

### From Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples into the nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples set off and found the donkey. When they untied it from its post, some people said to them, "What are you doing?" The disciples answered just as Jesus had told them, and the people let the disciples take the donkey to Jesus. Then Jesus rode into Jerusalem. People were spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him. They praised God shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heavens!"



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

### **Pope Francis writes:**

**"God is full of love: to him be praise forever!"** Today's word is '**Praise**' and Pope

Francis assures us that there are many things for which we can praise God. Praising God brings happiness, it is what we are made for. In this Holy Week we can thank and praise God for Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist on Holy Thursday; Jesus giving of his life on the cross on Good Friday, and the Father raising Jesus from the dead at Easter. All of this is Good News to which we respond by saying "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"

### Ministers

### March 25th

#### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am C.Ivatts  
10.00am S.Gibson

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
C.Ward/K.McKune

### April 1st

#### **8.30pm Easter Vigil**

8.30am M.Crewdson  
10.00am E.Jubb

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**First: £175.70 Second: £73.38 Shop: £174.56 Thank You**  
**Donation £3:18 Publications £6.26 Building Fund £8.33 Thank You**

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### ***Palm Sunday***

***March 25th 2018 (Mark's Gospel)***

### **Times of Masses & Intentions**

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Robert Stokes
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Cissie Bickers
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>
Monday	9.30am	<b>Lenten Reflection—Forsaken by God?</b>
Tuesday	9.30am	Eric Tongue
Wednesday	<b>11.00am</b>	Special Intention (CAB)
	12.00 noon	<b>Chrism Mass - Leeds Cathedral</b>
Thursday	<b>7.00pm</b>	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	<b>Followed by a period of silent adoration; 9.50pm Night Prayer</b>	
Friday	<b>12.00noon</b>	Michael Howarth
	<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Children's Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Ecumenical Walk of Witness</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday Vigil	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Reflection</b>
Sunday	8.30am	Parishioners Living and Deceased
	10.00am	People of the Parish
		Aiden Breen

**Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request**  
**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

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## Holy Week

This weekend we are invited to walk with Jesus and with each other through the liturgies of Holy Week entering more deeply into God's love for each and every one of us. On Palm Sunday we have Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the crowds waving palms and singing their Hosannas, followed by the solemn reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to Mark. On Holy Thursday the oils, blessed and consecrated by Bishop Marcus in the Cathedral during the Chrism Mass will be brought to the altar when we thank God for the gift of Jesus himself in the Eucharist. On Good Friday we walk to Calvary guided by the Passion Narrative according to John, and we venerate the cross on which Jesus died, but which becomes for us the Tree of Life. The mood on Holy Saturday is one of waiting, meditating on the Lord's death before celebrating his victory over sin and death by being raised by the Father, then our song will be "Alleluia!"

### Singing Practice this Sunday



The singing practice to prepare for the Holy Week liturgies, in particular the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st, will be held in church after the 10 o'clock Mass this Sunday. It is hoped that all our regular singers will make every effort to be there, because this is the only chance we have to refresh our memories with regard to the musical items that are only sung during Holy Week. New members will be most welcome, especially men! Thank You, Chris.

### Practical preparations



If you are willing and free please come to the church this Thursday, March 29th at 10.30am to help clean the sacred vessels, prepare the Altar of Repose and whatever else needs doing for the Triduum and Easter. Thank You



### Scripture Reflections

There will be a guided Scripture Reflection on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** of this week. The **same reflection** will be offered at **10.15am** and **7.00pm** in the Parish Room in the Presbytery.

### Maundy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm



One of the main features of this Mass is the Washing of the Feet for which we need **12 people** to come forward. This is a sign of our willingness to continue to serve one another and the wider community. At the end of Mass there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of repose with the invitation to **'watch and pray.'** **This period of Silent prayer will conclude with Night Prayer at 9.50pm**

### Good Friday



**12.00 noon Stations of the Cross** for our younger parishioners followed by refreshments and making the Easter Garden.  
**2.15pm Ecumenical Walk of Witness** starting outside the Methodist Church  
**3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion.**  
**7.00pm Good Friday reflection—if you would like to be involved please see Fr Bernard**



### Easter Vigil 8.30pm

Please note the later time of the Vigil as we journey from darkness to the Light and Life of Easter!



### Sponsored Half Marathon

Roise Ward-Lynch is seeking sponsors for her half marathon in aid of **Children with cancer UK** who do research to help find a cure for children's cancer and provide care for children with cancer. Please see the sponsorship forms at the back of the church this weekend. Thank You.