

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK 2022

This year with the lifting of Covid Restrictions some of the traditional Holy Week rites can be celebrated. However, there can still be some restrictions and I set out below the pattern for our celebration this year, which is intended to allow for safe social distancing.

Fr. Kevin



### **PALM SUNDAY 10th APRIL 9.30am & 11am**

- There will be NO Palm Sunday Procession at the 9.30am Mass ( Palms will be blessed in Church at all Masses ). However, the Reading of the Passion will take place in the traditional manner.  
Please note the time of the first Sunday Mass is 9.30am to allow for the extra devotions.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 14th APRIL 7.30pm**

- The washing of the feet ( The Mandatum ) will NOT take place.
- The Procession of The Blessed Sacrament will be replace by a Maundy Thursday reflection and prayers.

### **GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL 3pm & 7.30pm**

- The Liturgy will include the reading of the Passion and solemn Good Friday Prayers.
- The Veneration of the Cross will NOT take the traditional form. Instead, the Priest will bring the Crucifix to the people, so that all may genuflect or make a profound bow to the Cross.
- Please note the 7.30pm Service is a shortened version of the Good Friday liturgy so as to keep attendance numbers at a comfortable level.

### **EASTER VIGIL 16th APRIL 8.30pm**

- The lighting of the 'New Fire' and the 'Blessing of The Pascal Candle' will take place in Church without a Procession.

### **EASTER SUNDAY 17th APRIL 8.00am (Said) ; 9.45am (Sung & Live Streamed) ; 11am(Said)**

- The Three Masses are again intended to keep attendance numbers at a comfortable level.

### **CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE EASTER :**

- Wednesday 6th April at 6.30pm; Friday 8th April at 6.30pm; Saturday 9th April after 10am Mass and after 5.30pm Vigil Mass; Monday 11th April at 10.30am and 6.30pm; Wednesday 13th April at 10.30am.
- Penitential Reflection for Holy Week - Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm (This service will be Live Streamed only)



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**Confession after 10am Saturday Mass or by appointment.**

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DAY	DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
SATURDAY	9th April	<u>5.30pm</u>	Vigil Mass : PALM SUNDAY	✠ Oliver Rodgers R.I.P
SUNDAY	10th April	<u>9.30am</u> <u>11.00am</u>	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	✠ Deceased Members of the Berkeley Family R.I.P People of the Parish
MONDAY	11th April	-	NO MASS AT ST.FRANCIS	-
TUESDAY	12th April	- <u>7.30pm</u>	(Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral) <u>Penitential Reflection</u> ( Live stream only)	-
WEDNESDAY	13th April	<u>7.30pm</u>	Of Holy Week	For a devout celebration of the Triduum
THURSDAY	14th April	<u>7.30pm</u>	MAUNDY THURSDAY	-
FRIDAY	15th April	<u>3pm</u> & <u>7.30pm</u>	GOOD FRIDAY	-
SATURDAY	16th April	<u>8.30pm</u>	VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER	-

**Fr Kevin writes ...**

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

'Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion' is the full title that the Church gives to this weekend. At the beginning of our Masses, palms are blessed and with joy we acknowledge Jesus as the Christ – the Messiah, as did the crowds in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. However, following this, the Masses take on a darker, more solemn mood as the scripture readings reflect on the Lord's coming death for our salvation. Today, we hear St Luke's account of the Passion of Christ, and we all participate in the reading of the Lord's betrayal, trial, crucifixion and death. This Sunday is also intended to be our personal entry into Holy Week 2022, to prepare us for the 'Great Three Days' - The Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

I commend these important coming days to you all.

- Our Opening Prayer asks God our Father to enable us to follow Christ's example of humility and: "... heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection ...".

- The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah. The prophet tells the people of Israel of the 'Suffering Servant' (*for us Christians this is a prophecy of Christ's passion*): "... I offered my back to those who struck me ... I did not cover my face against insult and spittle ...".

- Our second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. The apostle speaks of Christ's self-giving humility: "... Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave ... he was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross ..."

- The proclamation of the Gospel is replaced by the solemn reading of the Passion according to St Luke ...

**HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS;  
BENEDICTUS, QUI VENISTI ...**

**HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!  
BLESSED ARE YOU, WHO HAVE  
COME ...**

# PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

**WE PRAY** for the Sick and Housebound of our Community and for those who care for them: Sue Powell, Darryl Sinclair, David McCann, Maria Williams, Barbara Siwicka, Gianluca Greenwood, Brian Lynch, Pat Sassi, Frances Wilde, Simon Saint, Peter Hermon, Ernesto and Napoleon Mannois, Jane Thomas, Daniel Offer, Marie Hall, Geraldine McAllister, Georgia Mackinlay, Nina Mullins, Eileen Hoare. If you would like to add a name to this list, **with consent**, or if you would like a name removed, please email or phone the Parish Office.



**EASTER OFFERINGS** envelopes are by tradition always for our Parish Priest. Please return them through the Friary letterbox. A paypal account has been set up to allow Easter Offerings to be made on-line. The link to do this is <http://paypal.me/frkevinbidgood>. Thank you.



**GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** Your numbered envelopes for the 2022/23 tax year are available for collection from the church porch. If you normally donate by weekly envelope, please take the box marked with your name. If you have any queries, or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Chris Sowinski on 01344 887005 or [cpsowinski@gmail.com](mailto:cpsowinski@gmail.com).



**UCM WALK AGAINST HUNGER:** The UCM have now completed their 200k and more! Please see one of our members after Mass or pop your donation into an envelope with your name and drop it into a green bucket. We would like to thank everyone who has supported our efforts to raise money for the various charities. A full breakdown will be available after Easter.

**LITTLE FRANCISCAN TODDLER GROUP** will be on Easter break until **Tuesday 26th April**.

## **MASS TIME CHANGES**

After Easter Sunday ( from the weekend of 23rd /24th April ) Mass times will be as follows:

- Saturday Vigil Mass **5.30pm** (no change)
- Sunday **8.30am & 10am** ( the new 8.30am Mass is intended for those who wish to remain socially distanced at Mass)
- Weekday Masses will remain at their present times.
- Also from the weekend of 23rd/24th April it will be no longer necessary to register on-line for Mass attendance or sign in on arrival.
- If you do feel unwell, or have Covid symptoms please **DO NOT** attend Mass.
- You are asked to continue to wear a mask and to sanitise your hands on arrival.
- If you still wish to distance at Mass please use one of the 'polite' distancing cards which will be available in the porch.

## **HOLY WEEK**

- Monday 11th April : Confessions at 10.30am & 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 11am: Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral, at which the New Oils are blessed and distributed to Parish Clergy. No Mass at St.Francis.
- Holy Week Penitential Reflection 7.30pm ( Live Stream ONLY).
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Confessions at 10.30am; Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass.

## **THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

- Holy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April: 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (*for those unable to attend at 3pm and for social distancing - a shortened version of the Solemn Liturgy takes place at 7.30pm*)
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April: 8.30pm The Easter Vigil.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM**

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST.COLUMBA  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING PROJECT**

**IN AID OF THAMES HOSPICE**

**SPONSORED WALK**

**AROUND**

**VIRGINIA WATER (GU25 4QF)**

**SUNDAY 15th May 2022 2:00pm**

**Meeting at the Saville Garden Car Park  
then Totem Pole, Valley Gardens and  
return to Car Park  
approximately 3-miles round walk.**

**The event has been organised to coincide  
with the period when Virginia Water is in bloom  
with the best displays of flowers ever,  
ideal for a family afternoon.**

**We are looking for  
WALKERS and SPONSORS  
Please join in and raise money  
For the Hospice that cares for  
End-of-life patients for free.**

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**FATIMA DEVOTIONS**  
**KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP**

Monday - Friday at 1.30pm  
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary  
As requested by Our Lady  
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW

**MON 11th April - FRI 15th April**  
**ZOOM ID : 753 0051 3804**

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75300513804?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75300513804?pwd=O17PhI34CYH7vBvyjnpb_UzlxaxTI.1)  
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**PASSWORD : rosary**



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