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Palm Sunday

25th March 2018

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

Mass Times

- 24th Sat Feria**
 9.30 Claire Bressac +
 17.30 Nick Viola +
- 25th Sun Palm Sunday**
 10.00 Violet Healy +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
 17.30 Stations of the Cross
- 26th Mon Monday of Holy Week**
 9.30 Charles Duke +
 19.00 Penitential Service
 at St Mary Magdalene, East Hill
- 27th Tue Tuesday of Holy Week**
 9.30 Pat Gribbon +
- 28th Wed Wednesday of Holy Week**
 9.30 Ian McKiemen +
 11.15 Chrism Mass at Cathedral
- 29th Thu Maundy Thursday**
 19.00 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Doris & Bruce Edgcumbe +
- 30th Fri Good Friday**
 10.00 Children's Stations of the Cross
 12.00 Walk of Witness, East Hill Baptist
 15.00 Solemn Celebration of the Lord's
 Passion
- 31st Sat Holy Saturday**
 10.00 Confessions
 20.00 Easter Vigil
 Michael & Joanne Lamb +
- 1st Sun Easter Sunday**
 10.00 John Heraty +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Lent: Candidates for the Sacraments,
 Needy and Hungry of the World, Women's World Day of
 Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Matthew

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Jesus enters Jerusalem Pietro Lorenzetti 1320

Palm Sunday

The narrative of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is so familiar to us that we do not always fully appreciate the revolutionary nature of it. During the Roman occupation of Palestine many 'false messiahs' popped up and claimed they were God's chosen one who would free the Jews from the Gentile yoke. Josephus, in his histories, tells us about at least six of them. One of these even went to the Mount of Olives with his followers to (unsuccessfully) bring down the walls of Jerusalem. All of these 'false messiahs' saw their role as political, militant and nationalist.

As the true Messiah Jesus' revolution is one of humility and heaven. His throne is a donkey and his regal regalia will be the instruments of his death. He had not come to overthrow the secular world but to establish the true Kingdom of God.

The word Hosanna literally means 'Save, Please'. When we proclaim this we are acknowledging that only Jesus can save us as he is the true Messiah and the most significant revolutionary of them all.

Father Alex

Stations of the Cross



Palm Sunday at 17.30

Booklets are available
so you can make the Stations at any time

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world*

The cross bears those who bear the cross

First Communion

No First Communion classes today. Therefore the Coffee and Tea will be in the Corry Hall.

Easter Ceremonies

Please sign up for duties as Reader or Eucharistic Minister for the Easter Triduum. List at the back of the Church.

Easter Monday

Please note mass on Easter Monday will be at 12.00

Lent Penitential Service

As you know our Penitential Services in Advent and Lent are organised in collaboration with St Mary Magdalene at East Hill. This Lent the Penitential Service will be at East Hill at 19.00 on Monday of Holy Week, 26th March. Please make use of this valuable opportunity to go to confession in preparation for Easter.

Easter Duties

You will be aware that Easter Duties are still an obligation for all Catholics. This means that we are required to go to Confession and to receive Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Walk of Witness

The Walk of Witness will start at East Hill Baptist Church at 12.00 on Good Friday.

First Communion Outfits

If anyone has a First Communion outfit which is no longer required please drop it into the Parish Office so someone else can get use out of it.

Easter Preparations

Please join us to get the Church ready for Easter on Holy Saturday at 10.00. Hot Cross buns provided.

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone

Forthcoming Dates

Seniors Club11th April
Quiz Night 12th May
First Communion 13th May
Parish Council 5th June



Childrens Stations of the Cross

At 10.00 on Good Friday we will be having Children's Stations of the Cross. The children may wish to dress up as Roman Soldiers, Mary, Simon of Cyrene, Apostles, High Priest, Pontius Pilate, etc.

Easter Offerings

Please remember that your Easter Offering is your personal offering to the priest and form a significant part of his annual income. Thank you for your kindness today and throughout the year.

Congo Appeal

Father Floribert, the Salvatorian Provincial in Congo, emailed to say that the country is in a desperate situation with the president clinging to power and people going unpaid for months. Several of his benefactors have also let him down. We will take up a second collection today to help him with the expenses he has in supporting over one hundred students and priests. Please be generous. He visited St Thomas' last year and was very impressed.

**No pain, no palm;
no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £470, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Today Congo Appeal, 8th April Church Maintenance; 22nd April Ecclesiastical Education.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: A Oliva, E Falcone n/w F Azevedo, M Figueiredo

Readers: Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey n/w Sat: C Wilkins, I Smith Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan n/w Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, W Gallagher, R Kuleke, D Lyons

Little Church: R & S Jackson n/w A Kane Blanes, C Webb

Tiny Church: R Barros n/w J Bronicka Anderson

Flowers: A Oliva n/w L Northeast

Royal Hospital: Angela Robbins n/w Sr Pauline