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"They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, and cried,  
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

John 12:13

10 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 Psalter Week 1		Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
Entrance Gospel	<b>Luke 19:28-40</b> <i>Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>		
First Reading	<b>Isaiah 50:4-7</b> <i>I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	<b>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</b>		
Second Reading	<b>St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11</b> <i>He humbled himself, but God raised him high.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</b>		
Gospel	<b>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ - Matthew 26:14 -27-66</b>		
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April +</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass – (Eibhlin Dean Int.)</b>	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Josie &amp; Tom Bermingham RIP)</b>	
<b>Holy Week</b>			
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Hannah &amp; Francis Hannon RIP)</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>h</sup> April</b> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass - (Margaret Kavangh RIP)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Chrism Mass – Cathedral, Northampton</b>	
<b>Here Ends the Season of Lent</b>			

The Easter Triduum		
MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> April Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm	Mass (Tarrant Family Int – SVP)
GOOD FRIDAY – 15 <sup>th</sup> April Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
GOOD FRIDAY – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross Divine Mercy Novena
HOLY SATURDAY – 16 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Divine Mercy Novena
EASTER VIGIL – 16 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30pm	Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (Noreen Ryan RIP; Michael Tarrant RIP)
EASTER SUNDAY – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am 12 noon	Mass – (John Burke RIP) Divine Mercy Novena

HE IS RISEN! - Alleluia, Alleluia!



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sincere apologies to you all for not be able to hold the Service of Reconciliation last Thursday evening but Fr David was feeling rather poorly. He hopes to be able to make himself available after each Mass during the forthcoming week. If you aren't able to make any of these times, please contact Fr David who will do his best to make arrangements for you to receive the sacrament. He will also be available for confession on Holy Thursday evening after Mass and Good Friday from 11.00 to 12.00 and 6.00-7.00pm.



### The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. From Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday we will be praying the Divine Mercy Novena. A brief guide to the events that form the Easter Triduum, which includes references to passages from Scripture, together with information on the Divine Mercy Novena is available on the parish website under the 'Prayers & Reflections' tab.

**Holy Thursday Washing of Feet** – This year we will reintroduce the Washing of Feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. We are looking for 3 men and 3 women: please contact Fr David if you would like to volunteer.

## Chrism Mass

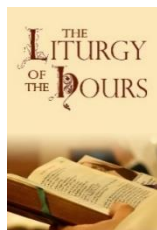


This is being held at **11.00am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at the Cathedral with Bishop David as the Principal Celebrant. During this Mass Bishop David will bless the oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and, together with the Priests, will consecrate the Oil of Chrism. These Holy Oils will be used by the Priests and Deacons of our Diocese throughout the coming year.

Also, at this very special Mass, the Priests of our Diocese will renew their Priestly Promises. We thank God for our Bishop, David, and for the Priests of our Diocese, especially of course our Parish Priest, Father David as well as our retired Priests, Fr John, Fr Brian & Fr Malcolm – we pray especially for them on this day.

You are welcome to attend if you wish or alternatively the Mass will be 'live streamed' and you can access this via the Cathedral website:

<https://northamptoncathedral.org/>



## Holy Saturday

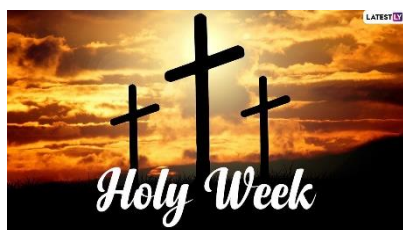
On Holy Saturday we are encouraged to pray the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The Readings and Prayers can be found on the parish website under the 'Prayers & Reflections' tab.



