

NEWSLETTER

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(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

HOLY WEEK

6pm (Vigil) Patrick Browning - RIP (Eileen Browning)

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 22:14-23,56

8 am Sussamma Jacob - RIP (Jacob Family)

9:30 am Norah Whiting (Kathleen Kerr)

11 am Margaret & Andy Campbell (Chris & Lesley Smith)

12.15 pm Baptism of Teddy Michael Sammut

3.00 pm Stations of the Cross - led by Prayer and Pub group

4.00 pm Polish Community Mass

6 pm People of the Parish

Monday 15th April Monday of Holy Week Jn 11:1-45

7.30 am Bruce de Freitas - RIP (Theresa Punnett)

12 noon Carla Pereira (Brett Pereira)

7-9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 16th April Tuesday of Holy Week Jn 8:21-30

7.30 am John Reidy - RIP

12 noon Doris Barratt (Christine Glover)

7.30 pm Parish Penitential Service

Wednesday 17th April Wednesday of Holy Week Jn 8:31-42

7.30 am Gordon Ventress - RIP (Pauline)

10.30 - 11.30 NO Reconciliation

12 noon NO MASS AT ST THOMAS'

(Priests attending Chrism Mass at the Cathedral)

7 - 8.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.15 pm Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting in Link Lane

Thursday 18th April Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday)

NO MORNING MASS Jn 8:51-59

10 - 11 am Servers Rehearsal for Mass of the Lord's Supper

NO MIDDAY MASS

8.00 Mass of the Lord's Supper - Fr Angus Fraser - RIP
watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight

Friday 19th April Friday of the Passion of the Lord Jn 10:31-42

9.00 am Sung Morning Prayer

11.00 am Children's Stations of the Cross

12 - 1 pm Reconciliation

3.00 pm The Passion of the Lord - Solemn Liturgy

8.00 pm Last Seven words of Christ

Saturday 20th April Holy Saturday Jn 11:45-56

Day of Fasting and Prayer as we wait at the Lord's tomb

10.00 am Sung Morning Prayer

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Frs Anthony and Sylvester)

12 - 1 pm Servers' Practice for Easter Vigil

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Frs Anthony and Sylvester)

8.30 pm Solemn Easter Vigil - David Heap - RIP

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday Lk 22:14-23, 56

8 am Claudia Upward (Phyllis Stirton)

9:30 am Itohan Erhahon - RIP

11 am People of the Parish

12.15 Baptism of Lily McGee

Baptism and Confirmation of Amir

6 pm for Olga Douglas

From Fr Anthony ...

We all know what has dominated our news programmes and papers in the past months. I won't say the B word. Yet on Thursday a piece of news was announced simultaneously in Brussels, Washington, Santiago, Shanghai, Taipei, Tokyo and Lyngby in Denmark that overshadowed this bleak news. "Decades in the making", as one newspaper said. Scientists revealed the first direct visual image of a black hole - located five hundred million trillion kilometres from Earth and 6.5 billion times as heavy as the Sun. Carlos Moedas, the European research commissioner said something about this piece of news that struck me. "This a huge breakthrough for humanity. The history of science will be spilt into the time before the image and the time after the image."

This Sunday, we begin the week when we celebrate and recall the greatest breakthrough for humanity, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, who is the Christ. This was the one event that changed our world forever and changed us for ever. Until recently we spilt time before and after this event, i.e. BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) to emphasise the overwhelming importance of this event for the human race.

Today, known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, with the crowd, we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, waving our palms; but the mood soon changes to a proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus. "For, though innocent, Jesus suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty. His death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification." There are five days left of Lent including today. If we have not managed to keep Lent well or perhaps not at all then the good news is we have time enough to do some fasting, time enough to give to the poor and needy and time enough to reflect prayerfully on the passion of Jesus. So it is not too late. On Thursday evening we begin our Triduum. As one writer put it "On Thursday night we walk out of Lent into these three holiest days. We walk into them singing, 'We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.'"

It is a gifted time for us when we prepare to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. Please pray for those who are to be received into full communion in the Church, Alex and Chris and for those who are to complete their initiation by being confirmed. This will take place next Saturday at the "Easter Vigil in the Holy Night" which begins at 8:30pm with the blessing of the fire. On Easter Sunday we will all renew our baptismal promises. Please pray for Amir and Lily who will be baptised at 12:15.

PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 27th April 2019, at 9.00 am** in the Presbytery. Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from Office /website).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Sessions recommence 28th April 2019
CONFIRMATION 2019: Sessions in the Hall recommence 28th April 2019



CHURCH PYXES If you have taken one of the church Pyxes to carry the Host and forgotten to return it please could you do so urgently as they are needed by others who visit the housebound/hospitalised. Thank you

Volunteer needed! Could someone take money to the Missio office in Eccleston Square, London, SW1, if going in that direction? This is a bag of coins, about 2Kg in weight, derived from the Red Box collections over the last 10 years. It would be a huge favour, but only if you are going to be in that vicinity. Please let Linda Scott know if you can do this. Thank you.

Are you handy? We urgently need skilled tradespersons to help with work at the church! Chippies, Decorators, Plumber's, Brickies and roofers. If you have the skill, we can supply the materials and technical support! Please contact Linda if you feel you would be able to give to the parish in such a useful and valuable way!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CANTERBURY NEWS

'Palm Sunday Prayer', 6-8pm Sunday 14th at St Andrew's URC (Poster in Narthex)

Holy Week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 13:00 there will be a series of **lunchtime talks in the Cathedral Lodge** focusing on the way Jesus used the basic gifts of the natural environment.

'The Saviour Of The World: Walking With Jesus On The Way Of The Cross'

Holy Week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 19:30 the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, will give a series of devotional talks, in the Cathedral Nave, based on the Stations of the Cross, illustrated by artwork and photographs of contemporary events.

Good Friday, Friday 19th April: Walk of Witness

10:45am : Hot cross buns & drinks : Salvation Army, White Horse Lane

11:20am : Walk of Witness leaves The Salvation Army

11:30am : Outdoor service at Rose Square (by Primark), led by leaders of local churches and Christians Together in Canterbury.

(See poster in the Narthex)

Winter Shelter Volunteers Get-together, Saturday 27th April

If you volunteered for the Winter Night shelter and would like to go along to this. contact Catching Lives for more information.

Thursday Scripture Group are in recess from 14th April and will restart on 02 May.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: HCPT Group (5)87: 4th - 11th October 2019 staying at Hosanna House. All ages welcome. For more information please talk to Father Anthony or Annie Judge on 07866 515797 or anniejudge@hotmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend- 13/14 April - SVP- gift aid envelopes in Narthex
Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - Fr Freddy (South Sudan)

Good Friday Solemnity - Holy Places

Next weekend - 20/21 - NO Second Collection

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER EASTER: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, reopening on Tuesday, 23 April 2019

EASTER MONDAY 22 APRIL 2019: Mass will be at 10.00 am only

ALTAR SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM: Please fill in the lists in the Sacristy to serve at the services. Please take a schedule of compulsory practice times for these Services

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM - Please fill in the form in the Narthex if you are available to assist at Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Vigil Services. Please give a contact number for Linda to confirm.

HOLY WEEK PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Tuesday, 16th April 2019 at 7.30 pm. Please join us for readings, reflection and reconciliation.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: HOLY WEEK & THE EASTER TRIDUUM

SECOND COLLECTION Maundy Thursday Mass at 8.00 pm: For the work of Fr Freddy Loro in South Sudan

SECOND COLLECTION Good Friday Solemn Afternoon Liturgy: 2nd Collection for the Holy Places (This collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Our Lord's Passion which are centres of veneration and pilgrimage, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION AT EASTER FOR THE PRIESTS: The offertory collections taken at Easter Masses (20/21 April) starting with the Easter Vigil, go directly to the Priests and do not form part of the regular collections which are given for the use of the Church. Special envelopes are available in the Church. Please give generously! Thank you, Linda

Easter Sunday 21st there will be a **Easter Egg hunt and Cake sale** in the hall from 10:30am. We appeal for donations of cakes on the day (these can be left in the hall). All monies raised will be donated to Fr Freddy's community work in South Sudan.

CAMBRIDGE GUARDIAN ANGELS HOST FAMILIES WANTED: Cambridge Guardian Angels need host families in the area to care for students away from home. More information at www.cambridge-guardian-angels.com or on the poster in the Narthex.

Please remember in your prayers:

Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayton, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, David Tully, Winifred May, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Angelina Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Maurice Crosland, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, June Carver, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Gemma Macey, Joan Meakin, Margaret Mason, Fr Louie Kitt, John O'Driscoll, Fr Kevin St Albyn, Margaret Jones and Veronica Derbyshire

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Canon John Bailey, Marissa Arevalo, Teresa Wicker, Vincent Siudad, Lawrence Ajewole Adeniyi, Raphael Adeniyi, John Todd, Frederick Prior, Christine Mahy, Father Alexander Fraser, Fr Alan Wright, Itohan Erhahon (sister of Fr Valentine) and John Reidy

Thank you! Mass Collections at weekend 06/07 April 2019:

Offertory: £1008.84 loose & £636.50 Gift Aided -Total **£1645.34**

2nd Collection: No Second Collection