

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Charity Number: 234092

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (14/04/19-27/04/2019) Double Edition

Dear Parishioners,

A priest I know had his first encounter with a palm tree at the age of nine, when he fell out the door of a moving car and landed in the middle of one. Fortunately, it was an Irish palm tree, or rather what we call a palm tree in Ireland, though in fact it is nothing more than a breed of Cypress.

If it had been the real thing-the date palm-it's unlikely he would have survived to tell the tale, because the date palm consists of a single, solid trunk with fronds growing out the top of it-not unlike an old-time feather duster. Certainly, any heavy impact against the lower part of it would be quite significant, for the fronds, or leaves, of the date palm have long been regarded as a symbol of martyrdom.

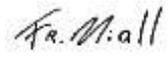
Take a look around your Church for a picture of one of the early martyrs, especially the virgin martyrs, and you are liable to see them depicted carrying a palm branch. The palm acquired this meaning from the book of Apocalypse, where we are told that the large crowd of people dressed in white robes and carrying palms in their hand are those 'who have washed their garments clean in the blood of the lamb', a poetic way of saying, 'those who have shed their blood for Christ'.

In bygone days we separated the palm and the passion. We rejoiced with Christ on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and only considered his passion four days later. Today, we go straight from the apparent victory of Palm Sunday-for it was a mere worldly victory anyway, and like all worldly victories, short-lived--straight into the account of Christ's Passion and Death.

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The decline has already begun. The Jews are plotting to kill him and Judas is on the lookout for an opportunity to betray him. From now on it is all downhill, into the abyss of Good Friday, and from there the real climb begins-out of the grave and eventually back to the Son of God's proper place, at the right hand of God the Father.

Have a Blessed and Holy Week.

 (Fr. Niall)

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

Palm Sunday: Please note that the 10a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday will commence in the parish hall with the blessing of palms. There will be a blessing of palms at the beginning of all Masses.

Let us live the Triduum.....Let us prepare to live the Holy Triduum intensely, in order to share more deeply in the Mystery of Christ. We are accompanied in this itinerary by the Blessed Virgin who silently followed her Son Jesus to Calvary, taking part with deep sorrow in his sacrifice and thus cooperating in the mystery of the Redemption and becoming Mother of all believers. Together with Mary we will enter the Upper Room, we shall remain at the foot of the Cross, we shall watch in spirit beside the dead Christ, waiting with hope for the dawn of the radiant day of the Resurrection.

The parish Bethel Prayer Group are on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We wish them a safe and blessed time.

If you would be interested in helping the flower team to decorate the church for Easter this year, please contact Pam Chapman on 07802539303. We would be grateful for any help and experience is not essential.

Easter Offering It is a tradition that the Easter Offerings are your gift to the clergy. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND FEAST The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues every evening at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel until Saturday 7th April. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on 8th April, beginning at 1.30 pm with adoration, rosary, recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and an opportunity for Confession. The celebrations will conclude with Mass at 4pm. Please see poster in Church foyer for details.

RECEPTION AFTER EASTER VIGIL – HELP NEEDED: At the Easter Vigil (Saturday 20th April 8.00pm) we will welcome several new members to our parish family through the celebration of Baptism and full reception into the Catholic Church. Afterwards the parish comes together to celebrate Easter and welcome our new members. If you are able to contribute some food, or help in another way with the preparation, please put your name on the board in the Church porch. For more information please contact Bernadette on 07804 611 914 or bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM This year’s Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will Saturday 25th May. The parish has booked a 53 seater coach with leave from outside church at 08.00am and leave Walsingham around 5.00pm. Cost £15.00. If you wish to go please put your name on the list in the church porch. Good Friday Collection

Good Friday Collection There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday that will be split between Holy Land and SVP. The SVP will use the money collected to send disadvantaged children to St John Bosco Summer Camp for a holiday full of fun, for these children this will be the first holiday they experience. Last year we sent 8 children to camp this year we would like to send more children and we rely on your generosity to achieve this aim.

Readers and Extraordinary Lay Ministers of the Eucharist This year I have asked as many readers and Extraordinary Lay Ministers of the Eucharist individually, by telephone call, or face to face. The Rotas with the names of Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be displayed on the notice board that are needed for Holy Week

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	14/4F	21/04E				
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	14/04A	21/04B	28/04D	05/05A	12/5B	19/05D

**Blessed and Holy Easter to all parishioners from Fr. Niall, Fr. Nixon
Fr. Joseph and Deacon Joseph**

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George upto 27th April 2019

06:00pm	John Mulcair (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 14 April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
08:30am	Delmina and Romeo Rodrigues (Louella)
10:00am	Ismail Ulasan (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Patrick and Bridget Kane (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 15 April	FERRIA
09:15am	Protection of the Unborn Child (Betty)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 pm	Private Intentions (Betty)

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Tue 16 April	FERIA
09:15am	Holy Souls (Betty)
06:00pm	Jane and Betty (Intentions) (Jane)
Wed 17 April	FERIA
09:15am	Prisca Obianodo (Intentions) (Jude Okafor)
06:00pm	Bethel Prayer Group's Intentions
Thu 18 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY
09:15am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
08:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is followed by watching at the Altar of Repose and concluding with Night Prayer Darren and Stephen Rodrigues (Intentions)
Fri 19 April	GOOD FRIDAY
09:15am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11:00am	Stations of the Cross for Children
03:00pm	SOLEMM PASSION OF THE LORD
07:30pm	Prayer around the Cross
Sat 20 April	Holy Saturday
10:00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
08:00pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil (Priest and Vocations)
Sun 21 April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
08:30am	Maria and Joseph Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
10:00am	Anne Hutton (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Kinga Pasternak (Rest in Peace) (Anita)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 22 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Frank Murphy (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00 pm	Parish Catechists' Intentions
Tue 23 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Liam McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) (Murphy)
06:00pm	Paciencia Turbe (Birthday)
Wed 24 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Mana Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Gertrude)
06:00pm	Peter Jayram (Rest in Peace) (Angela)
Thu 25 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Keith (Rest in Peace) (Anita)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Fri 26 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
06:00pm	Parishioners
10:00am	Keith (Rest in Peace)
Sat 27 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Eleanor Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan Carey)