

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

14th April 2019

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The Gospel reading, which includes the words of Jesus on the cross and the account of his death, is only part of Luke's story of the passion. Even amid suffering, Jesus shows great compassion to others. He prays for forgiveness for his executioners, who 'do not know what they are doing'. He promises paradise to the criminal who seeks forgiveness.

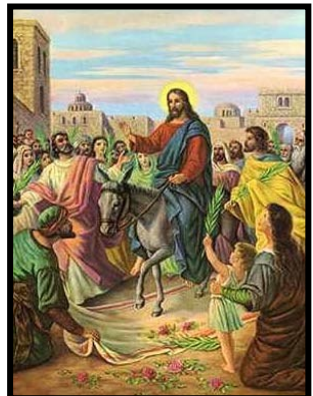
Jesus' final words in Luke are taken from Psalm 31, 'Into your hands I commit my spirit.' The evangelist tells us of the trust of Jesus at the moment of death. Jesus knows that the Father will not abandon him, but raise him up on the third day. As the story of Jesus' death concludes, the hope of resurrection remains.

What are the striking features of the story of the passion as told by Luke?

Take time this week to read the complete story of the passion and death of Christ.

We pray for the willingness to die with Christ in order to rise with him to new life.

Let us join with the Church throughout the world to live Holy Week to the full.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £577.10. Loose Plate: £267.17. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £434.98. Total: £1,279.25. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS: We remember all those in nursing homes within the Parish: Elvira Kitteridge (New Deanery), Mary Davis, Kathy McBrierty, Bruna Read (Great Bradfords House), Colleen De Souza (Convent), Catherine Hughes (Millard House), all at St Francis Residential Home. and Anne-Marie Wardrop (Halstead)

ANNIVERSARIES: May they all rest in peace.

FUNERALS: The funeral for **Peter Dooley** will take place on **Tuesday 16th April**, at **11.30am**, in the church, followed by cremation at the Three Counties Crematorium. The funeral for **Gerard Mooney** will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April**, at **1.30pm**, at the Three Counties Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am Sunday** Masses, in the hall.

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a collection for the **Holy Land**, on **Good Friday**. Gift-aiders please use your Second Collection envelopes.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Money collected at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses is your personal gift to Fr David. Gift-aiders please use your 'Easter Offering' envelope.

MASS: Will be said on **Monday 15th April**, at **9.30am**.

CHRISM MASS: On **Wednesday 17th April**. This is a special Mass, for the whole Diocese, preparing us for Easter. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. The Mass starts at **7.00pm** in the Cathedral.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Please note that after the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, there will be watching before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

MORNING PRAYER: There will be Morning Prayer on **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday** at **9.10am**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: **Good Friday**, at **7.30pm**. No Mass afterwards.

ALTAR SERVING: Please put your name on the list, in the Sacristy, if you are able to serve at Easter, this includes Palm Sunday.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to buy a lily, in remembrance of a loved one, to decorate the altar this Easter, please put **£3** in an envelope and mark it '**Easter Lily**'. Inside the envelope put the name of the person you would like to remember. Please post it through the Presbytery letterbox by **Tuesday 16th April**, at the very latest. If you are in our Gift Aid Scheme, then please quote your gift-aid number. Thank you.

CONVENT - HOLY WEEK: Mass/Service times are: Maundy Thursday at **6.00pm**, Good Friday at **3.00pm**, Easter Vigil at **6.00pm** and Easter Sunday at **10.00am**.

EASTER VIGIL: After the Easter Vigil this year, we will be having a gathering in the hall to welcome the two people being received into the Church; Callie and James. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Please bring a cake donation if you are attending. Cakes can be

LENTEN LUNCHES: The last one is on **Wednesday 17th April**. From **12noon** to **1.15pm**. Held at the Baptist Church, Braintree. Adults £3, children £1.

WALK OF WITNESS - GOOD FRIDAY: Will begin with a service at St Michael's Church, at **9.45am**, followed by a silent procession to George Yard for short prayers and hymns. The walk will start at approximately **10.30am**.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please collect your envelopes as soon as possible.

OPEN GARDEN WITH CREAM TEAS: On **Sunday 5th May** at 9 Rosemary Avenue, Braintree, CM7 2SZ. **2.00-4.00pm**. Drop in for a natter. Children very welcome. Donations gratefully accepted towards maintaining the organ of this church.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Will take place after the **11.00am Mass**, on **Sunday 12th May**, in the church. Is there anyone you would like to nominate to work with Father David to discern and put into practice a new vision for our Parish? Nomination forms for Parish Council representatives are at the back of the church - please make sure the person you are nominating agrees to your proposal and will be available to attend the AGM.

BREAKFAST ALPHA COURSE: Will commence on **Saturday 27th April** at The Hut BYPC, 2 St Michaels Road, Braintree CM7 1EX. This is a joint venture with Rev Sarah Hayward of St Paul's Church, Hay Lane, Braintree. Starting at **8.45am** with a shared breakfast, there will be separate sessions for adults and young people, as well as a crèche for children. We look forward to welcoming families. Please let Kate Manning know, on 07967 796227, if you wish to come or can offer help of any kind.

PRAYER COURSE: The next session on praying *Lectio Divina*, will be in our hall, on **Saturday 27th April, 10.00am-11.30am**. All welcome.

ROSARY PROJECT: Thank you for your continuing support with the Lenten Rosary Project. We are still in need of rosaries, holy medals and small crosses, which will be sent to India, to the Province of Tamil Nadu. They will then be distributed to very poor Catholics who are a minority group and experience discrimination.. Box available, at the back of church, for your donations.

FAMILY CONCERT: On **Sunday 19th May, 2.00pm**, there will be a special Family Concert, in our church, to help raise funds for the repair of the organ. The event will feature children from St Francis School/the Polish Community, as well as a Community Choir, solos by Wendy Purkiss (Martin Fee's daughter (organist)), singing for everyone to join in AND a demo of how lucky we are to have such a fine organ to enhance the church music. There will be coffee, tea and cake afterwards. More details to follow.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: From **21st-26th July**, with Bishop Alan. Leaflets are available at the back of the church. For more information, please contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666. Flying from Southend Airport. They are able to support those with medical needs.

APF RED BOXES: We need more people to support this invaluable charity, to support missionaries around the world. A Missio money box is provided for you to have at home to put any loose change in. In March and September, you can hand in the collected money (any amount - big or small) via an envelope, which is available at the back of the church. For more information, speak to Sue in the office. Thank you.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th April Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Rita Reilly RIP (Williamson)
Sunday 14th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.00am 11.00am	Ken Pannell RIP (Paul) Albert Gladas RIP (A) (Gladas)
Monday 15th April MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK	9.30am	Alan Doleman RIP (Doleman)
Tuesday 16th April TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	9.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 17th April WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	9.30am	Mark Digby RIP (A) (Digby)
Thursday 18th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm	Ints Anita Paul (Baker)
Friday 19th April GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross (No Mass)	3.00pm 7.30pm	The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 20th April HOLY SATURDAY	8.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st April THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9.00am 11.00am	Joanna McLaughlin RIP (McLaughlin) Raffaele Caparco RIP (A) (Caparco)

CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 18th April	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 16th April	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 3rd May	7.30pm

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