



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Response to the Psalm:** My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.

**Second reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

**Gospel:** Matthew 27:11-54



**Dear Parishioners**

Together with Jesus, we enter Holy Week at Jerusalem. But this entry would turn out to be unique and momentous. The entry was made by Jesus, humble, with a pair of beasts of burden, yet it gathered shouting crowds in front and behind him. For some this might have been a parody or reversal of the triumphal entry of kings and emperors, for some it could have announced that the restoration of the Davidic kingdom was at hand, for others a symbolic statement was being made that here indeed was a ruler but with a new, redefined kind of authority. And we Christian believers need constantly to deepen our own faith, and help those who in different ways still ask about Jesus Christ: who is this? The answer is shattering in its power. Jerusalem quaked when Jesus entered it, the earth would quake as Jesus died, and there was a strong earthquake as the angel descended onto the empty tomb. The impact of Christ's life, death and resurrection is without precedent. The good news of salvation must not be tamed. Jesus Christ has a sovereign authority not known before on earth; he reigns with the kind of power that is a unique love. He makes a difference to everyone and to everything. The bible's last book, the *Apocalypse*, keeps before us the sight of a new heaven and a new earth. There is a holy city too, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Palm Sunday Year(A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**

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## Masses

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	5.00pm	<b>Palm Sunday (A)</b>	Peter McGoldrick RIP
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30am	<b>Palm Sunday (A)</b>	Stanley & Hannah Williams RIP
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April			
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> April			
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April			
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	Susanna Countess of Westmeath
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm	<b>Passion of the Lord</b>	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mount Carmel	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, . Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

### Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley.

## Information

### Maundy Thursday

After the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the altar of repose which will be on the Lady Altar in the narthex at the back of the church. Because we have fewer numbers this year the watching will take place for just 30mins after the end of Mass. The church will be locked and the exit will be via the house. Please make sure that you close the front door after you.

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

### Sunday Coffee

Our next Coffee Morning will follow Sunday Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> April and we look forward to as many of you as possible joining us for coffee cake and biscuits afterwards.

### Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy      £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep    £36,000.00
- Insurance            £3,744.77 p.a.
- Three Church Windows    £1775.00

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

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