

THE TRIDUUM

The *Triduum*, the Great Three Days, has come round again. Palm Sunday sets us going, but we have something of a liturgical lull over the next couple of days, especially with clergy out of the parish for Chrism Masses and the like. The Masses of Monday to Wednesday have little if anything to distinguish them from the week (s) before. But a lull is good, especially when we have something big to prepare for. While the big liturgies during the Triduum itself are at different times (and places), we have the daily anchor of Morning Prayer, Thursday to Sunday. Do come to that, if you're able.

It's on Thursday night, of course, that we really get going: '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.' These words, which are based on St Paul's epistle to the Galatians, sum up the journey on which we have begun. We recall the establishing of the Passover, and Christ's washing the feet of His disciples. And at the end, we're in that strange position of being, though surrounded not only by our fellow-worshippers in church, but by hundreds of millions of the faithful the world over, yet quite alone with Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, by ancient tradition, the only sacrament celebrated are Confession and the Anointing of the Sick. But we gather nonetheless to commemorate the Lord's Passion, beginning in silence, hearing St John telling us what happened, and praying for the Church and the World. We adore the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world, and then, those who wish to, receive Holy Communion.

On the morning of Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection.

At the Easter Vigil, we obey the admonition to carry lamps in our hands, and look for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find us awake and have us sit at his table. By most ancient tradition, the Easter Vigil is the time for the initiation into Christ's Body of adult catechumens, those who, having expressed the desire to die to sin and rise to new life in Baptism, finally pass through the waters, receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and approach the altar of God, the God who gives joy to our youth. This year, two adults will be baptised and confirmed, and we first wait and watch with them, and then share their rejoicing.

It's interesting that the Triduum liturgies are among the best-attended of the year, although none of them is of obligation (excepting as always Sunday Mass, which is fulfilled by those attending the Vigil). I can't encourage you strongly enough to make the most of what the Church is giving us this week, for your own spiritual good, for the support of our catechumens, and for the praise and honour of Almighty God.

Fr Daniel

Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



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SUNDAY 9 April	PALM SUNDAY Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30pm Holy Rood <i>Portuguese</i> Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Eduard Krysa RIP</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 10 April	'Fig Monday' —No Mass (<i>Ordinariate Chrism Mass</i>)
Tuesday 11 April	'Temple Tuesday'—No Mass (<i>Portsmouth Chrism Mass</i>) Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 12 April	'Spy Wednesday' 9.00am Mass Holy Rood Confessions 9.30-11.00am Children's Workshop: With Stations of the Cross, Crafts, and Confessions for Children (and Adults) Rosary Room 3-4.30pm
Thursday 13 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Rood Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday 14 April	GOOD FRIDAY <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i> Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Rood Stations of the Cross 10.30am Good Shepherd Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm Holy Rood
Saturday 15 April	HOLY SATURDAY Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Rood Confessions until 11.00am THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD The Easter Vigil 8pm Our Lady of the Rosary
SUNDAY 16 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION Morning Prayer 7.30am Holy Rood Said Mass 8am Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 9.30am Good Shepherd <i>Pro populo</i> Sung Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>

Our Lady of the Rosary, Botley, OX2 9BD **Holy Rood**, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD
Good Shepherd Kennington, OX1 5LY **St Thomas More**, Boars Hill, OX1 5HD

HOLY WEEK 2017 ✕ The sacred Triduum is celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary (Maundy Thursday 8.00pm and Holy Saturday 8.00pm) and at Holy Rood (Good Friday 3.00pm) gives us a chance to come together as One Parish to celebrate this most important time in the Church's year. To enable us to be truly One Parish, it would be good if the various ministries that are needed at these services could be fulfilled by parishioners from all our churches. Therefore, at the back of church you will find a list of ministries that are required. Please fill in your name if you think you can assist.

EASTER MASSES COLLECTION ✕ The offertory collection at Easter Masses is one of the main means by which Catholics support our priests. Envelopes for this collection are available in church.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES | Please collect your envelope boxes from the back of the church.

