

Newsletter

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2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, p176

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Pointers for Prayer

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?
3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?

Prayer

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ and, by our sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation. We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep In Your Prayers

Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Mary Mount, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, Father Vin McShane, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Urbi et Orbi

Depending on how the Holy Father recovers from his current health problems, we are arranging to screen the Urbi et Orbi blessing in St Mark's

annexe on Easter Sunday at 11am. All welcome.

Garden of Repose

If anyone would like to contribute greenery/plants for the Garden of Response for Maundy Thursday please leave any donations at either church or at Holy Family church on Monday evening after exposition or at 10am on Thursday.

Washing of Feet

Please sign up at the back of church if you are willing to participate on Holy Thursday.

Chrism Mass

All altar servers aged 8+ are invited to this Mass on Wednesday, 5 April at 7.30pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Please bring your albs, cassocks and cottas as these are not provided and all servers are to be vested by 6.45pm. Please contact Claire Hanlon to confirm your attendance and reserve seats on 709 9222.

Lectio Divina

Praying the Gospels for Lent

Holy Family will remain open for a further one hour after exposition during Lent and the Lectio Divina will be prayed in St Mark's annexe. All are welcome for a special Lent.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Friday, 7 April, **10am**, Holy Family

Lenten Services of Reconciliation in our Deanery

7pm, Monday, 3 April, Our Lady of the Assumption church, Gateacre.

7.30pm, Tuesday, 4 April, St Francis of Assisi church, Garston.

Week 4 of Pauline's Big Lent Walk

As we go into the final week of Lent, I have walked, run & cycled 161km (100 miles) so just 39km (25 miles) to go.

This week, I've walked and cycled locally and focussed on the some of the amazing buildings and their history, some still used, others in ruins. Check out the photos on the website. Jake hasn't been able to join me this week but he'll definitely be keeping me company and helping me reach my target in my final week.

Thanks again for your all your support, it really has helped keep me going. Thank you again for your continued support. It really is appreciated and don't forget to check out the photos on the website.

Caring for Creation

The LiveSimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". The award is earned by communities and schools who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation

Celebrating what communities have already done and inspiring everyone to do more, the Live Simply award helps a community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. Our three schools have already started the Live Simply award and have shared with us how and what they are doing now.

Please read the Self Assessment Questions given out recently and stick your notes to the correct boards at the back of church.

Can you help? There are already a small group who are helping to plan for our own LiveSimply award, but it

would be great to have a few more people involved. Next meeting 20 April, 7.15pm, St Mark's annexe.

Baptismal Information

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 3 April, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Children's Liturgy

There will be a Children's Liturgy service of Stations of the Cross in St Mark's annexe at 3pm on Good Friday. Parents may drop their children off before going into the main service in church.

Easter Raffle

Our Lourdes Group are holding an Easter raffle to raise funds. They would be very grateful to receive any Easter eggs/chocolate for the prizes. Any donations can be placed in the box at the back of each church. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Bereavement Drop In

Lord, may we always be present to those who suffer bereavement and help us to be attentive to their needs.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 April at 2pm in St Mark's annexe. If you would like to chat in confidence to a listening ear over a

cuppa then please come along as you would be made most welcome.

Ladies Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5 April at 7pm in St Mark's annexe, new members always welcome.

Announcement of the retirement of Bishop Williams from the Office of Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool

In accordance with Canon Law Bishop Tom Williams submitted his resignation from the Office of Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, following his 75th birthday.

Commenting on this milestone for Bishop Tom, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon said, '20 years ago to the day, the then Canon Tom Williams of St Anthony of Egypt, Scotland Road was called by Pope St John Paul II to be an auxiliary bishop. Two decades on, we give thanks for so much accomplished and for God's blessing on the years ahead.

Bishop Tom said, 'I give thanks for the many blessings of my ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. The happiest days of my life have been spent in Chaplaincy work in hospitals, schools and prisons and I now look

forward to focussing on and continuing that pastoral ministry as Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus.'

How can our church porches help to create a warm and welcoming environment?

Too many posters? Not enough posters? Wrong type of information? Too much clutter? Helpful layout?

The small group who got together to look at our reflections on welcoming are considering the difference that our porches can make.

