

# MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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## **Palm Sunday Year B 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the climax of Jesus's mission. Today we see him enter Jerusalem on a donkey, as the cheering crowd joyfully proclaims 'Hosanna', waving palm branches.

As the story of the Passion unfolds in the **Gospel** (Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47), the mood soon changes. Viewing Jesus as a threat to their religious authority, the chief priests plot to bring about his end. The crowd now turns on Jesus, shouting 'Crucify him'. Then we accompany Jesus in his suffering to his last breath, hearing those desolate words, 'My God, my God why have you deserted me?'

We respond with these same words to the **Psalm 22**, which describes the humiliation that Jesus will suffer to save us. In the last verse, however, the mood changes from dejection to praise and glory.

Though the **First Reading** (Isaiah 50: 4–7) also touches on suffering, the servant takes strength from God's presence with him, even in the worst circumstances.

Paul urges the Philippians to be more Christ-like in their behaviour. Jesus came amongst us in humility as a servant, showing his great unconditional love for us by dying on the cross. (**Second Reading** Philippians 2: 6–11)

As we accompany Jesus through Holy Week, no matter what trials we may be facing, let's pray for confidence in God's presence, that we may be strengthened by it and filled with hope as we look forward to Easter.

*Year of St. Joseph  
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church*

**Easter Offertory Collection:** Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

**Easter Masses & Holy Week:**

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday	11.30am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Holy Thursday	7.30pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday	3.00pm
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday	11.30am

*Please note palms will be distributed at all of the Palm Sunday Masses.*

**We are now taking bookings for Easter masses. Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for the Easter masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please give your name, telephone number, which mass you are booking for and the number of spaces you need. Your booking will be automatically accepted so please do not expect a response unless we cannot accommodate you. Please remember at all masses in the Church you will need to wear a face mask.**

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**Holy Thursday:** After the 7.30pm Mass of The Last Supper there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from the Altar of repose until 9.30pm. This will be streamed via the Parish website or go to youtube and look for St Mary Mother of God Parish, Hornchurch.

**Weekday Mass this week:** Monday 9.15am, Tuesday 9.15am and Wednesday 7.30pm

**Church private prayer:** Please note the Church is not open this Thursday for private prayer.

**Way of the cross – online:** <https://youtu.be/1dx2YR9tE9o>

**Divine Mercy Sunday - 11th April:** Adoration and Divine Mercy prayers 3pm-4pm in the Church. All are welcome.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers needed to help clean the sacristy and help prepare things for mass, If you can help, even for an hour a week, please contact the parish office or see Fr Martin.

**Food Bank Collection:** The SVP can now recommence the foodbank collection and the basket will be in the porch for your donations. Thank you again for your support.

**The 15 Prayers of St Bridget of Sweden**

As we enter into Holy Week, you may find it helpful to reflect on the Passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by listening to the *Fifteen Prayers of St Bridget of Sweden* set to music. It is hoped that these prayers will be a source of strength and encouragement during this time of pandemic. Visit <https://www.jhealer.com/the-15-prayers>

**Finances:** Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

**Please remember in your prayers** Kay Conway and Eaver McMahon who died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

**RCIA Journey in Faith:** For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

### **Memorae**

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

### **Prayer to the Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Palm Sunday Vigil	27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30pm</b>	Lesley & Family Int Frank Harrington RIP
Sunday Palm Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Sonny O'Connell RIP/ Greta Shanahan & Family Int All Parishioners John Naughton RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah Lenehan RIP / The Goldman Family RIP
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.15am</b>	Evelyn McBrierty RIP / Calum Jack Int / Jack Louro RIP
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Funeral</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Kay Conway RIP <i>(Invitation only)</i> Edgely Family RIP / Muriel Gargano RIP / Sean Quinn RIP
Thursday Holy Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>7.30pm</b>	Holy Thursday Mass of The Lord's Supper followed by Adoration via the Parish Website or YouTube until 9.30pm Int All Priests
Friday Good Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>3.00pm</b>	Good Friday Service Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday Easter Vigil	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>8.00pm</b>	Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP/ Patrick Brennan RIP
Sunday Easter Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Nora Maguire RIP / Philomena Guerin RIP / Jim Shanahan RIP All Parishioners Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life (KSCRomford) / Thanksgiving on 65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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