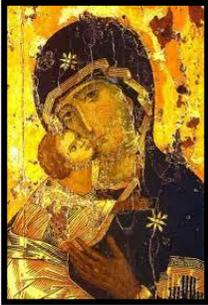


We have all shocked and saddened by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the unimaginable suffering of its people and the consequences this has for world peace. It can feel that there is little we can do in the face of such evil except leave it to the politicians to sort it out and hope for the best. As Catholics and Christians, followers of the Prince of Peace we know that prayer is the most powerful weapon we have against evil so I urge you to pray for the people of the Ukraine at the terrible time and for peace. Only God can bring about the peace which this world so urgently needs.



**Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God, We ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, For their government, and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, Support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. Amen.**

**Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**

**God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen**

We pray for the sick of our parish both at home and in hospital, for those who have died, Judy Perks, Brian Tanswell, Sue Forder, Ann Orchard and all those whose anniversaries of death are at this time in particular: David Peter Moruzzi, Merriel Cotterel, Jenny Adams Andrew Preedy and those known only to God. We pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine and in the Middle East.



Holy Week is central to our lives as Catholic Christians when we join Our Lord on his journey towards Calvary. This week we, as a parish family, will gather together and remember Christ's passion and death while looking forward with rejoicing to his resurrection. The times of all the services and the Mass intentions are on this newsletter



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	10.00am 6.30 pm	Gather outside for the blessing of palms Palm Sunday	Theresa Levesque RIP Pro Populo
Monday 30th March	9.30am	Monday of Holy Week	Holy Souls Penitential Service at OLQM 7.pm
Tuesday 31st March	9.30am	Tuesday of Holy Week	Chris & Jacqui Moore
Wednesday 1st April	No Mass	No Mass	Penitential Service at Belmont Abbey 7.pm
	10.00am 7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Mass for the Kerala Community For Peace in the world
	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross for both adults and children Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
	12.00pm 7.30pm	Easter Vigil	Polish Blessing of food. Pro Populo
	10.00am 6.30pm	Easter Sunday Mass of Easter	Justyna Michniok SP For Peace



### Holy Week and Easter

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Passion (Palm) Sunday

10.00 Mass: Please gather outside near the entrance of the church for the blessing of palms

6.30pm Passion Sunday Mass

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm: Joint Reconciliation Service with St Francis Xavier at Our Lady's

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

7.00pm: Reconciliation Service at Belmont Abbey

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Maundy Thursday

10.00am: Mass for the Kerala community

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching before the altar of repose until 10.00pm.

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Good Friday

10.00am: Stations of the Cross for both adults and children

3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday

12.00pm: Polish Blessing of food

12.30pm Preparing the church for Easter.

3.00pm: Mass for the Kerala community

7.30pm: Easter Vigil

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection

10.00am: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

6.30pm: Mass of Easter



### Easter Offering

*Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to use for your Easter Offering. The collection taken at Easter is traditionally for the parish clergy. You can put the envelope into any collection basket.*

#### Thank You

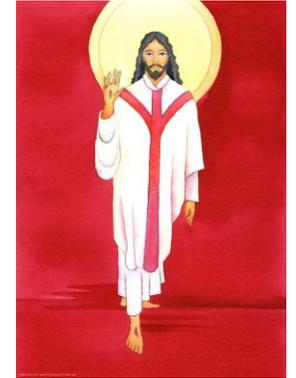
Fr Stuart and I want to thank you for your kindness, your prayers and your good wishes over the past year. Your generosity means a great deal to us. May God Bless you and your loved ones at this Easter Time. *Father Andrew & Father Stuart*

### Easter Reflection

*He is risen, tell the story to the nations of the night. From their sin and from their blindness, let them walk in Easter light. Now begins a new creation, now has come our true salvation. Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

Today is a happy and blessed day. After our Lenten journey, and the sorrow of Holy Week, we can now rejoice that Jesus has risen from the dead. Because of Jesus' resurrection, he has beaten death and washed us clean of our sin. Satan no longer has the last word because Jesus has triumphed over him and guaranteed us a place in Glory given to us by our Lord because He loves us absolutely. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can face the future without fear.

We know that whatever we may have done in the past cannot keep us from Jesus' loving embrace and forgiveness. We come to the Lord and feel His overwhelming and eternal love. Let us praise and give thanks to our Lord and just be happy to be one of His children. **Wishing you a very happy and peace filled Easter.**



### Message from Debbie Hillyer

#### MY STORY

I'm taking on Swim22 2026 to help create a world where diabetes can do no harm. Did you know someone is diagnosed with diabetes every two minutes?

4.6 million people in the UK live with diabetes diagnoses. So, I'm swimming towards a healthier me, and a better future for people living with diabetes.

For those who knew and loved Lucy, in this year that she would have turned 21, I can think of no better way to honour a life cut too short by diabetes, than by raising money and awareness for a worthy cause so that one day, diabetes will be a condition of the past.

Scan the QR code to donate!



To Chris and Jacqui Moore who are celebrating forty years of marriage this week. We give thanks to God for their Christian witness and wonderful example to the sanctity of married life and to their continued commitment to the life and witness of our parish. The work they do behind the scenes is very much appreciated, as is that of all our volunteers without whom we couldn't keep this parish going.