

# TODAY'S READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant  
mercy!*

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant  
mercy!*

**Collect:** Almighty ever-living God,

who as an example of humility for the human race to  
follow

caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient  
suffering

and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading:**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall  
not be put to shame.'**

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of those who are taught,

that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is  
weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards.

I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

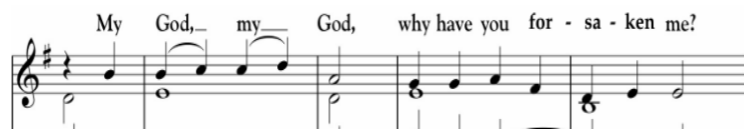
therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

**R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**C/ THANKS BE TO GOD**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 22(21):8-9,17-18,19-20,  
23-24. R.2a



**Second Reading:**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted  
him.'**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not  
count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but  
emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being  
born in the likeness of men. And being found in human  
form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the  
point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God  
has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name  
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus  
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Philippians 2:8-9**

**(ALL STAND)**

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every  
name.

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

**Gospel:** *(Please see separate insert)*

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,  
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Mt 26: 42**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

**Prayer after Communion:**

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by  
his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.



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## 29th March 2026 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Sunday Mass Times:**

6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10am  
(Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn)  
5pm (Portuguese)

**Other Mass Times:**

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays:  
12 Noon  
Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

As announced



**Confession Times:**

Fridays 12.35-1pm, Saturdays  
11-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm or by  
appointment.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Fridays: 12:30pm-1pm,  
Saturdays: 5.15-5.45pm

**Parish Office Opening Times:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays &  
Fridays: 10am-2pm  
Wednesdays: Closed

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### Entering into Palm Sunday

As we begin Holy Week, Palm Sunday invites us not just to hear the Passion story, but to enter into it. This great Gospel reading is full of movement, emotion, and unforgettable characters. Each year, it offers us fresh light for prayer.

One good way to reflect on the Passion is to read it slowly and notice where we are drawn. Do we recognise ourselves in Peter's weakness, Simon's reluctant help, the loyalty of the women, or the centurion's dawning faith? Sometimes just one scene can stay with us and open our hearts to the Lord.

Above all, the Passion reveals who Jesus is. He is the Son of God, not showing power in the world's way, but revealing the strength of love — a love willing to suffer, to forgive, and to remain faithful to the end. In the Passion, we see just how far God is willing to go for us.

This story also meets us in our own struggles. Suffering comes to every life in different ways, and the Passion reminds us that the Lord does not stand far off from our pain. He enters into it, carries it, and transforms it.

As Holy Week begins, it is worth asking: where am I in the Passion story? What is the Lord saying to me there? And what good news does this Gospel hold for my life now?

May this Holy Week help us to walk closely with Christ in his suffering, and so be ready to share more deeply in the joy of Easter.

*Father Mark.*

**SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO THE PARISH (SUNDAY COLLECTION ETC):**



# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

## SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Mike Power, Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O'Brien, Christine Smith, Rachel Cottrell, Alice O'Neill, Jilly Taylor, Marie Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O'Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Morag & Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, George Spencer, Ann Olive, Fr. Colin McLean.

## HAL LAMPS: HOLY SOULS

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** We pray for all those who have died recently.

**DEAD ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for all those who died around this time.



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

R	Sunday	29th March	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	Vigil	5:15pm 6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon	Confessions Holy Souls Gerry Mayes (ANN) People of the Parish
P	Monday	30th March	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>		12 Noon	Elizabeth Barratt
P	Tuesday	31st March	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>			<b>NO MASS</b>
P	Wednesday	1st April	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>		9:30 am	John Byers (RIP)
W	Thursday	2nd April	<b>Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday)</b>		8:00 pm	All Priests
R	Friday <b>Abstinence</b>	3rd April	<b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</b>		3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
W	Saturday	4th April	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the</b>	Vigil	7:30 pm	Parish Priest's Intentions

# NEWS AND VIEWS

### New Organ

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new organ, situated in the gallery, thanks to a generous benefactor. The speakers are now placed at the front of the church to balance the organ. If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the new speakers, please see Fr Mark or Carl Williams. .

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new envelopes as you leave Mass this Sunday from the table near the church main door.

### Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Vespers will resume after Easter. Date to be announced over the following weeks.

### New Way to Donate to the Parish.

Many of us no longer carry cash making it tricky to donate to the Sunday collection and other collections for the Mission of our church. For your convenience, you can set up regular offerings and donations by scanning the QR Code on the front of this newsletter. Shortly, this QR Code will be displayed on church notice boards etc to make giving easier. We thank you for your generosity.

### HALL OF OUT OF USE:

To accommodate Holy Week rehearsals, the Hall will not be in use on the following dates and times:

Monday 30th March: 10am – 6pm; Wednesday 1st April: 2pm – 4pm

Should you wish to use the toilets after Mass/Prayer Group, please come to the side door. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### RCIA CANDIDATES

Please keep Serena, Ronaldi, Emma, Pietro, Laura, Mags, Stacie, Charles & Florence in your prayers during Holy Week, their final week of preparation, before receiving the Easter Sacraments on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

### ALTAR SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

A mandatory rehearsal for altar servers serving during Holy Week and Easter will take place on Tuesday 31st March from 6pm to 8:15pm. Please collect the schedule from the sacristy if you haven't already.

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.**

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Deadline to submit your information is 16th April 2026.

### MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE ON THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO JUNE 8TH-14TH 2026

Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the Beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: [gileag@gmail.com](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org)

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2026

**First Holy Communion 2026:** The next class will be on Saturday 18th April at 11am in the hall.

**Confirmation 2026:** The next class will take place on **Thursday** 23rd April at 6pm in the hall.

**RCIA Course:** Important dates for your diary which you will need to attend in addition to Sunday Mass and on other Holy days: Holy Week: Palm Sunday, 29th March. Maundy Thursday, 2nd April evening Mass at 8pm. Good Friday liturgy of the Passion, 3rd April at 3pm. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 4th April at 7.30pm.

### TEA & COFFEE

Parishioners and visitors are all welcome to join us in the Van Pelt Hall after 10am Sunday Mass.

### COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY (THANK YOU!)

Friday Collection: £41.35 Envelopes: £285.74 Loose: £267.37 Total: £594.46  
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £228.42 and £519 per week by standing order.