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so loved
the world

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"THE FIRST HOLY WEEK"

*This week we celebrate the memory of Jesus' suffering,
and the centre of our prayer is the "Triduum" ~
the three days of Thursday, Friday and Saturday*

SUNDAY Jesus had a meal at the house of Martha and Mary and their brother Simon Lazarus. There was an argument and St. John tells us that Judas was angry at the waste of Mary's anointing Jesus' head with precious ointment.

MONDAY Judas agreed with the Jewish authorities to betray Jesus, knowing Jesus would go to the Garden of Gethsemane after the Paschal Meal (The Last Supper).

TUESDAY evening, Jesus and the disciples celebrated the Paschal Meal.

(Israel celebrated the Paschal Meal on the 14th day Nisan - but two different calendars were in use in the Holy Land in Jesus' day: the "Solar" (Sun) and the "Lunar" (Moon). According to the Solar calendar the 14th day Nisan was always a Wednesday, so the Paschal Meal would be held on the Tuesday evening; but in the Lunar calendar the 14th day Nisan might be any day of the week (like our Christmas day). That year it was on the Saturday, so the Paschal Meal was on the Friday evening - hence the hurry to take Jesus' body down from the cross, before the Great Sabbath and the Paschal Meal began at 6.00 pm. We know that Christians celebrate the birth of Christ on various days, most commonly 25th December and 6th January. We need not be surprised that the Jews celebrated the Paschal Meal on different days, according to their different traditions and calendars.)

Jesus was arrested that Tuesday evening.

WEDNESDAY Jesus brought before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish Religious Court) and many witnesses were called, the Gospel tells us. *(All trials had to take place during the hours of daylight, and if a sentence of death were passed 24 hours had to elapse before the sentence was confirmed.)*

THURSDAY Jesus brought before Pontius Pilate, then before King Herod, and then, again, before Pilate. Pilate confirmed the death sentence, washing his hands of innocent blood.

FRIDAY Jesus was crucified at the third hour (about nine o'clock in the morning) and died at the ninth hour (about three o'clock). His body was taken down from the cross, wrapped in a shroud and laid in a tomb - all before the twelfth hour (six o'clock) and the beginning of the Great Sabbath, the Pasch.

SATURDAY Jesus' body lay in the tomb. The disciples and the women from Galilee mourned, and the women prepared spices and ointments to give Jesus' body the full burial rites when the Sabbath was over. But we believe that Joseph, Nicodemus, Our Lady and St John went to the tomb that evening (the Sabbath ended at six o'clock) and gave Jesus' body the full burial rites, wrapping the body in winding cloths. The women did not know.

SUNDAY Jesus rose (was raised) from the dead. The women and disciples went to the tomb and found only the winding cloths.

20th March 2016 (Prayer Week 2)
"We share the days of Holy Week"

Mass Times and Intentions

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (C)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

9.00 am at Rosary Church

10.30 am at St. Joseph's

6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Rose Lettin, Mary Ellen Hudson, Sarah Houlihan,

Ron & Vera Bromley, Jack Laing, Paddy Keane

Anna Braganza, Peggy Nott,

MONDAY 21st MARCH

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for William Jarrett*

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH

10.00 am Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's

for Molly Cornelia

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's : *Service of Reconciliation*

WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH

11.30 am Chrism Mass at Nottingham Cathedral

No celebration of mass anywhere else in the diocese



Easter Triduum

MAUNDY THURSDAY 24th MARCH

7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper at St. Joseph's

(Adoration until 10.00 pm)

for The People of the Parish

GOOD FRIDAY 25th MARCH

3.00 pm Liturgy at St. Joseph's

7.00 pm Rosary Church for Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 26th MARCH

Easter Vigil at 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY 27th MARCH

9.00 am at Rosary Church

10.30 am and 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

INTENTIONS REMEMBERED AT EACH EASTER MASS

for Phyllis Lobo, Howard Fertig, Jack Laing,

Eustace Francis Thuillier

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm

The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. The Lourdes Garden, the library, the "Home from Home" Shop and Watermead Shop are all open at St Joseph's.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 21st March

QUESTION OF FAITH. We meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to discuss Holy Week and Easter.

Tuesday 22nd March

RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7.00 pm in St Joseph's. All welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE in the parish hall following the Reconciliation Service.

Wednesday 23rd March

CHRISM MASS at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham, 11.30 am. See "Dates for Diary".

260 Club

New members invited

Each month we have a draw with prizes of £75, 3 x £50 and £35. Members pay £2 per month or £24 for the year and the money supports parish activities. Welcome!

Easter Week

See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.

Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.

Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and gardens hail the Spring;
Shaugh and woodlands ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,
Use the craft by God implanted;
Use the reason not your own.
Hear, while heaven and earth rejoices,
Each his Easter tribute bring -
Work of fingers, chant of voices,
Like the birds who build and sing.

Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)

Watermead

The "Old Stable" Centre

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
We will be open after the Easter Sunday Mass

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,057**

Thank you. *Counters: Karen & Chris*
(Next week: Pauline & Christine)



Prayer Box



Please pray for:

Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
Fr Stephen Harney (RIP)

The sick and housebound, those in hospital
and in nursing homes - especially:

Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Declan,
Jenny Aitken, Jonathan Lockwood, Jennifer Cox,
Pat Aitken, Lina Lobo, Mary Rayner, Patrick, Clare

Prayers for: Donald Burgess, Graham Stocker,
Sam Sebastian, Julian

The McCann family and all missing children

The peoples and countries of the world,
especially SYRIA, SOUTH SUDAN

50 WORDS

Did you ever try writing a story or the Bible
or the Gospel in 50 words? Try . . .

THE BIBLE God created, and the wonder of life developed. The human family understood God's love slowly through one people until Jesus, son of God, was born for the world's salvation.

He lived and died for the truth of God's love, rose from the dead and promised eternal life with God.

THE GOSPEL Jesus was born at Bethlehem, son of God born son of Mary. He grew into adulthood, awaiting God's call to preach divine love by word and deed. His disciples shared the ministry and then continued his mission after his death and resurrection, guided by his Holy Spirit . . .

THE LADY She sighed, and closed the box. Her life was there and only she knew. Little girl, loving parents, childish dreams, family responsibilities, friendships and work, romance and new home, all had been hers. Now she had to decide.

There was a knock on the door. "He's guilty." She wept.

THE MAN The train was late. Unusual. So early and the first one. No good reason for delay. He let his mood darken. He would complain and composed his letter of sharp and angry wit.

Fifteen minutes. He strode to the station manager's office. He was on the phone. "Heart attack. Poor man," he was saying.

Would you try writing the Bible or the Gospel or a story in 50 words? We would enjoy reading them in the newsletter or a booklet. Fr John.

ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. 7..00 pm | Vigil Rota | Caroline / Sister Lelia |
| Sun. 10.30 am | John | Gerry/Sister Lelia |
| 6.00 pm | TBA | Marie |

Dates for Diary

The Chrism Mass

Wednesday 23rd March

at Nottingham Cathedral, 11.30 am

Come and pray with our diocesan family as the parish receives its blessed holy oils.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 3rd April

at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester

The Novena starts on Good Friday.

Please take a card from the back of the church

Postbag

Dear Fr Daley and People of St Joseph's,

I'm writing to thank you for the support you have given to communities in some of the world's poorest places through supporting Family Fast Day this Lent.

We were delighted to receive the wonderful sum of **£668.50** that you so kindly sent. This Lent the UK Government will be matching the first £3.5 million of our appeal making donations go even further.

Thank you for responding to this opportunity to double our impact and for your ongoing support for CAFOD's work.

Best wishes, Chris Funnell (Donations)

YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

EU REFERENDUM

Do you see the EU Referendum
as part of our Year of Mercy?

You probably know how you will vote in June and the many reasons you have considered - social, legal, moral, commercial, industrial, family, etc. You may have judged there is no such thing as a "Catholic" vote as you see fine upstanding public figures on both sides of the debate, as there might be in your own family or circle of friends.

Could you help others, like our parishioners, to make up their minds? Out of your carefully forming your judgement you have reached a decision. How far did your Catholic faith help you? Was God in the question: world trade, international banking, developing nations, corrupt governments, deprived peoples, refugees, asylum seekers, human dignity, fair wages and working conditions, religious persecutions and prejudice, freedom to travel and work, welcoming people of other countries and cultures?



Please write for the parish newsletter to show if your Catholic faith helped you form your judgement. You may use a fictitious name (e.g. Frank Pope, Kit Bagg) - your real name will not be published.

Our Parish & local Doors of Mercy

at St Joseph's:

- (1) Inner Porch Doors and
 - (2) The Door of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- at The Rosary: The Inner Porch Door

The Diocesan Door in this area is
at Holy Cross, Wellington Street, Leicester

Mother of Peace, Zimbabwe, Easter 2016 If anyone would like prayers offered for their intentions by the children on the holy mountain, Chigona, please put your requests in the donations box in St. Joseph's chapel, or give them to Fr. John or Lynn (Penfriends' letters also being collected).