

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours **7:00am - 6.00pm**



HOLY WEEK OF YEAR "C" PALM SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2019

The importance of Palm Sunday to us Christians



The day is called both "*Palm Sunday*" and "*Passion Sunday*". *The first name* comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:13). *The second name* comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday (it otherwise wouldn't be read on a Sunday, since the next Sunday is about the Resurrection).

According to the main document on the celebration of the feasts connected with Easter, ***Paschales Solemnitatis***: Holy Week begins on "Passion (or Palm) Sunday" which **joins** the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph **and** the proclamation of the passion. The connection between **both** aspects of the Paschal Mystery should be shown and explained in the celebration and catechesis of this day.

The Palm branch representing Goodness and Victory: God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfil over death. "*O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*"

The donkey symbol of peace: Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of Zech. 9:9. In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace. "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*" Zech. 9:9

Proclaiming Jesus Christ King: When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him. "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*" Ps. 118:26

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9

Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Saviour. "*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes.'*" Luke 19:41-42

The reign of Christ: Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,'" John 11:25*

We have so much to be grateful for this week.

The enemy knows that, and you can bet, he's going to do everything he can to try and distract us away from the true meaning of what this Holy Week means. Don't let him win.

In this Holy Week, may God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King...

Let's choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EASTER FLOWERS DONATION

There will be a second collection at both weekend masses on 13th/14th April as agreed with Fr George. If you could help with the cost of the Easter flowers it would be appreciated by your flower team. Thanking you in advance. Katherine, Jan and Veronica. We also wish you a joyous and happy Easter.

NEW MILTON GOOD FRIDAY EVANGELICAL WALK

10.45 Walk of witness, starting at 1045, and singing The Old Rugged Cross –and possibly how Great Thou Art – as we walk along. We will also bring church and church-together banners if we can find them, as it was felt that it would be good to give more indication of what we were walking for.

From Bishop Philip: Chrism Mass - Please draw the attention of your faithful to the Chrism Mass to which they are warmly invited. It's at 11.00 on Tuesday 16th April here in the Cathedral. I look forward to seeing you then, if not before. God bless you in this holy season.

Good Friday Collection - May I remind you that it is customary (and mandated by the Holy See) for the collection taken at the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, to be for the care of the Holy Places.

New Diocesan Magazine – “Viva Voce” - I am delighted to support the launch of ‘Viva Voce’, our new diocesan magazine. We would really like to know what you think about this pilot edition, as it really needs to be a publication that supports the work of parishes and schools across the diocese.

Inter-religious Events – Notices for Newsletters

Sikh: Vaisakhi / Baisakhi is on 14th April. This day celebrates the Sikh New Year. In 1699, on Vaisakhi, the tenth Guru, Gobind Singh, founded the Order of the Khalsa. Five men were prepared to offer their lives when he asked for volunteers

Hindu: Rama Navami on 14th April is an important Hindi festival which celebrates the Birthday of Rama, seventh avatar of Vishnu.

Muslim: The night of forgiveness / Lailat-ul-Bara'ah (14th Sha'ban) birthday of 12th Iman, on 20 – 21st April, Muhammad ibn Hasan al-Mahdi (Shi'a) On 14th Sha'ban, 8th month of the Muslim year, 2 weeks before Ramadan, Muslims seek forgiveness for their sins and spend the night in prayer.

Jewish: Passover / Pesach on 20 – 27th April, commemorates the liberation of the Children of Israel and their Exodus from slavery in Egypt. The highlight is the Seder meal, when the story of their deliverance is recounted. Matzah, (unleavened bread) is eaten throughout the festival, as are other foods that contain no leaven (yeast).

CAFOD/Caritas Joint Conference – Saturday 4th May – St. Peter’s Church Hall, Winchester – Living Simply and in Solidarity with the Poor. Do you want to put your faith into action? Do you want to be a parish that looks outwards and helps those in need? This joint conference from CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth will show you how to do that. By learning more about CAFOD's Living Simply award and about Caritas's social action projects you can as an individual or as a parish or community group truly put your faith into living action. The day starts at 10:30 and ends at 4pm and will include two talks, one by Dan Hale, the head of CAFOD's Campaigns Team, and the other from Fr Richard Mckay, from St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol. Bring your own lunch but tea and coffee will be provided. More information and registration can be found on Eventbrite or get in touch with caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call Kevin Gallagher on 07388994057. Come along and see how you personally or your parish can really put your faith into action.