Have you got a good eye for these things? Have you got some ideas? Any good at interior design? It would be great to have you join the conversation. If you can help please contact the office on 486 3992 or email johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk

Ordination of Peter Renwick Sunday, 16 July 2023

If you would like to go on the coach that has been arranged please let the office know asap. A small donation towards the coach hire would be appreciated. There will be a celebration in St Mark's annexe around 5pm. All welcome.

What's On in Our Parish Centre
Easter Bingo, Thursday, 6 April, purchase books from 7pm for an 8pm start.

Saturday, 15 April, brilliant vocalist Alison D plus DJ, tickets just £5 available from the centre, doors open at 7pm.

News from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region

Saturday, 29 April, 10.30am-1.30pm - ALL INCLUSIVE? Working with Children & Young People with Special/Additional Needs or Disabilities at Trinity Anglican/Methodist Church, 1 Huyton House Road, Liverpool L36 2NE. For further information and booking details, contact Lee Phillips: lee.livsthcircuit@gmail.com

28 April (after 12pm) – 14 May, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral - Izyum to Liverpool by Ukrainian artist Katya Buchatska, who will transform the Liverpool Cathedral into a train carriage, replicating the journey from Izyum to the border with Poland.

30 April, 3pm - Ukrainian Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

1 May-14 May - Art Installation 'Soloveiko' at St Nick's (Our Lady and Saint Nicholas), Pier Head.

8 May-13 May, Prayer, daily meditations, music, fellowship and discussion at Strawberry Field, including the Hope and Anchor Pub at Strawberry Field.

9 May-12 May afternoons, Daily Prayer Vigils across the City (venues and times to follow).

9 May-13 May, 9am - Daily Prayer Walks along the waterfront.

10 May, 7pm - Ecumenical Gathering at Metropolitan Cathedral "United in Worship" - a hybrid event live and streamed with worship, prayer and reflection.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

The programme has recently been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children can register at the end of a Mass** and

work their way through a series of leaflets and books to help them prepare. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can work through it at their own pace. **If anyone would like any more information or a registration form please speak to one of the catechists at the end of Mass.**

Prayer Requests

Do you have someone or something you would like to pray for?

Please feel free to fill in one of the prayer request forms at the back of church. Place it into the box provided, which will be brought to the altar by our children during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Our Housebound Parishioners

If you find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else might be helpful. You are still a vital and essential part of our parish community, even if you can't get to Mass.

Sacrament of the Sick

In times of illness or suffering we are offered anointing with holy oil to

strengthen us. The sacrament can also help us to experience healing of mind, body and spirit and we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Anyone feeling the need of the sacrament is very welcome to approach Fr Matthew before or after Mass or via Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Fr Matthew is usually available in the 20 minutes before each Mass to hear confession. He will be sat towards the front of the church, please approach him directly and make your request known.

Parish Finance

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£191.60
GASDS Loose	£368.20
Non Gift Aid	£ 48.00
Standing Orders	£367.23
Total Offertory	£975.03
Bonus Ball 37	£ 57.00
Second Collection	
SVP	£283.45

Lenten Alms

Lenten Alms can be donated throughout Lent. Please place in an envelope marked Lenten Alms and pop into weekly collection. Many thanks.

Second collections:

2 April, Easter Flowers

7 April, Holy Places

9 April, Easter Sunday



St Mark's annexe - every Sunday
after 9.15am Mass.

****Holy Family church – after 11am
Mass starting from Sunday, 16 April.**

All welcome!



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1 April – 9 April 2023

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 1 April

5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family

Bernard Cross

Sunday, 2 April,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

Eve Tabiner

People of the Parish

Monday, 3 April, Monday in Holy Week

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

7pm-8pm – Lectio Divina, Holy Family meeting room

Tuesday, 4 April, Tuesday in Holy Week

9am – Mass, Holy Family

Margaret Batey, Mark Hunter,
Dorrie Corrigan

Wednesday, 5 April, Wednesday in Holy Week

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Divina, annexe

7.30pm – Mass of Chrism at Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

The Easter Triduum

Thursday, 6 April, Holy Thursday

7pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

With Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 9pm,
Holy Family

Friday, 7 April, Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10am – Stations of the Cross, Holy Family

3pm – Passion of the Lord, St Mark's

3pm – Children's Liturgy Service, St Mark's annexe

Saturday, 8 April, Holy Saturday

9pm – Easter Vigil, Holy Family

Sunday, 9 April, Easter Day

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish

Bob O'Neill, Rosemarie Whittle