## Easter Offering

As is customary, the Easter Offering is your personal gift to our Parish Priest, Fr David. If you wish to contribute, please either put this in the planned giving envelope or a plain envelope and mark it 'Easter Offering' – if using online banking please insert 'Easter Fr David' in the description or you can use the Digital Collection Plate in the narthex. Thank you

**CAFOD PARISH LENTEN APPEAL** – those of you who are taking part in this year's appeal & have planted the seeds, we hope that there are some good signs of growth. A reminder please to put any loose change into the empty water bottle & return this to us on the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you. **CAFOD Parish Group**



**THIS IS HOLY WEEK** - the most holy and deeply moving week of the Christian Year. As we journey towards Good Friday, we remember the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and pray:

Who else but God could take a cross that represented **defeat** and turn it into a symbol of **Victory?**

Who else but God could take a cross that represented **guilt** and

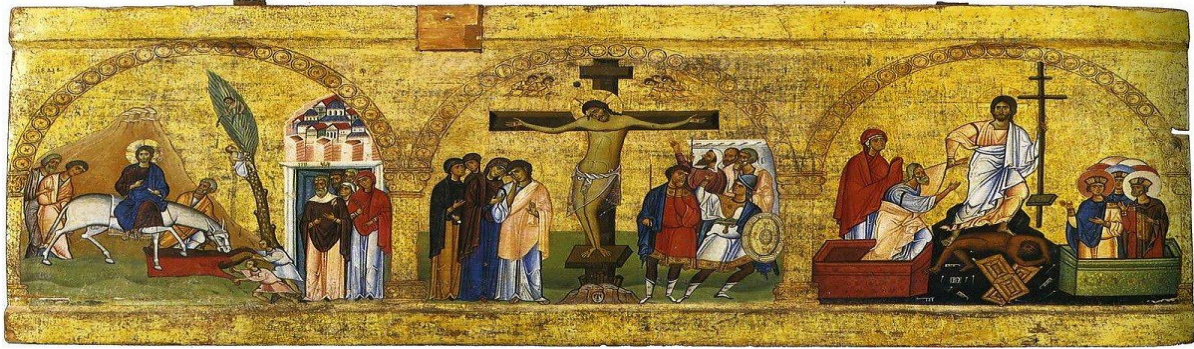
turn into a symbol for **Grace?**

Who else but God could take a cross that represented **condemnation** and turn it into a symbol of **Freedom?**

Who else but God could take a cross that represented **pain and suffering** and turn it into a symbol of **Healing and Hope?**

Who else but God could take a cross that represented **death** and turn it into a symbol of **Life?**





## This Sunday's Readings....

### Philippians 2:6-11

This part of the letter is a hymn; it was probably not written by Paul himself, but quoted by him as he writes to the Philippians. It is a very early Christian hymn. It celebrates the triumph of Jesus through his selflessness. The assertions at the end of the hymn are staggering. The hymn claims for Jesus the titles and the worship which are due only to God. What is more, this acknowledgement of Jesus does not detract from the glory of God, but is precisely 'to the glory of God the Father'. This is perhaps the fullest statement in Paul of the divine glory of Jesus himself, a glory which is won by Jesus' humiliation in death.

### Isaiah 50:4-7

In the Book of Isaiah there are four songs (of which this is the third), sung by a mysterious Servant of the Lord. It is not clear who this Servant is, but he is totally dedicated to the service of the Lord, a disciple who listens devotedly to God. Through suffering, this Servant brings to fulfilment the salvation which the Lord intends for Israel and for the world. Jesus saw himself in the terms of the language used of this Servant, and the four songs in Isaiah feature throughout the liturgy of Holy Week.

### Luke 19:28-40

This reading announces the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the end of his long journey. In Luke the cheers are concentrated not merely on the Kingdom, but on the King himself, who comes in the name of the LORD. Their cries of the people echo (and excel) those of the angels at the nativity, 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!' For Luke, Jerusalem is the hinge: it is the turning-point where the gospel ends and the Acts of the Apostles begins, and the Good News is spread to the ends of the earth. During the previous ten chapters of the Gospel all the concentration has been on this journey up to Jerusalem, where Jesus is to suffer and so rise again. There has been an air of tragedy about the journey: Jesus' death has been constantly in mind, for it has been stressed that no prophet can perish away from Jerusalem. As Jesus enters the city, he weeps over its refusal to accept him, just as he had done earlier on his journey (13:34-35) and as he will do as he leaves Jerusalem for execution.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Zarvaniza, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Edmund, pray for us all as we journey through the events of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum.

With our love and prayers,

Fr David and Deacon Peter