

**MAUNDY THURSDAY ALTAR OF REPOSE WATCHING** Please could volunteers to watch please put their name down on the list on the radiator cover at the back of church. Watching will be from about 8.00pm until 10.00pm and will conclude with the Office of Vigils for Good Friday. Thank you. *“Have you not the strength to stay awake one hour”.*

**CHOIR** Thank you to everyone who came to a very enjoyable choir session this week, and to Sarah for leading. If you are interested, the next session is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April in church. To provide flexibility for busy people, please come for 6pm if you can make that time, or 6.30pm if that’s better. There are no auditions, and no previous experience is needed - just your enthusiasm. Any queries, please telephone 463248 or 07967 551091.

“Joyful acclamations at Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries, followed by brutal torture. This two-fold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year” – Pope Francis

**EASTER CARDS AND CANDLES** These are now on sale on the cupboards at the back of church. There are packets and singles. Singles are priced £1 for large or 50p for small. There are also a few Easter candles, which are individually priced at £3.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a (brown) Mass Offering envelope found on the stewards’ table at the back of Church, and place in offertory basket, put through the Priory door, or hand to the parish secretary. Anyone can ask a priest to offer a Mass for a variety of reasons e.g. thanks giving, anniversary, a sick person, the intentions of a particular person, or as is most common, the repose of the soul of someone who has died. There are infinite graces that flow from the sacrifice of the Mass.

**EASTER MINISTRIES** Thank you to all who have volunteered for Easter Ministries.

“Palm Sunday tells us that...it is the cross that is the true tree of life.” – Pope Benedict XVI

**CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE** We now have a contactless card machine near to the stewards table at the back of church. This machine can be used every week to make your regular offertory contribution, to make one-off donations, or it can be used on second collection days or to pay for cards, gifts etc. All you need to do is key in your donation amount, key in what the donation is for e.g. ‘Off’ (if its for your offertory donation) and if you are a gift aider, add GA and your surname to your description e.g. ‘Off GA Smith’, tap your card or phone, (or insert your card and enter your pin). There is a guide next to the machine.

*Our Lady and All Saints very much depends on your contributions.  
Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, PATRON SAINT OF UKRAINE** Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and you O Prince of heavenly host by the power of God cast down into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Please take this newsletter home with you*

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

### Celebration of Holy Mass

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	10:30am Paul Quirk
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Monday of Holy Week	7:00pm Pro populo
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week	7:00pm Nellie Frost
5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week	7:00pm Frankie Lyons
6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER	7:00pm S. Reynolds
7 <sup>th</sup> Friday	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	3:00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	10:30am Pro populo

**PALM SUNDAY** Please collect a palm and hymn book (hymn no. 229) from Church and (weather permitting) meet by the Priory garage, from where we will process into Church.

**TEA AND COFFEE TODAY** All welcome in the Priory after Mass.

**EASTER VIGIL** Will be held at St John the Evangelist at 6.30pm, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**ROSARY** The Rosary will be prayed from 6.35pm on Tuesday in Church, before Mass.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Richard D’Alton, Chloe Harrison, Susan Jones and Terence McMahon.

**LATELY DEAD** Peter Wareing **ANNIVERSARIES** Paul Quirk

**LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY** Loose £195.31 Envelopes £93.50, SOs £444.00. Thanks.

# Prayers for Holy Week

## Prayer Meditation for Holy Thursday



My Most Precious Lord Jesus, this night You gathered with Your Apostles to share with them Your last meal. But this was no ordinary meal. This was the gift of Your most Sacred Body and Blood, soon to be broken and poured out on the Cross for the salvation of the world.

Allow me, dear Lord, to spend this night in prayer and meditation with You. After the meal, You invited Your Apostles to join You for one hour, to stay awake and keep vigil as You prepared for Your arrest. The Apostles fell asleep, leaving You in Your bitter agony alone.

I accept Your gentle invitation of love, dear Lord, to spend this night in vigil with You. May I enter Your Heart as it faced the coming persecution You were to endure for my sins. May I console Your Sacred Heart and know the love and Mercy that flowed forth.

Lord, when I face the crosses of my own life, give me Your divine courage and strength to say “Yes” to the Will of the Father. Your love for me is abundant and is perfect in every way. Help me to know that love, to embrace it and to allow it into my life.

I make my vigil with You this night, dear Lord. I love You, help me to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

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## Holy Week Poem

At Your right side there I hung  
On Your every word.  
To Your jaws did cleave Your tongue,  
Still Your voice I heard.

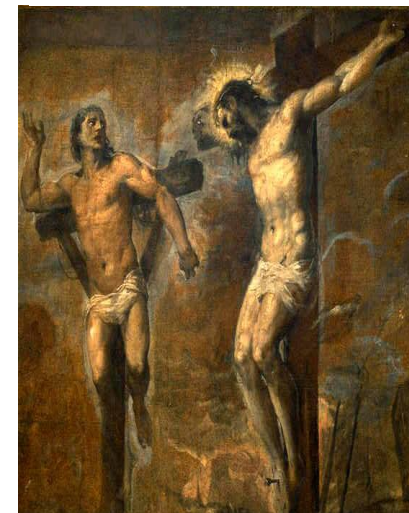
Pardon for them did You seek,  
Sparing no excuse.  
And Your humble heart so meek  
Answered not abuse.

Whence I wondered: “What if I  
Pardon, too, should seek?”  
But recalling all my crimes  
Stole my breath to speak.

Arms outstretched, You welcomed me  
After all I’d done,  
Mercifully questioning:  
“Still from Me you run?”

*“Having suffered in your pain,  
Shouldering your cross,  
When your love I sought in vain,  
Then I grieved your loss.*

“Jesus, please remember me!”  
From the depths I cry.  
*“This day you will be with Me  
Nevermore to die.”*



## Prayer of Abandonment

Father,  
I abandon myself into your hands;  
do with me what you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you:  
I am ready for all, I accept all.  
Let only your will be done in me,  
and in all your creatures –  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
Into your hands I commend my soul:  
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,  
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence,  
for you are my Father.  
Amen.