

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY



The True 'Great Reset'

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week when we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, when the crowds cried out "Hosanna" and put palm branches in His way. Palms signified victory and triumph and were sometimes used in a king's coronation ceremony (2 Kings 9:13). Or if a king had been victorious in battle, palm branches would be used in the victory procession over Israel's enemies (Maccabees 13:51). Then the king would enter his palace and sit on his throne. Our Lord does the first part when He enters Jerusalem victoriously and is acclaimed as king, but this isn't followed by His going to a palace and sitting on a throne. Instead He goes straight to the Temple and then exits the city to await His Passion and Death on Good Friday. Many of the Fathers of the Church saw this Palm Sunday procession as a kind of entrance into Holy Week, and then a few days later Our Lord would mount the steps of a very different throne - the wood of the cross, and He would reign from that throne on Good Friday as the Crucified King and Lord of all. So in a sense these dramatic events are like a parable.

In the Gospel JESUS is always aware of His Passion. He spoke about it many times. He prophesied it. That is why He came. As we listen to the Passion this Holy Week, we are meant to realise this is not just some story about other people two thousand years ago. It's about us, God's infinite love for us and about the heavy price He paid to redeem us. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that every time a priest raises his hand to give absolution in the Sacrament of Confession, that hand raised in forgiveness is dripping with the Blood of Christ. His Passion and the shedding of His Blood is the price of our forgiveness and the restoring of order violated by Adam. This is the true 'Great Reset'!

May our meditation on the Passion during this sacred time encourage us to renew our lives in Christ through penance, the frequenting of the Sacraments, especially Confession, so as we leave sin behind and then rise with Him to new life at Easter.

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MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 27th

6.00pm Rosina Matthews – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 28th **Palm Sunday**

9.00am Aislabie Harrison RIP – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am Andy Newbold RIP– PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

7.00pm Youth Enactment of the Events of Holy Week

Mon 29th

9.15am William Hitchins RIP – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 30th

9.15am Carmela Brunetti RIP

Weds 31st

6.30pm Rita Preston RIP(Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS

Thurs 1st **Maundy Thursday**

6.30pm *Missa in Coena Domini* (Mass of the Lord's Supper):

Venancio Castillo Sr RIP – PUBLIC MASS

Fri 2nd **Good Friday**

3.00pm Sacred Liturgy – PUBLIC SERVICE

6.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions

Sat 3rd **Holy Saturday**

8.00pm Easter Vigil: Anthony Richard Hutchings RIP – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 4th **EASTER SUNDAY**

9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am Mary & Graham Embleton RIP – PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm **No Italian Mass today**

Please note:

At the time of printing, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday 3pm and Easter Sunday 11.15am services are fully booked.

Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the PRIVATE Masses (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

NB: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions for the deceased in the online edition of the newsletter.

Please pray for those who have recently died:

Baby Frankie Stephen Bulger
May he rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Barry Upton
Maria Di Girolano
Raymond Johnson
Joseph Allcock
Ellen Moore
Thomas Walsh
Beryl Flatley
Salvatore Chiaramonte
Josephine Cavanagh
Lewis Holders
Marcello Carecci
Terry Sweeney
Rita Preston
Scott Dominy
Jamie Burdett

Walk with Me: The second booklet has arrived with daily meditations for Eastertide with a message from Bishop Patrick. Many of you have said how helpful you have found the Lenten booklet. Once again they are free for you to take - just one copy per household please. Thank you

Fr Paul

Knights of St Columba: The young adults of the Loughborough parishes will be having a socially distanced enactment of the events of Holy Week here in St Mary's this Sunday evening. Please note the later starting time of 7.00pm. This is the first activity of this sort that it has been possible to arrange in over a year, and we hope that you will again support it with your presence. You can book online, using the Mass Booking system, up to four hours before. Further information from Richard Mitchell (rmitchell@constructivebusiness.com and 07812 997847).

Children's Stations of the Cross – Good Friday, 10am, via zoom: We would like to invite the younger members of our parish to an online Stations of the Cross. It has been a long time since our children have been able to come together and though we cannot share our Good Friday liturgy in the traditional way, we can make the most of technology so that we can say hello to familiar faces and spend time together in prayer. The zoom link will be posted on the parish facebook page or alternatively you can email susansmith97@btinternet.com. Please also email if you would like the accompanying resources we are preparing.

Saint Mary's Children's Liturgy Team

How has Covid-19 Affected You and Your Faith?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. The deadline for submissions is **4th July 2021**.

Year of St Joseph



VACANCIES

HMP Stocken is seeking a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain (priest, deacon, religious or lay person) to provide religious and pastoral care to prisoners and staff. Salary £32,405 - £36,476. For more information call 0845 241 5358 (Mon-Fri 8am- 6pm) or email Moj-recruitment-vetting-enquiries@gov.sscl.com. Job reference - 42456. Closing date **8/4/21**.

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham is seeking to appoint a **Senior Safeguarding Officer**. This is a key senior role, central to the commitment of the Diocese to minimise safeguarding risks and enable a protected, supportive environment. For more information/application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Closing date **11/4/21**.

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Leader: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Holy Week Indulgences: The Church grants a Plenary Indulgence for the following during Holy Week: On Maundy Thursday by reciting the Eucharistic hymn *Tantum ergo* (Therefore we before Him bending) during the solemn veneration of the Blessed Sacrament; on Good Friday by venerating the cross during the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion; and on Holy Saturday by renewing your Baptismal Vows during the solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil. In addition one must be free from attachment to sin, make a sacramental Confession and receive Holy Communion and recite an Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's Intention. If you don't manage to fulfil all the conditions, the Indulgence is partial. *Fr Paul*

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Catholics who are 18 years and older until their 59th birthday (the beginning of your 60th year) are bound to fast (one full meal in the day and perhaps some food at a couple of points). Catholics who are 14 years old and above are bound to abstain from meat. *Fr Paul*



From the Saints

"It is so hard to admit that one is a sinner; it is so hard to climb the hill of Calvary and kneel beneath a cross and ask for pardon, forgiveness. Certainly it is hard. But it is harder to hang there" (Venerable Fulton Sheen, 1897-1979).

Pre-booking places for Mass:

Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at

<https://massbooking.uk>.

Telephone bookings can be made by calling

07554 603972

Tuesday or Wednesday

2pm – 4pm or

**Thursday and Friday,
5pm – 7pm.**

Please do not phone the Presbytery. Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you.

Fr Paul

Last Week's Finance

Collection:

£645 of which

£213 was gift-aided

Standing orders:

£794 (@28/02) of

which £705 was gift-aided

Mass attendance:

215

Thank you
