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Holy week

Holy Week & Easter double edition (Year C) April 2022

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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 9th April	Vigil: Palm Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Kathleen Parsons RIP
Sunday 10th April	Palm Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Antoinette & Christopher Aimufua - 25th Wedding Ann Thanksgiving
		10am (St T)	Mary Madelene & Sebastian Njie RIP
		Noon (St T)	Alvarino & Joao Afonso & Jose Trindade RIP
Monday 11th April	Monday Holy Week	9.15am (St T)	Ruth Partington RIP (1st Ann)
Tuesday 12th April	Tuesday Holy Week	9.15am (St T)	Ruth, Miriam, Julius, Aaron & Jane Rees RIP
Wednesday 13th April	<i>No Mass Today</i>		
THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM			
Thursday 14th April	Maundy Thursday	8pm (SSJFTM)	Johnny Leneghan RIP
Friday 15th April	Good Friday	3pm (St T)	Solemn Commemoration of The Lord's Passion
Saturday 16th April	Holy Saturday	9.30-11.30am(St T) Noon (St T) 8pm (St T)	Sacrament of Reconciliation Polish Blessing of Easter Food All those entering the church today or being confirmed
Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday of	8.30am (SSJFTM)	All those Parishioners who have died in the past year RIP
	The Resurrection	10am (St T) Noon (St T)	All the children of the Parish All Parishioners who are ill or suffering
Monday 18th April	Easter Octave	Noon (St T)	Marian Brennan RIP (Ann)
Tuesday 19th April	Easter Octave	9.15am (St T)	Mary B RIP
Wednesday 20th April	<i>No Mass Today</i>		
Thursday 21st April	Easter Octave	9.15am (St T)	Jack O'Donnell RIP
Friday 22nd April	Easter Octave	9.15am (St T)	Nancy McGuire RIP
Saturday 23rd April	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	George Parsons RIP

Entrance Antiphon:	Liturgy of the Word: Palm Sunday <i>Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>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!</i>
Next week's Readings:	Acts 10:34,37-43, Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23, Rv24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9
Entrance Antiphon:	Liturgy of the Word: Easter Sunday I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm:	This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice & are glad.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	Acts 5:12-6, Psalm 117:2-4,22-27 Rv1, Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19, John 20:19-31

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106

Last two weekend's Offertory

Envelopes £ 491

Loose Plate £ 505.46

Contactless donations £ 261.50

Total for weekends 27th March & 3rd April £ 1257.96



The new planned giving envelopes are in the sacristy of each church, we cannot leave them on display for GDPR reasons so please ask someone to retrieve your

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box. If you would like to donate by Standing Order, please pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to the Parish Office. Also, a reminder as we are now in a new tax year, if your Tax status has changed in the last twelve months, and you need to advise us, please do so. If you are now in a position to Gift Aid going forward we can make it easy for you, just let us know!



First Holy Communion -FINAL MEETING & FHC RE-HEARSAL THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESAS CHURCH. Please bring your child's "I Belong" book with you.



Confirmation: We are pleased to announce that after a two year absence, our Confirmation Candidates are once again holding a **Rich Man Poor Man meal in aid of Addo. This year it will be in Saturday 30th April.**

The candidates will be explaining more in Masses but please keep that date free & buy a ticket. Can't make it? Then why not sponsor the meal instead! All funds raised will be sent to the Sisters of Mercy in Addo where they will be used to provide uniforms for the local children. No uniform means no school, which means no meals. The two meals a day that the children receive at school are often the only food that they eat; with many arriving at school on Monday morning who haven't eaten since the Friday before. You can see why a uniform is so important.



Easter is traditionally the time when people are received into the Catholic church and adults get confirmed, as well as the usual baptisms. **Over the Easter period we would like to welcome Freddie, Antoni, Erin, Amy, Pamela, Beau, Erditha, Anna, Cara, Niall, Jennifer, Glen, Mira, Elsie, Harry, Freya, Charlie & Jennifer.** Please remember them in your prayers along with our children who will be making their First Holy Communions in May and our Confirmation Candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Paul in June.

Fr. Dominic writes:

"The Great Week"

We start Holy Week with Palm Sunday. The liturgy starts with a procession of Palms and people singing Hosanna in the Highest. We are commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people are treating Jesus as a King, a Messiah, a Prophet. The liturgy begins in a very joyful way. Then at the Gospel time we read the account of the Passion and Death of Jesus. This is a huge contrast in one liturgy. From joy to sadness, from hope to despair. Even the children and adults who cried 'Hosanna' did not fully understand what they were saying, or the nature of the journey that Jesus was taking. Was he encouraged by their praise? The religious leaders tried to silence the crowds but Jesus replied that the rocks would take up the chant if the children were silenced. Jesus usually shied away from public hero worship but he allowed this and even said it should not be silenced. There are times when we too need to profess our faith in Jesus publicly and there are times when the occasion cries out for it. In Borehamwood we have a chance to publicly proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ as we have a 'Walk of Witness' at 11.00am on Good Friday from the Baptist Church in Furzehill Road to St. Teresa's Church in Shenley Road.

On the Thursday of Holy Week we have a very special celebration of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday at 8.00pm in SSJF&TM. Here we celebrate the foundation of the Eucharist, the Mass as the 'Source and Summit' of our faith. This liturgy contains within it a very special ceremony - 'The Washing of the Feet'. Here Jesus teaches us the very difficult commandment, the commandment to love. To love is to sacrifice, to be a servant to others. To take on the lowliest task to be of service to others. To love as I have loved you is to give your life for others as Jesus did. Real discipleship is true, humble service and should be the hallmark of our lived faith.

We move to Good Friday, a day of fasting in honour of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus offering up his life so that we can be washed of our sins, once and forever. Our Liturgy is at 3.00pm in St. Teresa's. We are confronted with the Cross. It is held up for us to look at, to bend before, and honour and kiss it. We are to share its power to redeem. We are invited to sink into the mystery of a crucified God whose love shares even into in the brutality we visit upon one another, yet cries out NO! We must confront the Cross and Christ in those among us who suffer. We are a people of the cross and it must be evident in how we live and love and share. The cross has redeemed us.

We move to the Easter Vigil on Saturday Evening at 8.00pm in St. Teresa's. Here we celebrate the Resurrection, the coming to life, the rising from the dead of Jesus our Saviour. The reading traces our salvation history from Genesis to Jesus rising from the dead. All history has led us to this moment. Resurrection sends Jesus back into the world, and it send us back into the world, unafraid now. He is among the poor, the workers, those unjustly treated, and we are to stand with him and be his hands and feet, his eyes and ears. He cannot wait to come into our lives, he wants us to imitate him in our love and service. We are to draw others to him and the way of life that he has shown us. Ideal moment for people to come in to the Church.