

OTHER SERVICES THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

CHRISM MASS This is at 7:30pm on Wednesday at the Metropolitan Cathedral. This is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful. Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination: to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments and to pray for God's people. All welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy. **Note:** There will therefore be no evening Mass as usual on Wednesday at Our Lady's.

GOOD FRIDAY In addition to the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm at Our Lady and All Saints, Stations of the Cross will be held at St John the Evangelist at 10:00am.

EASTER VIGIL This will be held at St John the Evangelist at 6:30pm on Holy Saturday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE This will start after Mass (around 8:00pm) until 10:00pm and will conclude with the Office of Vigils for Good Friday. Please could any volunteers to 'watch' put your name down on the list on the radiator cover at the back of church. Thank you. *"Have you not the strength to stay awake one hour."*

THANK YOU Lent has been a very busy time in the parish. Thank you to those who have organised and supported the soup lunches, the spring cleaning, the flower arranging, extra sacristan duties, and the groundsmen, who have started the 'first cut'. Thank you also to those who will be volunteering at the extra services during Holy Week and the Triduum: altar servers, readers, stewards, organists and the choir.

EASTER CARDS A selection of packs and singles are on sale at the back of church. There are also some Easter candles available.

RED BOXES Thank you to all Red Box holders. The treasurer would appreciate it if you could bring your box to either, the Priory Office, during office hours, or leave at the back of church after Sunday Mass or to the treasurer at 85, Brandreth Drive. Gabrielle hopes to have them all counted and returned by the end of April.

SPRING CLEANING A very big thank you to all those who volunteered to help give the church its annual major clean. Perhaps after Easter it may be possible to have a Saturday morning "Polish the Brass" session. Watch this space.

OFFERINGS USING QR CODE We now have a QR code which anyone can use to make their weekly offering, a donation or pay for piety items. If you are a gift aider, please make sure you add your name, so we know you have made an offering or donation. You will find the QR code on the newsletter from now on, the as you come into church, porch notice board and on cards in the benches. Please consider using this safe and convenient method of cashless payment. Alternatively, you can set a standing order (preferable) through mobile banking using the following details: Our Lady & All Saints (101) Sort Code: 40-29-12 Account No. 21545442. If you pay tax, please be sure to let the office know so we can claim the gift aid. Thank you for your support of the parish.



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Rev. LJR Daley, Priest

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 24th March, 2024

Celebration of Holy Mass

24 th Sunday	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	10:30 am Pro populo
25 th Monday	Monday of Holy Week	7:00 pm Fred Johnston (F)
26 th Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week	7:00 pm Steve Kane (G)
27 th Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week	No Mass
28 th Thursday	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose	7:00 pm Fred Johnston (M)
29 th Friday	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	3:00 pm
31 st Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10:30 am Paul Quirk

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.

CONFESSIONS AND ROSARY These will take place as usual before/after Mass on Monday and Tuesday evening.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Richard D'Alton, Susan Jones, Denise Fletcher, Walter Bennett, Natalia, Bodhan Dmytruk and Family, Pauline Barnes.

ANNIVERSARIES Peter Wareing

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY Loose £114.15, Envelopes £281.50, SOs £530.00. Thank you for your donations.

How to Make a Palm Cross

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord, your disciple Peter wanted to know who would betray you. You pointed to Judas but a little later also to him. Judas betrayed, Peter denied you. Judas hanged himself, Peter became the apostle whom you made the first among equals.



Lord, give me faith, faith in your endless mercy, your boundless forgiveness, your unfathomable goodness. Let me not be tempted to think that my sins are too great to be forgiven, too abominable to be touched by your mercy. Let me never run away from you but return to you again and again, asking you to be my Lord, my Shepherd, my Stronghold, and my Refuge.

Take me under your wing, O Lord, and let me know that you do not reject me as long as I keep asking you to forgive me. Perhaps my doubt in your forgiveness is a greater sin than the sins I consider too great to be forgiven.

Perhaps I make myself too important, too great when I think that I cannot be embraced by you anymore. Lord, look at me, accept my prayer as you accepted Peter's prayer, and let me not run away from you in the night as Judas did.

Bless me, Lord, in this Holy Week, and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately. Amen.

Henri Jozef Machiel Nouwen (1932–1996)

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