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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord : (Year B) 21st March 2021**

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**St Teresa's church is monitored by CCTV cameras 24 hours a day. Live streaming of all services takes place at St Teresa's and can be viewed at [www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood](http://www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood) or through the link on our website**

**FIRE SAFETY NOTICE:** If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Saturday 27th March	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6pm	Michael Brady RIP
Sunday 28th March	Palm Sunday	8.30am	May Sergeant RIP
		10am	Laurence & Joan McGinty RIP (Ann & Bday)
Monday 29th March	Monday of Holy Week	9.15am	Phil Taylor RIP
Tuesday 30th March	Tuesday of Holy Week	9.15am	Leonard Traynor RIP (BDay)
<b>Wednesday 31st.</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday 1st April	Maundy Thursday <b>online only</b>	<b>8pm</b>	Helen Gilligan RIP (BDay)
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday <b>online only</b>	<b>3pm</b>	
Saturday 3rd April	Polish Blessing of the Easter Food <b>online only</b>		
	Easter Vigil <b>online only</b>	<b>8pm</b>	All 2021 Sacramental candidates
	<b>Extended Confessions Saturday 3rd April 9.30am-11.30am</b>		

**Liturgy of the Word: 28th March 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the King of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*Fr. Dominic writes: Holy week and the Triduum - Jesus goes to Jerusalem in obedience to the Father.*

*What a great start to Holy week, a triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Crowds waving palms, throwing their coats before him and shouting Hosanna in the highest. The people were excited because this great teacher and miracle worker was here in Jerusalem and they were probably expecting some wondrous things to happen. The Gospels tell us that before he was arrested, numerous people begged Jesus not to go to Jerusalem, to be "reasonable" and to think of his own interests. Even his own family did the same, bringing his mother with them to try and dissuade him. If he had given in to that temptation, he would have sacrificed his vision and ideal to save himself. He would not be the bedrock of our hope as he is today. If he had not been faithful right to the end - to death on the cross - we would, indeed, feel forsaken by God.*

*So, having come to Jerusalem he is being watched very closely and with hostility by the Jewish authorities. We hear that Judas is planning to betray him but he continues with his mission. The Triduum begins on the Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lords Supper and the amazing institution of the Eucharist that is our foundational Sacrament right up to today. The awful cruelty of his arrest, scourging, crowning with thorns, unjust condemnation and barbaric crucifixion is almost unbearable. Yet, we now talk of the Triumph of the Cross and realise that this incredible act of sacrificial love redeemed us of our sins and gave us a heavenly home. The Resurrection on the Sunday turned the world upside down and for believers makes sense of the world.*

## The Financials....

**Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106**

**Last week's Offertory**

**Envelopes £ 143**

**Loose Plate £160.79**

**Contactless donations £ 385**

**Virgin Money Donations via website £ 60**

**Total weekly income for this week £748.79.**



**Offertory envelopes for the new tax year are now available for collection** from the Sacristy at St Teresa's.

Please ask a Steward for yours or call in at the Parish Office. For GDPR reasons, we are not allowed to leave these out in the church.



### Why not change the way you donate?



Ever thought about donating regularly by way of a standing order? You won't need that Sunday scramble for cash for the plate or for the fiddly envelopes and once set up you can forget about it! All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest. Having less cash in the church is much safer for us all. Contact us if you would like to make the change!! Of course we have our **new contactless machine** at St Teresa's but - you have to be here in person! Don't forget to use our **Virgin Money Giving**, which can be accessed via their site or by clicking on the button on our website. **Look at the "About us" page on the website & you will see "Donate"**

### Easter Services:

1st April - 8pm - Midnight join the diocese in prayer online at the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane: <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>.

1st April - 8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

2nd April - 3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**These masses will not be open to the public & will be online only**

3rd April - 9.30am -11.30am Confessions at St Teresa's

**No need to book but please observe social distancing**

3rd April - Noon - Polish Blessing of Easter Food - **online only**

3rd April 8pm - Easter Vigil - **only open to those who are being received, confirmed or baptised and their families. (Arrangement via Parish Office). Please watch online.**

4th April - 8.30am, 10am & Noon - **open to the public - please book in the usual way. ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE BOOKED CAN ATTEND - PLEASE DO NOT CAUSE US TO BREAK OUR SOCIAL DISTANCED PERMITTED NUMBER**

**NOW HIRING**

Southwark RC Diocese is looking to recruit a Head of Communications, initially 2 yr fixed term contract, to develop & implement a communications strategy. Based in Central London you will be responsible for an audit of current communications tools & approaches, as well as ensuring all ongoing communications operations meet the highest standards possible. Ideal candidate will have thorough knowledge of the Catholic church & 10+ yrs experience in a senior communications role in a not for profit organisation. He/she will have exemplary written & verbal communication skills and proven experience in both proactive and reactive (crisis) communications through all media. This is a full time role with a starting salary range of £55,000 - £60,000 per annum depending upon skills and experience. We may consider part time for the right candidate. For more information and to apply please contact [sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk) closing date, 6<sup>th</sup> April



**Confirmation 2021** :. We hope that you enjoyed your Zoom call & got the chance to meet your catechist & some other candidates. The next session, session four was sent out on Wednesday & needs to be back by next Wednesday, 31st March. We are still waiting for a few confirmation names & details of sponsors.



**First Holy Communion 2021**. Emails containing the link to the **sixth session** have now been sent out. For return next Wednesday. Fr Dominic was really pleased to see so many children & their families last week when the children made their first reconciliations.



At the moment, baptisms must be part of a public Mass. We have decided that these can place during the Sunday 10am Mass. Our restrictions on capacity in the church mean that you cannot have a large amount of guests so please speak to Sue in the office to confirm numbers you would like to attend. Also, none of the people attending should have travelled to get to the church - they must all be local and you must keep to the current guidelines. Separate Saturday baptisms should be able to restart from 17th May onwards, assuming the government keeps to the roadmap.



**Workshop online event Saturday 10 April from 11am to 12.30.**

2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at [cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting](http://cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting)

We are sad to announce the death of long standing parishioner **Mary Anne "Marion" Brennan**. Marion's **Funeral will take place at St Teresa's on 20th April at Midday**, government restrictions will still be in place. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



We are approaching the end of the 2020/2021 tax Year and a big thank you to all who Gift Aid their donations. Please can you let us know if your tax status has changed and you are no longer able to Gift Aid. You do not have to be a big UK tax payer to Gift Aid, but you only have to pay the same amount in tax as you allow the charity to claim, which is 25p for every £1. For example, if you donate £100 in total, we can claim an extra £25 and so you must pay at least £25 in tax that year. Interested? Please let us know & we can send you out a form to complete & we will do the rest!

**Protecting your privacy:** Any personal details that you provide to this parish, (name, address, email, telephone number etc.) will be held on file & stored



on the parish computer securely. If applicable, your details will also be entered into the appropriate Sacramental Register. For Volunteers groups, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc., your details will be shared with other group members in this parish to enable you to arrange cover etc. If you do not wish your details to be shared, please let the Parish Office know **You can read our full privacy policy on [rcaos.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcaos.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)**



It may not feel like it at the moment but we are starting to try and get things in the diary for the rest of the year. **The Russian Choir will be revisiting us on 2nd & 3rd October this year. 3rd October** will also be our International Lunch. So get the date in your diary & cross your fingers!