THE SION COMMUNITY FOR EVANGELISATION In response to the changing times, the Sion Community have overhauled their approach to mission. They are seeking to work with Catholic communities who wish to become “Parishes in Mission”. They are offering new mission formats so that events won’t be isolated but part of the life of a parish. For more information about their new mission packages please go to www.sioncommunity.org.uk or contact their Brentwood office 01277 215011.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION May I remind you that it is customary (and mandated by the Holy See) for the collection taken at the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, to be for the care of the Holy Places. The Adoration of the Holy Cross will also be included in our Good Friday Mass for the Polish Community.

HOLY SATURDAY MASS At morning Mass there will be a traditional Polish Blessing of Food - *Swieconka* – for the Polish Community.

CHRISM MASS 2019 - Tuesday 16th April -. Only 3 places left on the coach.

FR. GEORGE NGWA – 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION – Celebration on 12th May 2019 in the 10.00 a.m. Holy Mass and celebrations thereafter in our Parish Church. If you wish to make a donation to my celebration, you may do so by Bank Transfer into Fr. George’s account as follows:-
Bank: Lloyds: Sort Code: 77-49-23 Account No: 72915960 Reference: Silver Jubilee Gifts. Alternatively, cheques can be given to our secretary – Lizzie Davies, made payable to Fr. George – Anniversary Gift.

CHURCH MAIL BOX I have noticed that there are several envelopes for parishioners in the Mail Basket at the back of Church near the confessional. Can I please ask you to check this on a regular basis. Thank you!

Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday Morning

It won't be at the Milford end of the clifftop this year but instead at the Cliff House end! Also there will be a cup of tea* afterwards at the Methodist Church which is very nearby.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN thank the parish of our Lady of Lourdes for its help and support of the *White Flower Appeal*. The money raised will be used to do everything they can to defeat any Bills in Parliament to decriminalise Abortion. The money raised was £120.15.

Prayer to St Michael, said at the end of Masses. St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Saturday Vigil	13	Apr.		18.00 VIGIL MASS of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -	Confessions 5:30 p.m.
Sunday morning	14	Apr.		10.00 Holy Mass – PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord Blessing of Palms in the Hall	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Monday	15	Apr.	Of Holy Week		
Tuesday	16	Apr.	Tuesday of Holy Week	18.25 Stations of the Cross 19:00 Holy Mass - <i>Thanksgiving for Fr.George's Silver Anniversary</i>	Chrism Mass 11 a.m. Cathedral in Portsmouth
Wednesday	17	Apr.	Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00 Holy Mass – Andrew (Andy) Doolan's Funeral	
			THE EASTER TRIDUUM	THE EASTER TRIDUUM	
Thursday	18	Apr.	MAUNDY THURSDAY	8:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER AND ADORATION TILL MID-NIGHT <i>Charles & Minnie Garbitt (RIP)</i>	
Friday	19	Apr.	GOOD FRIDAY	9:30 Office of Readings and Morning Prayers for Good Friday 10.45 New Milton Evangelical Walk of witness, 3:00 P.M. CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
Saturday	20	Apr.	HOLY SATURDAY	09.30 A.M. Office of Readings and Morning Prayers for Holy Saturday. - Polish Traditional Swieconka - Blessing of Food	Confession afterwards
Saturday vigil Mass			EASTER VIGIL	8:00 P.M. - EASTER VIGIL -	
Sunday	21	Apr.	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10.00 Holy Mass. –	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass

IMPORTANT – MASS OFFERINGS/INTENTIONS. If you would like Holy Mass said for your Intention(s), then please take one of the envelopes on the shelf by the Confessional and fill in your details, add an offering and place it into the general collection at one of the weekend Masses. The next available day will be booked in the diary. If you wish a specific date, please give plenty of notice and phone the office during opening times or call in to check the date is available. Thank You!

Collections 06 / 07 April		Sat. 13 Apr.	Sun. 14 Apr.	Sat. 20 Apr.	Sun. 21 Apr.
loose	£363.17	Reader K.Dempster	Annice Joseph	M.Newland	C.Barrett
envelopes	£162.00	B.Dempster	A.Punchekuun	T.Gearey	S.Ramsay
		EMHC M.Newland	S.Salinger	C.d'Espagnac	Akhil Joseph
		F.Fallon	J.Nichols	J.Thomas	J.Kurian
Thank you for your continued support		M.Harwood	M.Buckland	T.Gearey	M.Tanner

2nd Collection on Saturday 13th and Palm Sunday towards Easter Flower Fund
2nd Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places

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