



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday

Regular Mass Times

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

Homily Notes

Today is Palm Sunday. We call it Palm Sunday, because when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds cheered him, waving their branches. Today is also Passion Sunday. We call it Passion Sunday, because Jesus entered

Jerusalem where he will suffer and die.

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. He did not travel the whole way from Galilee to Jerusalem on a donkey. He mounted it few miles before entering the city. This was a symbolic action. Jesus chose to enter on the back of a donkey to fulfil what had been spoken by the prophet Zachariah: *“look your King is coming, humble and riding on a donkey”*.

Jesus wanted to show that his kingship is different from that of other kings. Over the centuries, so many kings and armies entered through the gates of Jerusalem: the Babylonians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Turks, the Germans and the British...all on their horses, in their chariots or armoured vehicles. Jesus however, entered on the back of a donkey.

He entered to install his Kingdom, but not by force, killing, violence or bombardments. He installed his Kingdom by being faithful to the end, by giving himself, out of love for his people. In his Kingdom he unites people of different races and languages. In his kingdom, the only law is love, love of God and love of neighbour.

Today we celebrate the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Today Jesus wishes to enter Jerusalem again: our Jerusalem, which is our world, our church and parish community, our lives. He wishes to enter to install his Kingdom in our hearts.

Where do we stand? Do we welcome Him or do we reject Him? Do we welcome his Kingdom or reject it? Let us praise and acclaim Jesus as our King and welcome Him.



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Mass Intentions

- Sun 02: George Rice and Vera Cartledge RIP
- Mon 03: Parishioners
- Tue 04: Stavros Archondopoulos
- Wed 05: Margaret Higgins
- Thur 06: Terry & Lesley
- Fri 07: NO MASS
- Sat 08: Edward Down
- Sun 09: Easter Flower Donators

Prayer for Holy Week

This weekend we will begin Holy Week. It is, for us Christians, the most important week of the year.

During this week, we will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, as a humble king

seated on a donkey. We will also remember his Last Supper with his friends, during which he shared the bread and wine of the Passover with the apostles and some friends and told them that the bread and the wine were his body and blood, and he invited them to “do this in memory of me”.

We will remember how Jesus was rejected by the leaders, how he suffered, and how, out of love, he died nailed on a cross. And on Easter Sunday we will celebrate how Jesus rose from the dead, thus overcoming the power of death, of hatred, of war and of all that is evil.

I offer you this prayer, which we prayed this week at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School, as a prayer you could say each day during this Holy Week.

*Lord, as we progress through Holy Week,
we ask you to help us travel with you to
Jerusalem.
Help us to be united with you,
and with all those who suffer now
in their pain, abandonment and loneliness.
Help us to die with you to sin
and to everything that goes against respect
and love,
in order to rise with you and with your
people,
and to be showered with hope for a better
future,
with a desire for peace
and an active love for all.*

Amen

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Parish Notice Board For Passion Week and Easter

Easter Ceremonies at St. Vinnies.

PALM SUNDAY - 2nd April
10am on Sunday Morning with
Procession and Passion

HOLY THURSDAY – 6th April
7 pm: Mass of the Last Supper
with washing of feet and
adoration

GOOD FRIDAY – 7th April
3 pm: The Passion and
Crucifixion of Jesus

HOLY SATURDAY – 8th April
8 pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY – 9th April
10 am Eucharist.

On Wednesday 29 March, **Brother Moses Simukonde**, a Missionary of Africa, was killed inadvertently by gunfire, released by soldiers in the city of Ouagadougou. Another missionary, killed as he went about his mission. Let us pray for all missionaries, especially Br. Moses and Fr. Ha-Jo Lohre.



LAST CHANCE FOR Easter Raffle Tickets

Draw on Easter Weekend
Proceeds are for improvements to
the Sound System in church.

OFFERINGS 26th March

Envelopes: £ 25.00
Plate: £ 222.56

Blessings on your generosity

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

No adoration on Friday this week,
However, you are invited to remain
behind after the Evening Eucharist
on Holy Thursday to “**watch**” with
the Lord, accompanying Him in
silent prayer, during his passion in
the Garden of Gethsemane.

Even 30 minutes is time enough for
you to show the suffering Jesus your
love for Him.

For those who desire the **Sacrament
of Reconciliation**, the priest will be
available in St. Joseph’s Chapel
immediately after the Prayer of the
Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

READERS

*To help us in our ministry of reading,
the Readers will have a short time of
recollection and prayer in preparation
for the Easter Triduum.*

**Sunday 2 April, 3pm to 5pm,
in the church.**

*Any adult, young to old, can help in this
service to the community. So why don’t
you come too?*

Music Ministry. Singers, musicians,
all are welcome to help the community
improve our liturgies and make them
more accessible to many more people.

Lottery Results – 26th March

01 04 07 08 11 12

Jackpot £ 1250.00

MANY THANKS

to **Rose, Amel** and her husband and
children, for giving up their evening
last Tuesday, to share with us their
story of suffering and despair and their
decision to flee their homes and
families to seek life beyond their
unsafe country. We were all greatly
touched by their witness and came
away even more convinced that a
**refugee is a child of God, a sister or
brother in need.**

SVP CONVERSATIONS,

RAMADAN 2023 (Christians accompanying Muslims)

Cardinal Michael continues his
knowledgeable presentation of the
figures of the Bible who also appear
in the Qur’an.

Read it on Facebook every day of
Ramadan.

Facebook: **Vincent de Paul Church**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Holy

Week: available after midday Mass
on Monday and Tuesday; also on
Good Friday from 12 noon until
1.00pm.

Chrism Mass, during which the
Archbishop blesses the oils and
chrism used in the Sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation, Healing and
Ordination: **7.30pm Wednesday 5th**

**Refreshments will be served after
Morning Mass on EASTER DAY.
Everyone is welcome.**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Patsy BIRCH, Isaac BRESWICH, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Bobby ENWRIGHT, Lenny GINLEY, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Sarah MORGAN, Dominic POTIER, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Martina STEWARD, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD.

Also, for the intentions of: Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Pauline WALSH, Cath WILSON.

And for those who have died: Cathy MURRAY, Ann WOODS, John CARNEY, Anniversaries of John CUMMINS and Syd CONSTABLE