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24th March 2013

PALM SUNDAY

Today we begin again the most important week in the Church's calendar. We reflect on St Luke's account of Our Lord's Passion, which sets the scene for the days ahead. As we prepare for Easter, let us take the time to meditate on the Passion, and place ourselves within it. Which of the characters can I identify with?

Am I like the apostles, seeking to be thought the greatest? Or like Peter, who promises fidelity but then fails miserably? Or am I one of the crowd, singing Christ's praises one day, and condemning Him the next? Or like the women of Jerusalem, or Mary, Simon of Cyrene or St John, do I stay faithfully by the side of Christ, walking with Him? Like the good thief, do I cry out to the Lord for mercy, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Where am I in all this?

It is easy to think of the Crucifixion as simply an historical event, and blame the Jews and the Roman soldiers for Christ's death. But the reality is that when you and I sin, we crucify Christ. We nail Him again. So the account of the Passion moves us to flee from sin, to leave sin behind. That is why we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week, and through this Sacrament we turn to Jesus again and ask for His mercy.

When we are hurt by things in our own life, and hurt by what we see happening in the world around us and need answers and healing and reassurance, let us turn to meditating on the Passion of Jesus and find the answer there, 'through His wounds we are healed.' During the week ahead, meditate on the Passion of Jesus; let it become a source of healing for you also.

Reflecting on the Lord's sufferings cannot but humble us, as we see His humility in emptying Himself totally, pouring out every last drop of His precious blood to heal us and restore us. This is the medicine we all need for our lives today. Embrace it – don't let it pass you by.

A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

CONFIRMATION 2012-13: The next session for the Confirmation programme will be today, Sunday, 24th March at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation in May.

FIRST COMMUNION REUNION: There will be a reunion of last year's First Communion group (2012), on Saturday 13th April from 10am-12noon. Parents and children are invited to come along and reconnect with their friends from the group.

EASTER CARDS: This week, cards with details of the Masses and services of Holy Week and Easter are available. Please take one if you haven't done so already.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: The parish reconciliation service will take place tomorrow, Monday 25th March at 8.00pm. A number of visiting priests will be available to hear confessions. All are strongly encouraged to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.

CHRISM MASS: The annual diocesan Chrism Mass will take place at Brentwood Cathedral this Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm. A coach will depart from St George's at 5.30pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church if you would like to go. A donation of £5 is requested to defray transport costs (collected on the day).

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: A collection will be taken at the 3.00pm service on Good Friday for the Holy Places, and for the SVP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA LENTEN FUNDRAISING: The Knights would like to thank all who have supported their fundraising appeal for CAFOD. They have so far raised £800. If you are interested in funding a goat for a family in the developing world, contact Chris Fitzgerald on 0208 524 1119.

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK: - Fr Eamonn Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer on Friday 19th April 2013 at 2.30pm. All are welcome. For further details visit the events page of www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

BRENTWOOD VOCATIONS: Do you ever ask, "Who is God calling me to be?" "What is God calling me to do?" Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group; it is informal and friendly, includes a meal and a time of prayer, and we invite excellent speakers to share their story. At our next meeting on **Friday 26th April** we welcome **Mgr John Armitage**, Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese. Fr John was Vocations Director for a decade, and he has superb stories and insights to share about his own path to Priesthood. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call Fr

Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit www.brentwoodvocations.org.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20s and 30s). Theme: Wondering about God? ... Think God may be wondering about you? Dates: 24th - 26th May 2013. Location: Broadstairs, Kent. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

SILENT RETREAT: at the Sion Community: From 6pm Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April 2013. Theme: 'Encountering God' with Fr Martin Boland. This **silent** retreat is an opportunity to step out of our daily routine and spend time with the Lord. Talks, Mass, prayer & quiet reflection form part of the weekend. Book early as we have limited places. For more information, please call Allegra on 01277 215011 or e-mail: allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk / admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Ernie Lacon, who died last Tuesday 19th March. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Bridie and to the family at this time. His Requiem Mass will take place on 2nd April at 12 noon.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Neville Clark, who died last week. His funeral arrangements will be made later.

May they rest in peace.

ROTAS – MARCH

Christian Kitchen:	2/3 Nor	9/3 G	16/3 H	23/3 A	30/3 B
Hospital: N.B if you are unavailable please contact Serge (020 8527 4814)	3/3 D	10/3 A	17/3 B	24/3 D	31/3 A
Counting:	3/3 A	10/3 E	17/3 C	24/3 D	31/3 E

Parish Collection: Offertory received on 17th March was £1467.22.
Thank you for your generous offerings and continued support.

Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George
PALM SUNDAY

6.00pm	James Harte (RIP)
Sun 24 th March	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
8.30am	Catherine Murnane (RIP)
10.00am	Ann Eagle (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 25 th March	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
7.00am	Frazer Newton (RIP)
9.15am	Lill Gaye (RIP)
Tue 26 th March	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Francis Palmer (RIP)
Wed 27 th March	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
7.00am	Darren Rodrigues (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Martin O'Brien (RIP)
Thurs 28 st March	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
9.15am	NO MORNING MASS – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Parish (Ints)
Fri 29 th March	<i>Good Friday</i>
9.15am	NO MORNING MASS – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 30 th March	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
9.15am	NO MORNING MASS – Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
8.00pm	Easter Vigil – Parish (Ints)
Sun 31 st March	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
8.30am	William Balfe (RIP)
10.00am	Parish (Ints)
12.00pm	J Coeur-de-Lion & Kristina Kalpee (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, Martin Keane, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Adeline Rosario, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Ernie & Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Phoebe Roach. Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Michael Fitzpatrick, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45 am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)