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10th APRIL 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 10.00am Mass and highlighted Masses
livestreamed on 'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube
channel**

- 9th Sat** Lent Feria
10.00am Jack Taylor RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm John Buckles
- 10th Sun** **PALM SUNDAY**
8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00am George & Mary Standon RIP
starting outside St Albans Church on The Ridgeway
11.30am Lucy Mulvaney RIP/2nd Anniv
- 11th Mon** MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
10.00am Michael Flynn RIP followed by Confessions
- 12th Tue** TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
9.00am Julie Rodrigues RIP
- 13th Wed** WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
10.00am Finbarr Hayes RIP followed by Confessions
- THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM**
- 14th Thu** MAUNDY THURSDAY
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Anton Pereira RIP/1st Anniv
11.50pm Night Prayer
- 15th Fri** GOOD FRIDAY
10.00am Morning Prayer
followed by Stations of the Cross for Children
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
followed by Confessions
8.00pm Stations of the Cross
- 16th Sat** HOLY SATURDAY
10.00am Morning Prayer followed by Confessions
8.00pm Easter Vigil
People of the Parish
- 17th Sun** EASTER SUNDAY
8.30am Michael Hughes
10.00am Maria Teixeira Anniv
11.30am Mervyn & Eleen Fernando RIP

SYMBOL OF THE PALM

This week we have had a group of volunteers in the parish helping make palm crosses for the start of Holy Week which is Palm Sunday and the victorious entry of our Lord Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. The symbol is in fact a symbol of victory and of peace. And this symbol was used mostly for a political point to say the Messiah comes to reign. Reflecting on



this also we understand that the Jews understood the palm and the palm tree as a sign of paradise. As we know Jesus has come to rule in a different way, not in the way the people expected him to rule. I find it interesting that this symbol of the palm we make into a cross, and in further reflecting on this it makes sense because the throne where Jesus comes to reign is on the cross, the palm of victory is dying and rising to open our true home for us which is heaven.

Many of us may read this reflection and say these are nice words Father but we still have suffering in this world. True, we have sufferings, but we as Christians are called to witness in the midst of this suffering to the ultimate plan of God, the which is that death is overcome by the power of the Cross.

If today you find yourself with a cross you cannot bear, be it in your own personal life, or you know people in a situation of death, you and I are invited to show them or remember our palm of victory, and where God has been present and victorious in our life.

This week comes to help us if we decide to walk alongside cross to his cross and to his empty tomb.



Once again, we thank the volunteers that made the crosses for us to help us enter into this Palm Sunday with the true sign of victory which is the cross.

With every blessing for the week ahead

Fr Axcel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 9am-9.45am; Saturday after Mass-11.30am
First Friday (with Benediction): after Mass - 11.30am

Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings – by appointment

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-37-43, Psalm 117,

Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

REGULAR NOTICES

If you or a sick relative could benefit from a visit from the parish **St Vincent de Paul Society**, please contact the parish office or SVP direct on **07935 776298**.

If you would like a visit from the priest and/or to regularly receive **Holy Communion**, please contact the parish office.

Recently deceased – Patrick Keane, Mary Keane, Charlotte Hennessey

Pray also for :Maisie Rainsford, Eileen Jordan, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, June Collins, Robert Monahan, Mary Maloney, Lucy Mulvaney, Dr Larry Fisch, Barbara Ryan, Maura Haygreen, Beryl Gibbs, Brian Walton, Frank Baldock, Joanne Flannery, Margaret Monahan, Phyllis Healy, Una Graydon, Bernard Devine, Patrick Kennedy, Teresa Kitchie, Joe & Nora Broderick, Mary Maher, Seamus O'Brien, Richard Plesner, Theresa Sundaram, Margred Joseph Sinnathurai, Laurentine Jean-Jacques and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

(live-streamed in red)

Palm Sunday:

6pm Vigil Mass

8.30am Mass

10.am **Mass** (*starting outside St Alban's Church on The Ridgeway followed by procession*);

11.30am Mass

Holy Thursday:

8pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (*followed by watching at altar of repose in church*)

11.50pm Night Prayer

Good Friday

10am Morning Prayer

11am Stations of the Cross for children

3pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion;**

8pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

10am Morning Prayer

8pm **The Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday – Mass at usual Sunday times

Reduced parking outside church this weekend due to Palm Sunday liturgy and procession. Please be considerate and park nearby and/or walk if you are able to do so.

