

*The way to die*

If you talk about death with somebody, it won't be long before you Death - yes, like Tax - is one of life's certainties. It is good during Lent to think about death because it makes sense of Easter's 'new life' message - the resurrection is only

possible because our Lord first died. If we are to follow Jesus we need to pass through our own death too. Thinking about death can release us from our fears about it, and prepare us for the inevitable, so this week I'm going to encourage you to do just that. To begin, let's think about one question: when the time comes, how would you like to die? If you're feeling brave ask someone else too.



*Let's talk about it*

**A prayer:**

Lord God, our heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the great gift of this life on earth, and the promise of new life in heaven to all who believe.



May we be drawn closer to You day by day,  
And at the last know the deep peace of your presence, guiding us on the Journey to glory.

Amen.

**DO NOT FORGET THE CLOCKS HAVE TO SPRING FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT BY ONE HOUR.**



**SATURDAY**  
28th March  
Vigil Mass 4.00 pm  
**SUNDAY**  
29th March  
Mass 9.30 am



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| Saturday  | 28th | <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Vigil Mass 4 pm</b>              | parishioners                          |
| Sunday    | 29th | <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass 9.30 am</b>                 |                                       |
| Monday    | 31st | Lent Feria   | <b>NO MASS MASS NO LIVE ON</b>        |
| Tuesday   | 1st  | Lent Feria   | Mass 10 am <b>FACEBOOK (PAUL ROY</b>  |
| Wednesday | 3rd  | Lent Feria   | Mass 10 am <b>LOMAS) AT THE TIMES</b> |
| Thursday  | 4th  | Lent Feria   | Mass 10 am <b>SHOWN.</b>              |
| Friday    | 5th  | Lent Feria   | Mass 10 am                            |
| Saturday  | 6th  | <b>PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION Vigil Mass 4 pm</b> |                                       |

**Next Week : PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**  
Saturday 28th March 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm  
and Sunday 29th March Mass at 9.30am



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Fr. Paul, here I am just so you don't forget what I look like as you can't join me for Mass in church. Although you can see me, if you click onto the videos uploaded on my Facebook pages..... Just remember I am still saying my prayers every day, especially for you.



**The Catholic Church will rededicate England as Mary's Dowry on Sunday 29 March -**  
the Sunday following the feast of the Annunciation.

You are invited to join Archbishop Bernard Longley as he celebrates Mass at St Chad's Cathedral at 11am, concluding with the prayers of Rededication.

The original dedication of England to Mary was made by King Richard II in 1381 at Westminster Abbey.

The 2020 rededication was due to be held simultaneously in the Walsingham shrine and in all churches and cathedrals in England, but given the current coronavirus pandemic it will now be an individual event taking place in homes up and down the country, and via live streaming. On Sunday 29th March, we will pray together The Rededication. This will take place throughout the country in our homes, uniting us in prayer.

**Holy week begins on Palm Sunday 5th. April.** So far it seems like the church will still not be open by then. It is intended that the Liturgy of Holy Week will take place with the Parish Priest carrying out the ceremonies each day. Obviously ceremonies like foot washing on Holy Thursday and veneration of the Cross on Good Friday can't take place but you will be able to take part at home in prayerful presence at what the priest is able to do. He will appreciate knowing that you are there with him in spirit and prayer.

**Reflection**

**Seeds of Consolation**

What can I say to you, my friend, in your hour of grief? Just a word from the heart. In the midst of your sorrow seeds are being sown - seeds of consolation, hope, resignation, and even gratitude.

This winter will pass, and spring will again visit the garden of your heart. You will see these seeds grow, blossom, and bear fruit. Then your sorrow will turn into joy, A joy no one will be able to take from you.



**MASS will continue to be celebrated here each day apart from Monday. If you need to self-isolate than you must do that , there will be no public masses until further notice. Fr. Paul will offer mass each day.**

**Latest on St. Benedict's during this shutdown due to COVID-19.**

Sadly the doors to St. Benedict's have to remain locked for the foreseeable future. Moreover this doesn't mean that Mass is not being offered at the altar. Each day Fr. Paul says the Mass of the day and then he places it on Facebook. If you're not on Facebook I'm sure you know someone who is. Search for Paul Lomas or Paul Roy Lomas. There are two sites and I keep them both upto date with prayers and thoughts as well as comments from other followers.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

**We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering inside. Fr. Paul has no outstanding Masses.**

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON FRIDAYS EACH WEEK.**

After Mass on Friday morning the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar for adoration, prayer & reflection. Benediction at 11.15am Take this time to be before the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER**



**As usual we will need a special church clean before Holy Saturday when we celebrate the Easter Vigil.**

**If we are open there will be a gathering of the church cleaners who can come on Monday 5th. April at the morning Mass. New volunteers welcomed as well.**