PARISH OFFICE | The office is closed until **Thursday 13 April** (inclusive).

MASSES IN THE EASTER OCTAVE | Mass will be at 10.00am each day. Please see next week's newsletter for details.

DAY BY DAY | Easter copies are available at the back of the church £1 each.

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting **Wednesday 12 April**
Stella and David

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 9 April 2017
Main plate: £500.19 S/O: £533.75
COLLECTIONS OVER THE TRIDUUM
Maundy Thursday: for Sobell House
Good Friday: for the Holy Places
Easter Vigil/Sunday: Easter Offering

CHILDREN'S DIARY

Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Wednesday 12 April, 3-4.30pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN followed by Confessions and LENT WORKSHOP

16 April EASTER SUNDAY
Easter egg hunt after Mass
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Please contact Blanka at mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S READING GROUP | A group of women from the Parish meets once a month on Monday evening, 8.30-9.30pm to read and discuss together **AMORIS LAETITIA**. Please contact Maria Rosa Antognazza at (maria.rosa.antognazza@kcl.ac.uk).

DEPUTY HEAD VACANCY - ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABINGDON | Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017, following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. Further details are available on the school website or Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, (01235 521558 or bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk). Closing date for applications is **27 April 2017**.

DAY OF REFLECTION ✕ Fr Phil Carroll is organising a day of reflection on **Saturday 27 May** for Eucharistic ministers which is open to the pastoral area for those interested. The venue will be at Stonehill House OX14 4AA (off Drayton rd) from 10am till 4pm. For those who might be interested please confirm your attendance by email to pccarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED | Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Jim & Joan Chatting, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Michelle Roche, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Moira Fryer, Bob Martin
THOSE TO BE BAPTISED AT EASTER | Joseph Thomas, Samuel Thomas

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS | Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. April's is: **Young People**. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' ... IN A DAY! You will see the DVDs followed by short discussions to confirm key points and to discover the salvation narrative story that runs through the Bible. We hope participants will take this course back to parishes across the diocese. We have four DVD courses available on loan from the Formation for Mission group. **Saturday 6 May**, 9am-5pm at St Peter's Church, Winchester, SO23 8BW. Cost £10 includes Bible Timeline chart, light lunch and refreshments. If interested please contact Liza Nahajzki at parishstudies@gmail.com

ADVANCE NOTICE ✕ The Carmelite day pilgrimage to Walsingham is on **24 June 2017**. Pick-ups: 06:30am at Redbridge park and ride; 07:00am at Peartree park and ride. Firm commitment and payment by 1 June. Cost depends on numbers- £27 up to £40 per person. All welcome! Contact Armelle Belcher via English Martyrs, Didcot Parish Office for more details on 01235 812338 or email at didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ORDINARIATE | Sung Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); Said Mass, 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. Masses using the Ordinarate Missal, which anyone is welcome to attend, are indicated by *Divine Worship* in the newsletter. No Mass on Saturday 15 April: instead, Mass on Sunday 16 at 8.00am.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE | Copies are available at the back of the church. Please take one.

DAY TO DISCOVER RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN CATECHESIS | The formation for mission teams is organising a day for catechists and anyone interested in offering on-going faith support and formation for children. The day will include the in-depth discovery of different resources (Godly Play, Come follow me, Messy Church) that can be used in your parish. **Saturday 13 May** will start with Mass at 9.30am at Holy Cross Church and then in the parish hall, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF Bring a packed lunch.

SAFEGUARDING COURSE | There will be a Training morning on safeguarding vulnerable adults. This is especially for Eucharistic ministers who will take communion to the sick and housebound in the parish. The course will run on **Saturday 11 November** from 10-12.30pm in the Rosary Room. If you need a refresher or have never attended one, please keep this date in your diary.

FORMATION FOR MISSION WEBINAR ✕ 100 people so far attending. Every Wednesday, log on to the webinar and discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel, find out more about God, the human person and about the Church. To register is easy, go to the formation for mission website at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation and click on webinar.