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## **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year C – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 50:4-7

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel – Luke 22:14-23:56

The Sacred Triduum will take place this week, when the Church celebrates the greatest mysteries of our faith. We come together for one celebration that is spread over the three days in order to journey with our Lord and share in His experience. On Maundy Thursday we will take part in the Mass of the Lord's Supper, thanking the Lord for the gift of the Eucharist, the priesthood, and our common vocation to serve the Lord and one another. We give thanks for how the Lord provides for the needs of the community through these great sacraments, and we will pray for new vocations to the priesthood.

During our time of watching after the Mass till midnight we remember Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. He suffered in order to do the will of the Father, and is promising to be with us in the midst of our sufferings when choices have to be made. On Good Friday we will gather at the foot of the Cross and bring our own pain with us, and the pain of so many across the world escaping war, violence, seeking food and safety. We will enter into the mystery of death that has to happen within us, a real death to sin.

On Holy Saturday we will lie still and await God to come. Many of us tend to run around with a list of things to do, but this holy day reminds of the importance of silent, active waiting. It is a day filled with hope and expectation of great things to come that very evening. These three days summarize what life looks like for a Christian as they draw our attention to what is most important. These days are given to us to remember the great things the Lord has done for us and to have trust that the Lord will continue to do more for each of us. This Wednesday there will be a Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and I ask your prayers for the priests at Greyfriars and throughout the Archdiocese on that day.

**Please note there will be no Mass this Wednesday. There will be a Eucharistic Service at the same time at 7.30 a.m. Morning Masses during the week after Easter Sunday will be at 9.00 a.m.**

**Good Friday Collection** – Please remember that the usual collection taken during the Good Friday celebration throughout the Church is to support Christians in the Holy Land and the Holy Places. Thank you in advance for your generosity towards them.

**Penitential Service** – On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** we will have our Lenten Penitential Service. An opportunity to reflect on our relationships, ask God's forgiveness for our sins and become reconciled with the Lord and one another through the Sacrament of Penance.

**Washing of the Feet** – If you will be here for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm, and would like to have your feet washed as part of the service, then please put your name down on the list at the back of the church. We need 12 willing disciples. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins so I could meet you all.

**Holy Week and Easter Services** – Please pick up the leaflet with the times of services and Masses for Holy Week and Easter Week. These are also available on our website.

**Good Friday Cowley Road Stations** – We are invited to join our Christian brothers and sisters on Good Friday morning to bear witness together to Jesus' painful journey to Calvary. We will gather at the Cowley Road Methodist Church from 10.15am and begin the walk at 10.30am. We will stop at various stations for a short reading and reflection as we make our way to St. Mary & St. John Church on Cowley Road. All are welcome for refreshments at the end in St. Mary & St. John Church.

**GIFT AID** - In March the Parish received £6,000. This is entirely due to the 25% enhancement on donations given to the Parish using Gift Aid. Under the scheme, some tax paid to HMRC is returned. This means that, for example, for every £10 given, the Parish receives £12.50. If you are a UK taxpayer, and have enough tax to cover the 25%, please consider signing a gift aid declaration. It helps the Parish get money back from the Government!

**Volunteers needed** – As we are gradually returning back to normal arrangements during our Masses, we will require you to volunteer fulfilling certain roles to ensure our liturgies run smoothly. In order for that to happen, we would need a couple of people to help take the collection during Mass, and others to take turns bringing the gifts to the altar during the offertory. Please make yourself known to the parish priest, or one of the stewards, or email or phone.

**Bible Study Group** - There will, of course be no Bible Study on Maundy Thursday, so our next session will be on Thursday 28 April, 7.30-8.30 p.m., in the Friary. We will be looking at Luke 6:11-49, and you can find a preparation sheet at <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/biblestudygroup>. Please read the passage beforehand and, if possible, have a look at the questions on the sheet.

**Inspire Younger Generations** - Do you enjoy working with children and young people? If so, you are invited to be part of CAFOD's education programme which inspires students to act on their sense of justice. A background in education is not necessary. We are looking for people with good interpersonal skills, an interest in CAFOD's work and who can connect well with young people. You will be asked to go into Catholic schools in the locality to deliver prepared assemblies and/or workshops about once a term. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided and you will have the ongoing friendship and support of a local team. Please get in touch with Deborah to know more about this amazing role: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful team.

**Parish Hall** – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Church cleaning** – This week we thank all the volunteers for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £405.15

Gift Aid: £ 105

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Parishioners  
9.00 a.m. O.F.S.  
11.00 a.m. Ernest Nagy R.I.P.  
5.30 p.m. Nancy De Paul R.I.P.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Terry McDonna R.I.P.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Silvester Agnelo Da Cunha R.I.P.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. **No Mass – (Eucharistic Service)**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 p.m. Priests and Vocations

***Mass of the Lord's Supper***

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

3.00 p.m.

***Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion***

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 p.m. Parishioners

***Easter Vigil***

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 a.m. Christie & Winnie Joyce's  
Family  
11.00 a.m. Anthony Joyce R.I.P.

***Easter Sunday***

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. 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.