Additional opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confessions will be heard after Mass on Monday and Wednesday this week as well as after the Solemn Passion Liturgy on Good Friday and after Morning Prayer on Saturday morning. There will also be a **Holy Hour with Confessions from visiting priests at St Luke's in Pinner on Sunday afternoon from 3pm-4pm**.

Change to Mass Times – On **Tuesday 12th April** the parish **Mass will be celebrated at 9am**, rather than 10am, to enable the priests to attend the Chrism Mass in Westminster Cathedral.

Retiring Collection this weekend (and contactless giving device option) to support the Easter flowers for the church. Thank you for your generosity. **The collection on Holy Thursday** will be for our Lenten Alms and on **Good Friday** for the Holy Places, the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land.

Easter Offering – Envelopes are available in the church porch for your Easter offering towards the clergy. This is paid into the parish bank account and supports the stipend that the diocese pays our priests. Thank you for your generosity. You can also support this collection using the contactless giving device.

Planned Giving Envelopes – The envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection after Mass from this weekend. Please come with a note of your number and postcode.

Good Friday Walk of Witness – The regular Churches Together Walk of Witness around the local churches will take place on **Good Friday, 15th April**, starting at 11.30am outside St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway. Details on church noticeboard.

Knitting Group – There will be no Tuesday 12th April group but knitting will resume on Tuesday 19th April.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 24th April 2.30 pm, We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Harrow & Brent Citizens Local Election Assembly - 20th April from 6:30 to 8pm at the Ark Academy beside Wembley Park Station. The Assembly will ask prospective leaders of the Councils to commit support for projects on refugee settlement, housing/mental health services for the homeless and fair wages. A good crowd from our parish will be a public demonstration of our care for the vulnerable in Harrow. A group will leave North Harrow Station at 5.45pm if you would like to travel with others. Please register for one of the limited free tickets here (under Company, enter St John Fisher Church): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brent-citizens-harrow-citizens-accountability-assembly-tickets-299023355907> If you cannot register online please leave your name and number on the list in the porch.

LENT 2022

Lenten Almsgiving – This year our Lenten alms, including the collection on Holy Thursday, will support the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal**, the work of **Mary's Meals** and the **DEC Ukrainian Emergency Appeal**.

Churches Together in North Harrow – Lenten lunches of soup, cheese and bread to raise money for St Luke's Hospice and to promote fellowship amongst Christians at 12noon on **Saturday 9th April** at St Albans Church, The Ridgeway

Disruption due to works – Contractors will be here during Easter Week to repair storm damage to the church roof and to replace the worn and leaking flat roof on the righthand side of the church.

The Passion of Jesus live in Trafalgar Square – Free performance at 12noon and 3.15pm on Good Friday, 15th April. More information including livestream at www.wintershall.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES (ONLINE ONLY)

Our Children's Understanding of Sunday Mass – A great free online resource for families to support Sunday and Holy Week is available online from Mark 10 Mission at www.themark10mission.co.uk

Poverty Challenge - See, Judge, Act: Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas and Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and justice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty and to inform local response. Please take a moment to read and engage with it at www.csan.org.uk

Mass for Migrants - Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral for the Feast of St Joseph, the Worker with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London; 2pm banner procession followed by 2.30pm Mass

What is God Saying to the Church? - You can watch the webinar with inspiring speakers Bishop Robert Barron, Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and Nicky Gumbel from the Alpha Course here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7ddd_o7ZDM Please pray that this may be the starting point for a process of renewal within our parish and beyond.

Ukraine Emergency Appeal – Having responded generously with prayer and financial donations we are now invited to focus on responding more broadly to the humanitarian crisis caused by war in Ukraine. The document from Caritas distributed with last week's electronic newsletter and available at the back of the church addresses key points, what is needed and how best to respond. The full document is available at <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>

Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony - Married couples who are celebrating particular anniversaries during 2022 are invited to Westminster Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony. This will take place on **Saturday 14th May** at 3pm. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office.

Northwick Park Hospital Chaplaincy. Father Agustin Paunon is the Catholic chaplain serving Northwick Park/St Marks, Central Middlesex and Ealing Hospitals. To refer a Catholic patient to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain please call 020 8869 2113 or email either agustinpaunon@nhs.net or lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.