

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer is able to gain everything: without it we can do nothing

(Antonio Rosmini)

### Next Week's Gospel Reading

#### Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

( 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018)

#### Gospel – Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to ... Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. While they were talking ... Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them ... answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, ... and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. It is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group ... were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those ... with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and slow of heart! ... Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near [their destination], he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because ... the day is now nearly over." ... When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us ... while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

#### Prayer for Vocations -

O God, you are the Lord of the harvest. We pray to you that men and women may hear the call of Christ your Son, to work in your vineyard. May they answer the call generously. May we, with them, serve you faithfully all our days so that your faithful people may grow in numbers and favour in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Week starting 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collections** - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection

**Good Friday** - collection is for the upkeep of Holy Places

**Offerings on the Easter Vigil and Sunday** – will be for the Rosminian Clergy. If you are a tax payer, please take the White envelopes for the 'Institute of Charity' at the porch. Thank you

**24 hours of Adoration before Palm Sunday** - starting this Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>) at 10 a.m. finishing on Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) with Benediction at 9:30 a.m. Time before the Lord, Praying for our Families, Vocations and World Peace.

**Monday Exposition** – There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday it will resume on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. There will be **NO** Monday Evening Mass during this period of closure.

**Children's Liturgy** – There will be no Children's Liturgy next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, or for the following 8<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> April. Resumes on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Restoration Funds** - total raised to date

**Church Spire Restoration** – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. Repairs are needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Ceiling, Lighting inside the Church, Boiler, Organ, and also Hibbert's. You can still sponsor Half a brick for £50, a Full brick for £100, or sponsor one Angel Wing for £750. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible.

**Easter Hamper** - the Easter Basket raffle will be drawn this Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) in Hibberts Hall.

**U C M Mass** – is this Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 10 a.m. followed by a meeting in the Coach House. The invited guest speaker Ruth Clensy will talk to us about "Walking the Camino." All ladies in the Parish would be most welcome to join us

**Volunteers required for Easter Church Cleaning-**

this Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) from 10.30am until approximately 12 noon. Please come along to help.

**Lent Lunches** - meeting this week:- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March St Andrew's Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

**Seder Meal** – taking place this Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. Please add your name to the list in the porch, if you are able to join us. £10 for Adults, £5 for children under 16.

**Maundy Thursday** - during Mass all the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their commitment for the coming year. All Ministers are invited to be part of the celebration.

**Novena to the Divine Mercy** - starts on Good Friday (29<sup>th</sup>) for 9 days until the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please recite the chaplet every day. Leaflets available in the porch. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2:45p.m Service of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said in the Church. Please do come along to celebrate the Divine Mercy.

**Walk of Witness** - on Good Friday (30<sup>th</sup>) at 9.45 a.m. starting at Jubilee Gardens, Regent Place.

**Holy Week Services** – Please take a copy, one for yourself, family and friends, just inside the Church.

## Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

**NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.**

**Parish Office open from 09.00 – 12.30 on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday**

**Easter Cards** – are available in the Coach House

**APF / Red Boxes** – Would all promoters please collect their envelopes from the porch and return monies by this Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) – Thank you.

**Rosminian Ascribed Enquirers** - Meeting next Wednesday 4th April at 7.00pm in Hibberts Hall. Contact person: Alan Parish [aparish@sky.com](mailto:aparish@sky.com) 01788 575373.

**Ministers, Adult and Youth Reader Rotas:** The new rotas have been emailed, if you have not received a copy please let Kathy know on [kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com](mailto:kathyellen.smith56@gmail.com). If you prefer a printed copy, these have been left in the Sacristy, please help yourself.

**Life Ascending** - We will be having a Day of Recollection at Grace Dieu Lodge with Father Denis on Saturday 14 April. If anyone would like to join us you will be most welcome. Please contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more details.

**Hibbert's Hall** - As you know, we have an excellent facility at Hibberts Hall and this has been further enhanced through the recent renovation of the kitchen via a successful Grant Application in 2016. I have had an approach from 2 ladies who wish to conduct a stand-alone fully licensed catering business from the Hall for parishioners and non-parishioners. I think that this offers the Parish an exciting opportunity to maximise the income potential of Hibberts and I would like to think that, once the business is up and running, parishioners will use the venue as their primary choice for any group or family functions. One of the first introductions I would like to see from the new venture will be to provide Sunday Lunch once a month. Please speak with Father Tom, Tom Hargadon or Mike Borg if you require any further information about this venture.

**The Gift of Years – Volunteer Training:-** The Gift of Years Rugby is seeking to recruit Christians from the churches to join their team. Volunteers work in residential care homes for older people offering pastoral care, visiting & befriending, worship and some activities. We will be running a training course for those interested on Tuesday evenings beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> May for 8 evenings until 19<sup>th</sup> June 7pm- 9pm. There is a **Celebration Supper-** on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April in Hibbert's Hall for those who are interested in knowing more about our ministry, opportunities for volunteering and our training course. For more information please contact Lindsay Pelloquin on 07842993847 or email [giftofyearsrugby@outlook.com](mailto:giftofyearsrugby@outlook.com)

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

24<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**24 Hour Adoration starting after this Morning's Mass.**  
**Mass at 6.00 p.m.** for Christopher Cookson R.I.P.

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**Benediction 9:30 a.m.**

**Mass at 10 a.m.** for Den Harries R.I.P Blessing of Palms and Procession (Outside Church) and Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Nora O'Driscoll R.I.P.

**Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.**

**Coffee/Tea after 10 a.m.** Mass in the Parish Hall

**Parish Shop open in Coach House after 10 a.m** Mass

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March - Monday of Holy Week**

**Mass at 10 a.m.** for UCM Intentions

**NO 7.00 p.m.** Mass

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Mass at 10 a.m.** for Well -Being of Robert & Bridie

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Mass at 10.00 a.m.** for Cynthia Tayler R.I.P.

**Chrism Mass 12 Noon at St Chad's Cathedral**

**THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March - Maundy Thursday**

**NO 10 a.m.** Mass

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m** for Well-Being of Diana McCormick

**Vigil up to 12p.m.**

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday**

**9 a.m.** Morning Prayer

**9:45 a.m** Ecumenical March of Witness starting in Regent Place

**3 p.m.** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

**7 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March - Holy Saturday**

**Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.**

**Easter Vigil at 8 p.m** for Joseph Mascarenhas

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Dawn Mass at 8 a.m.** for All Parishioners

**Mass at 10 a.m.** Den Harries R.I.P.

**NO 6 p.m.** Mass

### † PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne, Alfredo Valderroma, Octaovio Granja,

### † RECENTLY DIED †

Janet Doyle, Andre Couloute

### † FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Joyce Potter, Ann Bailie, Janina Machnik, Mary Quinn, Annabelle White, Patrick Moyney