

## Diary

### This week is Holy Week.

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – both Masses today will begin with the blessing of palms.

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Music Group rehearsal for the Easter Triduum in the Millennium Room at 7 p.m. New members, whether singers or instrumentalists, are always welcome.

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Holy Thursday – a rehearsal for the servers for the Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at 6 p.m.

**N.B. For the Easter Triduum, the help of as many servers as possible** would be appreciated for all three liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **Attendance at the appropriate rehearsals is essential.** Thank you!

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Good Friday – this is a day of **fasting and abstinence.**

A rehearsal for the **Proclamation of the Passion**, during the afternoon's Celebration of the Lord's Passion, will take place at **10 a.m.** Ideally, we **still need 16 more people** to volunteer to help with this. **Please sign the list in the church porch today!** Thank you!

**The Way of the Cross** ("Stations") at **11 a.m.** As last year, this will be a reflective and moving form of this devotion which was composed by Pope Benedict who added one extra "station", "Jesus speaks to his mother". The scripture readings are all chosen by him. There will be three excerpts from "the Seven Last Words of Christ" by the Scottish composer, James MacMillan. There will also be silent reflection and the occasional use of a simple, sung refrain.

**Please note:** There is **no** Ecumenical Walk of Witness this year.

A rehearsal of the servers for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion this afternoon will take place at **2 p.m.**

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Holy Saturday – servers' rehearsal of the Easter Vigil will take place at **2 p.m.** this afternoon.

**PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference! This is especially important this week!**

### *Lenten Appeal – International Aid Trust*

As usual, this Lent, Audrey Armour is renewing her appeal to you for clothes, etc., to be sent abroad to many poor countries. There is information available at the back of church about this appeal along with lists of the things sent. Please be your usual generous selves.

**Welcome families and friends to St Mary's: join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30 a.m. Mass.**



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Sunday Mass 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Weekdays except Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass

Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Celebration of the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist : Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

## PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

29<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

### *Holy Week & The Easter Triduum*

Please try to keep this week holy, perhaps by coming to **daily Mass**, to weekday **Morning Prayer of the Church**, or to Sunday **Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction of the Holy Eucharist** this afternoon.

This **Holy Week**, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord's Death and Resurrection in the Easter Triduum or Three-Day Feast of Christ's Passion, Death & Resurrection. The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. It continues on Good Friday with the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. It culminates on Holy Saturday night with the Easter Vigil and concludes in the joy of Easter Sunday.

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (at 7 p.m. on **Holy Thursday**), the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (at 3 p.m. on **Good Friday**) and the **Easter Vigil** (at 8 p.m. on **Holy Saturday**) are not three separate celebrations but **one celebration in three parts**. Every Catholic should, therefore, try to be present at all three parts of the Easter Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

### *Easter Flowers & the Easter Garden*

The floral decorations in our church are always beautiful – thanks to the team of arrangers. Easter, the greatest feast in the Church's year, should see our church decked out in its finest and so contributions towards the flowers for this feast will be gratefully received. Please give them to Michael or Bill.

As last year, we would like to create an **Easter garden** (*most people seemed to like it!*) so contributions of spring plants would be most welcome for that. They can be brought to the presbytery during Holy Week. Thank you.

# Liturgies for Holy Week & the Easter Triduum

29<sup>th</sup>. March – 5<sup>th</sup>. April

<b>PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD</b>	8.30 a.m.	Peter Patrick Flanagan <i>Anniversary</i> (T.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer, Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Monday in Holy Week</b> (30 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>10 a.m.</b>	John Cuerden <i>R.I.P.</i> (E.C.)
<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> (31 <sup>st</sup> )	7 p.m.	Barbara Hearty <i>Anniversary</i> (M.J.M.)
<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> )	10 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.B.)
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER</b> Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.H.)
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<b>11 a.m.</b> <b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b> <b>CELEBRATION of the LORD'S PASSION</b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<b>The EASTER VIGIL</b> Intentions of Judith Halloran (K.M.E.)
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Francis Gerard Nelson <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.V.N.)

## Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Geoffrey Holden (*a friend of Kathy's*), Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Ebony Pearson, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Winifred White;

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Gerry & Brenda McCaul, Sheila Mullen, Walter Myerscough, Betty Poole, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie) Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently**, **Deborah Carr**, **Father John Cunningham** (*priest of Liverpool Diocese and a friend of Father Bernard Hearty*), **Joan Hawksworth** (*mother of a friend of Michael's*), and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Mavis Charity Adams, John Ashton, Catherine Donnelly, Mabel Fyall, John Hawes, Barbara Hearty, Michael Houghton, Michael McDaid, Colin Riches.

## Cafod in Lent

All monies put into the World Needy box during the rest of Lent will go to Cafod. Thank you for your generosity.

## Red Mission Boxes

Please bring these to church on Sundays in April for counting. Thank you.

## Next Sunday's Gospel for Easter Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>. April)

**John 20 : 1-9 The Empty Tomb**

There are several accounts, in the various gospels, of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors: the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account, Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith.

**What aspects of the gospel accounts of the resurrection help to strengthen your own faith?**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

<b>for 15<sup>th</sup>. March</b>		
84	Mary Kay	£50
41	John Brady	£15
<b>For 22<sup>nd</sup>. March</b>		
222	Ruth Pirie	£50
9	M. Beavers	£15

Mass Attendance, etc. : no figures available at time of going to press.

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**Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup>. April**

**Church Cleaning**

*Group 1 – Anne Towler's group*

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

**Refreshments after Mass**

*Jo & Marion`*

## Fund-raising

**Thank you** to all of you who have taken **Easter raffle tickets**. Tickets stubs and monies can be put through the presbytery door (*in an envelope!*) and unsold tickets can be returned to the back of church. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday.

## Thank you ...

... from Teresa Morris and her husband, Les, to those of you who attended the Funeral Mass of her brother, Tony Flanagan. "God bless you".