

From Sunday's Gospel



The time had come for Jesus to go to Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples, telling them, "Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a donkey that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you are to say this, 'The Master needs it.'"

They went off and found everything just as he

had told them. So they took the donkey to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he set off, people spread their cloaks and branches from palm trees in the road in front of him. The whole group of disciples joyfully praised God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted, "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!"



Pope Francis writes, "To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving." Today's words are **Holy Week.** What did the crowds spread on the path in front of Jesus? This Sunday is

known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, (Thursday) the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion (Friday) and his resurrection, (Saturday Easter Vigil and Sunday Morning). Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special.

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Palm Sunday

April 10th 2022 (Luke's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Walter (Mick) Bickers
Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention (LG)
	10.30am	Nicola Poulter
	4.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Monday:	9.30am	Andrew & Eva Kilkenny
	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation
Tuesday:	9.30am	Fr Michael Gallon
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross (Ecumenical)
Wednesday:	12.00pm	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
	11.00am	Chrism Mass Leeds Cathedral
Thursday:	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
		People of the Parish
Friday	2.15pm	Ecumenical Walk of Witness
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
		Peace in Ukraine
Sunday:	8.30am	Patrick Tobin
	10.00am	Jennifer Barlow

Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment

Exposition 40 minutes before each weekday Mass

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We should not be surprised that this week in the Liturgical Year is called Holy Week. Each Holy Week we are invited to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love for each and every one of us. Although we have celebrated Holy Week many times in the past we have NEVER done so in 2022, and so it would be really good if we could think of ourselves making this journey with Jesus for the very first time.

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On **Palm Sunday** this year we will be able to come together to greet Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, then we will listen to Luke's version of the Passion Narrative with its great emphasis on forgiveness.

On **Holy Thursday** the oils blessed and consecrated by Bishop Marcus during the Chrism Mass of the previous day, will be brought to the altar for use during the coming year, for baptism, confirmation and the anointing of the sick. Although we will not have the Washing of the Feet we will recall this act of Jesus with the presentation of the symbols of service. We will also receive the bread and wine which, during the Eucharistic Prayer, will become the Body and Blood of Jesus, the gift of himself, his life and his love, for which we are ever grateful.

On **Good Friday** we are invited to make the journey with Jesus to Calvary, listening to St John's majestic Passion Narrative, in awe of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross, a cross we will reverence and venerate after praying for the world and the Church, in so much need of our prayers.

On **Holy Saturday** we gather to celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death as we walk in the light of the Easter Candle, listen to the Scriptures from Creation to Resurrection, and give thanks that we are 'The Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'



Practical Preparations—

if you are willing and free please come to the church at 10.30am this coming Thursday, April 14th to help clean the sacred vessels, prepare the Altar of repose and anything else that needs doing for the Triduum and Easter.

**MASSTIME
CHANGE!**

From **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 17th 2022 the Masses would revert to the pre pandemic times of **8.30am and 10.00am on Sunday mornings**. Please note this change. Thank you.



Holy Week Service of Reconciliation

This will take place on **MONDAY April 11th at 7.00pm**, the Monday of Holy Week. A Wonderful way of preparing as individuals, families and a parish for Easter.

Readers and Singers for Holy Week and Easter

Please see the list on the notice board at the back of the church asking for volunteers to read from Palm Sunday (The three voice Passion) through to Easter Sunday. If you are willing to join a small group of singers for the Easter Vigil please meet in church **after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday**.



From Parish to Mission

There will be a follow up meeting on **Thursday May 5th, 7.30pm-9.00pm** in the Parish Centre. This will be facilitated by Sarah, Marie and Eileen and will concentrate more on local issues. All very welcome.



Caring for the Carers

Many people who have a family member with dementia find themselves in the role of full-time or part-time carer. And when you are looking after someone around the clock, you might find it difficult to think about your own needs, get enough rest, or take part in activities you enjoy.

But you may not be able to continue caring for the person with dementia if you neglect your health, or if you don't have enough support or time to recharge your batteries.

It's a bit like putting on your own oxygen mask before helping someone else during a flight emergency: by looking after yourself first, you're more likely to have the strength to look after the person you care for.

It's important not to ignore your own health and well being needs.

(Adapted from Admiral Nurses Help leaflets)