

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY



What's the Point?

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two-thousand-year-old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

Bitesize - 'Everyone must choose one of two pains: The pain of discipline or the pain of regret.' ~*Jim Rohn*



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.
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Sunday 2 April 2023 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A [Holy Week, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 1st April		
1600-1700	Parish Lenten Reflection	
1800	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd April		
0900	MASS	PALM SUNDAY
1100	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Roger Borthwick + (KB)
Monday 3rd April		
1000	MASS	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday 4th April		
1130	CHRISM MASS at St. John's Cathedral, Norwich	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday 5th April		
-	No Mass today	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday 6th April		
1930	MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER <i>Live Streamed</i> <i>Followed by the watching at the Altar of Repose</i>	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday 7th April		
1030	Children's Stations of the Cross	GOOD FRIDAY
1500	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION	
Saturday 8th April		
2000	EASTER VIGIL MASS	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday 9th April		
0900	MASS	EASTER SUNDAY
1100	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Catherine Macdonald + (KB)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Good Friday after Children's Stations of the Cross, from 1100 – 12 noon.

For *Live Streamed Masses* Search for **Dereham Catholic Church** on YouTube, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>
 The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Iain Walton, Ricci (Frederick) White, Maria Madalena Santana, Stephanie Grange, Roger Borthwick, Francis Breen, Edith Graydon-Carter, Harold Chapman, Gordon William Lloyd, Harry Knight, James Juby, Patrick Joseph Mullally, Consuelo Murphy. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barro-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson, Ena Marie Mifsud, Jose Pereira.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £307.29. CAFOD collection: £226.88. Thank you.

Collection for Holy Land Shrines – This collection will be taken on Good Friday.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Gift Aid envelopes for Tax Year 2023 / 2024 are now available at the back of Church for collection. We have some changes this year regarding Christmas and Easter offerings made by Standing Order, as follows:

The Diocese Finance Office has informed us that as part of the Priests remuneration package, in addition to the normal loose plate and Gift Aid envelopes they will also receive one quarter of the Standing Orders donated in the relevant month (April / December). In view of this I have decided not to issue the usual numbered envelopes to those of you who contribute via Standing Order. However, should you wish to supplement your gift please use one of the generic Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church. There is no need to complete all the details on the envelope just your name printed clearly will suffice as I hold all the other relevant information. If you have any queries, please email rexbaker@btinternet.com or phone 01362 694801.

Chrism Mass at 1130 on Tuesday 4th April – The coach to St John's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass will leave Sacred Heart at 1015, with the return from the Cathedral at 1300. **Donations towards the hire of the Coach** – Please prepare your donation for the coach, to be collected on the day. Any amount not less than £5 will be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday, 5th April – Please note there is no Mass today.

Musicians, volunteers, and Altar Servers for the Easter Triduum are please asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, 5th April at 1030** to run through the order of service for each of the Easter Triduum liturgies. Thank you.

Easter Triduum – There are still a few volunteers needed for the Triduum Services: if you can help, please sign up on the list provided at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Easter Flowers Collection – There will be a special collection after all Masses this weekend for flowers to decorate the Church at Easter.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children right after the 1100 Mass on Easter Sunday in the Parish garden.



Parish Events this week – *Please note there are no classes or meetings during Holy Week. The SVP monthly coffee morning which was due on Weds. 5th April is also cancelled.*

Upcoming Parish Calendar:

- 12th April - Parish Open Meeting
- 16th June – Parish Patronal Feast (Sacred Heart)
- 26 June – Confirmation by Bishop Peter Collins
- 23rd and 24th September – Launching of the Stewardship Programme
- September - Altar Servers Bowling and Pizza
- September – Parish BBQ
- October – Parish Auction and Fund Raising
- December - Christmas Party

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 1st May 2023 - 12 Noon: Regina Caeli & Crowning of the Statue at Friday Market (outside the Parish Church in the Village), followed by a Rosary Procession to the Basilica led by the Parish of King's Lynn; **2pm - Service of Reconciliation & Confessions** at Chapel of Reconciliation & around the Crosses; **3pm - Pontifical Mass** with Bishop Peter Collins at Chapel of Reconciliation.

Parish Magazine 'The Shack' – The latest issue of 'The Shack' is published this weekend. You can pick up a copy from the back of church or read it online on the parish website.