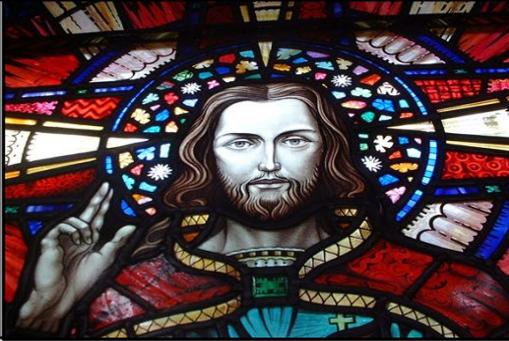


newsletter



25 March 2018

Palm Sunday – Year B



Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart – *Our Mission*

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we will be a parish renewed in our knowledge and understanding of the love of Jesus Christ, to enable each of us to fulfil our Christian mission



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Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 18 March the total was £259.20. With thanks, Finance Committee.

Palm Sunday

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*, three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted 'Hosanna!' This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and money changers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about

Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the scriptures. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both

confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

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Mass Times at Sacred Heart

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| Sunday | 25 March | 9.00 am | Mary and Thomas Kerrigan, RIP Gentile and Derek Rathbone, Anniversary, RIP |
| Tuesday | 27 March | 9.30 am | Monica MacIntyre, Recently Deceased |
| Wednesday | 28 March | 7.30 pm | Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration |
| Thursday | 29 March | 8.00 pm | Mass for Maundy Thursday, with washing of feet |
| Friday | 30 March | 3.00 pm | Service for Good Friday |

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MARCH REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you do not wish the sinner to die but to be converted and live. Bring back the wanderer, strengthen the penitent. Bless your people, that they may turn from their sins and live for you alone. Amen

PLANNED GIVING/GIFT AID



Boxes of offertory envelopes are still available this weekend.

John Fletcher be contacted on 01525 715 309 or by email plannedgiving@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

Easter Mass Times

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| 29 March | Maundy Thursday | Mass at 8.00 pm |
| 30 March | Good Friday | Service at 3.00 pm |
| | Stations of the Cross | 7.00 pm |
| 31 March | Easter Saturday | Vigil Mass at 9.00 pm |
| 1 April | Easter Sunday | Mass at 9.00 am |

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

Wednesday 4 April and Wednesday 18 April

As you know Bishop Peter has declared a year of prayer and vocation our diocese and we shall have an event each month to highlight this special year. During April we will be concentrating on charismatic prayer and you are invited to attend a meeting.

They meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month, after the Service of Word and Communion. They meet to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with praise, thanksgiving and the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12). It is a time when they come to give room to the Holy Spirit, to move in our lives.

We have a **time** of praise and worship, and use the Gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy (listening to what God may be saying to us); and the gift of tongues (see 1 Cor. 12). We will then either listen to a talk or have a scripture reading and have a discussion. We also have a time of intercessory prayer. In addition we either have a talk, or a scripture reading, and a conversation. We also pray for the needs of the Parish and the intentions on the board.

SOUP FOR SUDAN

Many thanks from the SVP to all who once again came and enjoyed good food and talk and donated over £460. If you couldn't come on the day donations are still very welcome – to any SVP member. Your support will change lives in Sudan and South Sudan where all the donations go. God Bless you all.

AN INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS THURSDAY 29 MARCH

Again this year, we are organising a trip to attend the annual service when Bishop Peter blesses the sacred oils used in baptism, confirmation and healing throughout the coming year. The Mass begins at 11.00 am – we need to leave Flitwick at 9.15 am to ensure a good seat! The diocese provides a buffet lunch following the Mass. We will get back to Flitwick around 3.00 pm. Please complete a reply slip or speak directly to Deacon Philip, to enable us to arrange pooled transport, deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk or phone 07711 953 926.



Preparing the Church for Easter

Dear Parishioners, Please come along to help clean and decorate the church for Easter. Come on **Tuesday 27 March** at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you. **Many hands make light work!**



The collection on Good Friday is for the upkeep of the holy places in Palestine. The object is to keep intact 'the monuments of Our Lord's earthly life'. The collections over Easter are for our clergy. **PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN.**



Come and Celebrate **The Resurrection at The Sunrise Service On Easter Sunday Morning** 1 April at 6.30 am. Near Katherine's Cross in Amphill Park.



Churches Together in Flitwick and Amphill **Good Friday Walk of Witness** Friday 30 March at 10.00 am Join us to follow the Cross through Amphill.

Starting at St Andrew's church at 10.00 am. Walking to Amphill Market Square and finishing at Amphill Baptist church at about 11.00 am.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday. Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661; suz_yates@btinternet.com

Information

CONFESSION

Confession will be at 8.40 am on Sunday and at 9.45 am on Friday.

PRAYER LINE

Please ring for intercessory prayer on 01525 634 186. We have some wonderful answers to prayers. Be assured of full confidentiality.

CARDS, GIFTS, etc.

Are available for sale in Sacred Heart church after Mass. All are priced. Please put money in the repository box at the back of the church.

SAFEGUARDING

For information contact Paula Bates on 07834 715 978 or safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

CHURCH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>

IN HOSPITAL, SICK OR HOUSE BOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit or requires Holy Communion at home.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

meets every Monday at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join us or want more details or if you know of anyone who needs a visit, help with transport or any other need, contact John Flanagan on 01525 406 810.

LITTLE 'UNS

Meet every Friday 10.30 am to 11.45 am in term time, in the church hall. This is a group for babies and pre-schoolers. For further information please contact Deacon Philip at deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass intentions contact Suzanne Yates who will arrange for Fr. John or another local priest to say a Mass.

Tea and coffee will be available after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **9 April** at 7.30 pm at 80 George Street, Maulden. You are very welcome to join us to pray for your family intentions, in full confidentiality. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186. We meet fortnightly.



The sewing group will start again on **9 April** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will be meet on **4 April**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

