



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Palm Sunday



## Mass Times this Week

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07.30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	18.00
Friday	
Saturday (vigil)	20.00

## Jesus' Exultant Entry into Jerusalem

### Scriptural reflections for Palm Sunday

Every year on the Sunday before Easter, the Church celebrates Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of the Holy Week.

During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by piously reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. It is a day that recalls the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is a reminder for Christians to welcome Jesus into their hearts and to be willing to follow him. This entry is highly symbolic as it demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king that fulfilled this ancient prophecy: "He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness" - Isaiah 9:7. The first and second readings of this Sunday are centred on the suffering and humility of Christ, the Son of God. The first reading is the song of the suffering servant of God. Paul reminds us of the humility and obedience of Christ, the servant of God. Jesus humbly accepted all His sufferings to save us by offering and losing His life to secure victory for us. The most important lesson from all this is that the virtues of patience, humility, and obedience are central in life.

The palms represent Christ's royalty and peaceful reign, "He shall be the prince, and the king of peace" - Is 11: 1-9; 9:6, the donkey symbolizes Christ's humility and the crowd symbolizes both praise and rejection. The same crowd singing "Hosanna, Hosanna" also asked Christ's crucifixion. The procession is to honour Christ as He enters the royal city, showing our union with Christ as He begins the journey of our salvation. It's sad to see that some of those who praised Christ with the shout of hosanna, were the same people who asked: "crucify him" on Good Friday. This shows that Christ is our friend when we are in trouble. ... We pray for the Grace to remain faithful to the end.

*Sr. Mary Nzilani*

*With Living with Christ Africa published in La Croix International*

## Mass Intentions

Sat 23:	Patsy Crane
Sun 24:	David Cole
Mon 25:	Leonardo Cuccato Pitol
Tues 26:	Danny O'Hare
Wed 27:	John London
Thu 28:	Rose-Ann Greer
Friday	
Sat 30:	Vera Cartledge
Sun 31:	Eddie Carr

## Holy Week

Is there, I wonder, a tendency for some, even in the Catholic Church, to forget God? We are so engaged in the social aspect of the Gospel, that we forget that God lives in Society and in each of us.

There is also the opposing tendency to leave aside much of what involves society and to concentrate on the worship of God. If you concentrate on the sacristy, then God will look after the problems of society! My guess is that Jesus had a foot in both camps. Loving God can not exclude loving my neighbour. Loving my neighbour in the Christian context cannot exclude God.

"Holy week" is an invitation to give more emphasis and time to God. There are 5 great days in Holy Week in which we are invited to join the Community of Disciples in meditation of the Word and prayer. Firstly, there is this weekend, Palm Sunday. We meditate on Christ's entry into Jerusalem; in something approaching triumph. The Kingdom, they thought, had arrived. But Christ's Kingdom is not what we think and at the end of the week we meditate on the Last Supper he took with his disciples; Holy Thursday, when he shared the Bread and Wine that were to become his Body and Blood, so cruelly shed for us on the cross. And he left us a sign of what we were to do; wash each other's feet.

Good Friday is when it all came to a sudden and abrupt end. The crucified body and the flowing blood were real. Mary received her dead Son in her arms and meditated on what it is to give one's life in death so that others might live.

And live He did when he rose again into a new life. We share in this new life, through the sacrament of the Eucharist and the sacrament of our good works, which are both signs of God with us still.

Do not, I pray, forget the need for prayer during this Holy Week; a special time of retreat at Easter. TPM

Please note that the Food Bank is appealing for Toiletries.

## Parish Notice Board

### Bible Study Group

Don't forget that this exhilarating group meets every **Wednesday at 6.30pm** in the church. During one hour, they study and share their insights of the gospel reading for next Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. It's a good place to deepen your knowledge of the Gospels and share your faith with like-minded people. Meetings re-start 10<sup>th</sup> of April

Please pray for Fr. **Moses Ariho**, the missionary appointed to SVP, who has still not received his visa. He is re-starting his visa application. Let us pray that this time his request will be accepted. We need him!!



### Accompanying Ramadan.

During the Holy Month, Cardinal Michael will be placing prayers from the Quran on Face Book, as a sign of unity in prayer with our Muslim Friends and to help us know their faith better.

### Lottery Results – 17<sup>th</sup> March

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Jackpot £750

### OFFERINGS 17<sup>th</sup> March

Envelopes £25.00

Plate £217.15

CAFOD £10.00

### SACREMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 5.00 – 5.30pm**  
Confession is available daily after the 12.15pm Mass in the Crypt of the Cathedral.

The **Chrim Mass**, will take place on **Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm** in the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has confirmed that Palestinian olive oil will be used at this year's Easter services. This is an important act of solidarity with the Palestinian people. This information comes from Jan Harper of Merseyside Pax Christi. For more information of work of Pax Christi go to: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> Or contact Jan at [janharper1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janharper1@yahoo.co.uk)



**Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to 7.30pm**

### Llysfasi Residential Spirituality Workshop - 12-29 August

Llysfasi will be hosting a transformative workshop at the Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno from 12 - 29 Aug, 2024. This workshop offers a creative experiential journey rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will engage in prayer, personal reflection, contemplative listening, discernment, and retreat experiences, all aimed at deepening their spirituality and capacity for accompaniment. Apply soon by contacting Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS at [maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com](mailto:maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com) or visit [llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk](http://llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk) for more information.

### Easter Celebrations at SVP PALM SUNDAY

• Sunday 10am. Mass with Blessing and Procession of Palms. Assembly in St. George's Square.

### Maundy Thursday, 28 March 6pm

• Commemoration of Last Supper & Washing of Feet, followed by Adoration for 1 hour, by those who wish to stay.

### Good Friday 3pm

• Passion of Jesus Christ

### Easter Day 30/31<sup>st</sup> March

• **Saturday Vigil Celebration 8pm**, will begin on St. George's Square with the Easter Fire and procession to church.

• **Easter Sunday 10am**

### Congratulations

to our violinist,

**Patrick Tang**

who has entered the postulancy of the

Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament at the Shrine. We congratulate him but hope that he will still be able to come play for us on a Sunday.

### LAST CHANCE FOR Easter Raffle Tickets

Draw on Easter Weekend

The use of the proceeds will be decided on Monday by the Parish Council.

There are many things needing our urgent attention, including welcoming the stranger, heating, drafts, windows in the porch doors, social space, outreach ministry, storage space.

*Thank you to the team of organisers for Raffle.*

To donate to the Parish, please scan



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:**, Kathleen CUMMINS, Maria Louisa DRAGO, Joe EDIE, Angela EVERETT, Carole & Tony GALVIN, Lin GINLEY, Tony GRACE, Yvonne GRACE, Albert JONES, Edie JONES, Maria JUDGE, Frances KERWIN, Jane MANN, Maureen MAGUIRE, Molly McEVOY, May McGARRY, Joan MOORE, Frankie POWER, Peter O'BRIEN, Ronnie SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Philip WONG.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Carol GALVIN, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Mary HOWARD, Charlotte KELLY, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Sreya Rose, Ronnie SALTERS, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, David THOMAS,

**Those who have died recently:** Eileen DOLAN, David COLE, John Michael LONDON,