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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B) – 28th March 2021

1st Reading – Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm – My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading – Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel – Mark 15:1-39

Today we begin Holy Week and are preparing ourselves for the celebration of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. On Maundy Thursday we will join Jesus together with His disciples for the Last Supper and thank God for the institution of the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. We will not be able to re-enact what Jesus did to his disciples by the washing of the feet, but we are called to reflect how we apply what He taught us in our lives. Jesus is still serving us in so many ways and is inviting us to do the same for others.

On Good Friday we will stand beneath the life-giving Cross so that together with the centurion we may profess our faith in the Son of God and come to recognize Him. We are called to gaze upon Him who was crucified for our sins. It is a day of fasting, fasting from our sinfulness in order to make room for the Lord within our hearts and to grow in our desire to be united with Him at all times.

Holy Saturday is a day filled with silent preparation and stillness. Our Lord is laying in the tomb, He is speaking with those who are dead, to bring them the Word of life. We also need to learn how to be still and silent. It is not just a matter of grin and bear it, but awaiting the Lord to bring us back to life again.

During the Easter Vigil we will proclaim that our Lord has conquered death itself. He is the Lord of the living, the God of all those who have gone before us and are in His presence. He is the One who has power to remove the heavy stones from our hearts that prevent us from experiencing our lives to the full, He is the One who can set us free.

Our celebrations on each of those days will be different from what we can remember previously, but we need to be grateful for the opportunity we have to come together in peace. Let us keep in our prayers those who are suffering and long to experience the newness of life that only the Lord can bring.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER

Our Programme for Holy Week will be as follows in accordance with the guidance issued by the Conference of Bishops:

Monday – Wednesday Mass at 7.30am

Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30pm (Please note that we won't have the Washing of the Feet, procession to the Altar of Repose, nor Watching afterwards)

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place at **12noon** and **3pm** to accommodate as many people as we can.

Easter Vigil – Mass will take place at **9pm**. We will begin in the church without any candles.

Easter Sunday – Masses will be at the usual time of **9am, 11am, 5.30pm**.

Please remember to bring your own mask to church and your contact details on a piece of paper and place those in the box provided as you enter the church. Please use the website like at Christmas to show us an estimated number of people who would like to come. Please note we can only accommodate a limited safe number of people. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Divine Mercy Novena

Remember that we begin our Divine Mercy Novena this Good Friday at 7pm on our YouTube channel. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet during this novena online at 3pm every day after Good Friday. Please join us if you can.

Our faithful departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Corcoran. Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Parish donations – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Intercessory Prayer Group

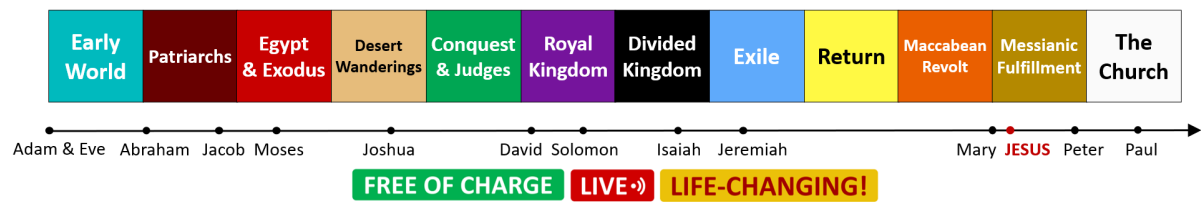
If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

The Bible Timeline Course



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli.

Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Important information for EU Citizens

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf

NB The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

9.00am

Parishioners

11.00am

John Flannigan R.I.P.

5.30pm

Barry Merryweather R.I.P.

Monday 29th March

7.30am

Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 30th March

7.30am

John Corcoran R.I.P.

Wednesday 31st March

7.30am

Holy Souls

Maundy Thursday 1st March

7.30pm

Santana Da Silva, Gabriel Carvalho, Januario Pereira, Joey Sarmiento Da Silva R.I.P.

Good Friday 2nd March

12noon

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3pm

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Easter Vigil 3rd March

9pm

In atonement for offending the Precious Blood of Jesus

Easter Sunday 4th March

9am

Edward James Martin R.I.P.

11am

Parishioners

5.30pm

O.F.S.

Masses during Easter Week will be at 9am Monday to Friday, and Saturday at 8am.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.