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Palm Sunday (year C) - 10th April 2022

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday, as we gather for the Palm Sunday celebration, our Holy Week begins. Our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Churches call this "The Great Week" – a fitting description of all that we celebrate in the coming days. This year, the joyous message that greets the Messiah as He enters Jerusalem must, I suggest, bring hope to a broken world. We remember very specially the people of Ukraine and all those caught up in the dreadful conflict there, for Christ is present in our world in all its brokenness – bringing Hope and the Peace that only He can bring. Let us, as it were, take our suffering brothers and sisters with us as we accompany the Lord into Jerusalem. In our prayer, in our lives, let us seek to walk with them in their suffering as, in the coming days, we spend time with the One who is the Suffering Servant. As the Passion is read this Sunday, let us make every effort to walk with Jesus in every step that He takes. In the days to come this week, I invite you to take parts of the Passion account and make use of them for Lectio Divina. This prayerful reflection on the sacred text will bring the words of the Gospel to a place in the heart, where we listen in faith to the One who calls us to be His. The more we dwell in the Gospel, the more we dwell in Christ, in the One who suffered, died and rose again for us. The Holy Week journey is life-changing for you and for me and, indeed, for the whole world. With every Blessing, Bishop Richard

Holy Thursday 8pm – Good Friday 3pm – Easter Vigil Saturday 8.30pm
Celebrated at St Joseph's Church - all are welcome

Churches and Covid - though restrictions have been lifted in England we are encouraged to exercise caution and consideration for others in the parish, especially those who are more vulnerable and anxious. Bishop Richard has issued some guidelines which he strongly urges us to continue: the use of **sanitization** on entry and exit from Church buildings, the wearing of **face coverings** for the protection of others, **Communion under one kind** only. The Bishops of England and Wales have not restored 'The Sunday Obligation' but have issued a rich reflection on 'The Day or the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. For the full letter see the Bishops website and our parish website.

War in Ukraine - Prayers for Peace

Holy Hour for Ukraine - Sunday afternoons 3pm at St Joseph's Church - come and pray in quiet before the Lord in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Why not bring the children for a few minutes visit before the Lord?

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: You can donate online, and gift aid - www.Cafod.org.uk. You can also find resources there for prayers for Ukraine.

How can we help the People of Ukraine? Our Parish Holy Hours and prayers for peace continue, and our Diocese is receiving emails and telephone calls from people across our community hoping to provide practical support, and possible housing, to Ukrainian refugees. Go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news> for more details.

Diocesan Mission: Invited: Season II - Growing in Faith, with an exciting line-up of speakers Episode 1 will be available online Easter Monday, 18th April, with Diocese-wide zooms happening each Thursday evening. This Eastertide we look to the Early Church for inspiration on how to be true followers of Christ.

Prefer to meet in person? We are going to host a 'come and watch' session weekly with light refreshments, after morning mass on Wednesdays at St Joseph's, showing the video presentation and sharing key questions for people to reflect on during the week. No need to book. See: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> for more details

Gift Aid 2022/3 - please pick up your new box of envelopes from the back of church after mass if you use these. **How to gift aid to the parish** if you would like to know more about this scheme of claiming tax back for the parish (which increases offerings you make by 25%) please contact our team: pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Holy Week Readers - please contact the parish office if you are able to offer this ministry.

Holy Thursday – Washing of feet, We are able to return in the liturgy to this ancient imitation of Jesus as he washed his disciples' feet as a sign of serving those who were to serve others. It would be good to wash the feet of those who offer some service in the parish. If you would like volunteer your feet please contact the parish office.

Churches Together Easter Services: Good Friday Service 15th April 2022 11:15am Warwick Quadrant The march of witness starts from the Gloucester Road car park at 11am. Easter Sunday sunrise service at 7am on 17th April on Redhill Common

Our Flower arrangers are looking for more volunteers to build up the rota of helpers. Why not give it a try? Help and support is available. If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office

The Yellow Bucket - our local foodbank is based at St Matthew's Church and you can donate directly or via the 'Yellow Buckets' at the back of the Churches. Thanks.

The Good Friday Collection is, as usual, for the upkeep of the Holy Places of Jerusalem.

The Easter Collection (giftaidable) is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest. If you would like to donate online email the parish office for details.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1275.94.

Easter Flowers: £273.18

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH CLERGY:**Fr Tony Bridson****Dcn Tim Murrill** (07545 175448)**PARISH OFFICE****MON - FRIDAY 9.30AM - 3.30PM**

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL

The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the staff or contact him directly yourself.

If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your Hospital stay.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Patricia Blackwell, Malcolm Tadd, Chris Bayley, Zackery Tuffrey, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, and all sick and housebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish on 01737 761017.

Palm Sunday (year C)

Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Response: *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?***Sat 9 Apr****St Joseph's 17.30** Special Int**Sun 10 Apr****Holy Family 09.00** People of the Parish**St Joseph's 11.00** Eamon McGrath RIP**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Int**Mon 11 Apr****St Teresa's 10.00** Gennarino Piraino RIP**Tue 12 Apr**

No mass

Wed 13 Apr**St Joseph's 10.00** Joe Garry (sick)**The Easter Triduum****Thur 14 Apr Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Ex 2:1-6.11-14; Ps 115; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

St Joseph's 20.00 People of the Parish**Fri 15 Apr****Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion**

Is 52:13-53:12; ps30; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

St Joseph's 15.00**Sat 16 Apr****Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter**

Gn 1:1.26-31; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ez 36:16-28; Rm 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

St Joseph's 20.30 People of the Parish**Easter Sunday (year C)**

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

Response: *This day was made by the Lord we rejoice and are glad.***Sun 17 Apr****Holy Family 09.00** Special Int**St Joseph's 11.00** Deceased of the parish**St Teresa's 17.30** Private Int.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**St Joseph's Church, Friday 7pm****PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

Fr Anthony Hale (CP) RIP, a Passionist priest, retired in this parish. His funeral has not yet been arranged.

Ellen (Eileen) Bell RIP her funeral will take place on Wednesday 20th April at 2.45pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.