

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Walking the Walk



What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday?

It's likely that we feel we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations.

How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. On this day we honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

Bitesize - Let God's promises shine on your problems. ~*Corrie Ten Boom*



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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Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord [Holy Week, Sundays Year B, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 23rd March		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 24th March		
		PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
09.00	MASS	+Jeremiah Ryan (<i>UM</i>)
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	+Margaret, Thomas Jr & Sr (<i>WD</i>)
Monday 25th March		
10.00	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday 26th March		
11.30	CHRISM MASS at St John's Cathedral	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday 27th March		
10.00	MASS	Kevin O'Brien (Healing)
EASTER TRIDUUM		
Thursday 28th March		
10.00	Morning Prayer	MAUNDY THURSDAY
19.30	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
Friday 29th March		
10.00	Morning Prayer	GOOD FRIDAY (Fast & Abstinence)
10.30	Children's Stations of the Cross	
15.00	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
Saturday 30th March		
10.00	Morning Prayer	HOLY SATURDAY
20.00	EASTER VIGIL	
Sunday 31st March		
09.00	MASS	EASTER SUNDAY
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Alex Siedlecki, Margaret Bowles, Sheelah de Chenu, Basil Howard, Frank Broom, Hazel O'Connor, Eileen Brocklesby, Helena Josephine Bennett, Michael Casey, Sidney Carter, Antonio Pereira, Patrick Malone, Mary Godin. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey, Peter Knight, Dorothy Edwards, Kath Borthwick.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £255.50, plus £10 CAFOD. Thank you. **Good Friday – Collection for Holy Land Shrines.**

Volunteers for the Easter Triduum: 28th – 30th March 2024 – There are forms provided at the back of church for volunteers to sign up wherever they can help in our Easter Triduum celebrations. Thank you.

Easter Triduum 2024 Services:

- **Maundy Thursday:** 1000 Morning Prayer
1930 Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **Good Friday:** 1000 Morning Prayer
1030 Children's Stations of the Cross
1500 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- **Holy Saturday:** 1000 Morning Prayer
2000 Easter Vigil

Coach for the Chrism Mass, Tuesday 26th March – For those who will be joining the coach to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, pick up time from our Church is **09.45 for 10.00** departure, and return will be at **1400**, allowing time for you to enjoy a hot cross bun after Mass at the reception. A donation for the coach is expected, no fixed amount but if you can give more out of your generosity as we have paid £375 already, that will be appreciated.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Children are invited to hunt for Easter eggs in the Presbytery garden after the 11.00 Mass on Easter Sunday.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Training & Re-training – Inviting the present Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, or those who are interested in volunteering for these roles, to please attend for training and re-training on **Saturday, 27th April from 1430-1530** at the Church. Lectors are advised to come at least five minutes before the Mass to prepare themselves to avoid reading the wrong readings.

Parish Events for Holy Week 24th – 30th March	
Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age)
Tuesday: No Youth Club	
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room. All welcome.
Thursday: No First Communion Class	
Friday: No Altar Servers' Group	

Holy Thursday: "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper" - The Easter Triduum begins with Mass on Holy Thursday evening, when Jesus sacramentally anticipated the gift he would make of himself on the cross. His command to serve others is dramatically recalled this night in the ceremony of the washing of the feet, which he performed in the supper room for his disciples.



Good Friday - The Good Friday rites centre around the reading of the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. On this day we are invited to venerate the cross. It is a day of fasting and quiet mourning. **Good Friday is also a day of fasting and abstinence.**



Holy Places Collection - In most Catholic parishes around the world, a **Good Friday Collection** will be taken up to aid Christian parishes and their outreaches in the Holy Land. This initiative has been an annual tradition in the Church since its institution by Blessed Pope Paul VI. According to Paul VI, the collection was created "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." The small Christian presence in the Middle East relies very heavily on this worldwide collection.

Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. The vigil opens with a service of light. The lighting of the fire and the Easter candle is a sign that Christ is "the light of the world," and celebrates the victory of light over darkness that humanity has ever longed for.

