |
| Fri 23rd March | 9.15am 9.30am | St T St O | Esther Maduka Holy Souls |
| NEXT WEEKEND | Palm Sunday | Year B | HOLY WEEK |
| Sat 24th March <i>Clocks go forward</i> | 5.00pm 6.30pm | St O St T | Private Intentions John Vickers |
| Sun 25th March Palm Sunday | 8:30am | St MM | Latin Extraordinary Form Mass |
| | 8:30am | St O | People of the Parish |
| | 9.30am | St T | Jeff Reid, Mac Rowley |
| | 11.00am | St MM | Frances Hart |

PLEASE NOTE: Mass time at St T on Tuesday.

Confessions: 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am.

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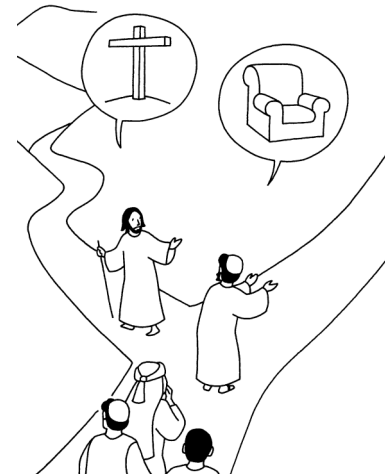
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Passion Sunday

18th March 2018



'If anyone serves me, they must follow me'

As our Lenten journey brings us ever nearer to Jerusalem, this week's readings promise us the hope of forgiveness and eternal life as we try to stay alongside Jesus in his suffering.

However the people of Israel have behaved in the past, God's new covenant, written on their hearts, will overlook all their sins. They will now know their merciful God as he truly is (**First Reading**). The **Psalms** invites us to bring all our guilt to our compassionate God, in trust that he will utterly blot out our sins. We rejoice to know that God will renew our hearts and keep us steadfast.

The **Second Reading** recalls the lonely suffering of Jesus as he might have prayed in Gethsemane. But even here, Jesus is deeply humble and obedient, trusting that the Father is working through him, making him the source of salvation for all who love him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus describes the grain of wheat that dies and is buried before it bears fruit. In the same way, Jesus himself will die and rise again, drawing all of us to him. Like Jesus, we, too, are made for eternal life, and are united with him as we serve him.

This week, let us ask the Lord for strength as we try to follow him in love and obedience. We pray that he will keep us safely by his side when our own path leads us to share in his suffering.

On Palm Sunday (24th + 25th March) there will be a collection for flowers for the church for the Easter season.

RCIA: We continue our preparation on Tuesday 20th March at 7.00pm in St Teresa's. Please keep our 5 candidates; Serena Cooper, Rebecca Lea Moffat, Clare Morris, Mandi Richardson and Tony Aspinall in your prayer.

The ladies from **Needles and Pens** have been knitting a lot! We have a selection of Easter chicks, bunnies and baskets complete with a cream egg. These will be on sale outside St T's church after 9.30 Mass and at St MM's after 11.00 Mass on Sunday March 18th at £1 each. Proceeds go to the new meeting room.

SOC Family Bingo - Friday 23rd. March. There is a box in the entrance to Church for donations for raffle prizes.

St O Caritas Lunch Club: The next Lunch Club is on Friday 23rd March - 12-00 - 1-00pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

"**The Friends**" of St T + St MM met on Wednesday; 11 people with lots of good ideas. We need a few more volunteers. Please see Fr Philip to learn more and perhaps to offer to help. The first exercise class for the retired will be on May 18th at 1.30pm.

Eucharistic Congress: The banners have moved to St O's. The Church is open this week each weekday until 5.00pm so you can pray the banners.

Choir Rehearsal: There will be a rehearsal for a scratch choir for the Holy Week services at St Teresa's on Tuesday 27th March at 7.45pm. All welcome. It makes such a difference when we have a choir.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for 2018-2019 are now available. Please collect from church as soon as you can. Thank you to those who signed Gift Aid forms, we got 19 new signatures. Please collect your box from St T today. Thank you.

The next meeting for the St O Bereavement group is on April 5th at 7.30pm in presbytery. Tea + chat for all bereaved in the Church Hall on Sun 15th April, then on the 2nd Sun of the month 3.00 - 4.00pm.

St T's APF: In 2017 £1894.74 was raised. Thank you to the promoters and to all who contribute via the Red Boxes. Thank you Jennifer!

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday after 9.30am Mass at St MM. (Led by KSC).

Friday at St O after morning Mass.

Sun at St T at 4.00pm + benediction. No stations on Palm Sunday

Holy Hour: At St O: Mon 19th March at 2.15pm. Fr Michael will lead this as part of our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.

Lenten Soup lunch Fri 23 March in St. T's Parish Centre 12—1.00pm. Selection of home-made soups/roll with tea/coffee and buttered scone. £3.50 pay at the door. Proceeds to CAFOD

Services of Reconciliation: St O: Saturday 17th March at 11.00am. Wednesday 21st at St Mary's Leyland at 6.30pm (with a number of priests). Monday 26th March at 7.00pm at St Teresa's.

HOLY WEEK:

Monday: Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's at 7.00pm.

Tuesday: RCIA at 7.00pm, **Choir Rehearsal** at 7.45pm.

Wednesday: Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper:

6.30pm at St Oswald's

8.00pm St Teresa's followed by watching until Night Prayer at 9.50pm.

As we gather to remember our Lord washing the feet of his disciples we will mark it this year in a practical way. At this Mass we will be collecting food for our local foodbank.

Good Friday: a day of fasting and abstinence.

Passion Service 12 noon St Oswald's

3.00pm St Mary Magdalen's, 3.00pm St Teresa's.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm at St Teresa's. (No other Masses that day.)

Easter Sunday: 8.30am + 11.00am at St Oswald's.

9.30am: St Teresa's. 11.00am at St Mary Magdalen's.

Bereavement Tea and Chat: The next afternoon will be Sunday March 25th, 3.00pm-4.00pm St Teresa's Church **in the Sacristy**. Please invite those who would find it helpful, all are welcome.

Funeral: Please keep Mary Cobham, who died on Thursday, in prayer. Mary made a substantial donation that enabled us to get the web cam.

Living Faith: The 3 month booklet (April - June) is now available £1.00.