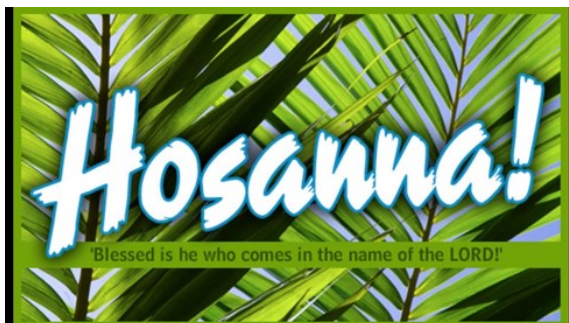


### From Sunday's Gospel



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!"

SUNDAY 21st March 2021 Adapted from Mark 11:1-10



**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, God is full of love: to him be praise forever!"**

Today's word is **Praise**. In today's gospel for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the last week

of his life, the people praised him as he entered the city riding on a donkey. We call this week Holy Week and there will be plenty of opportunity to praise God during this week. On Thursday we will remember the Last Supper when Jesus called bread his body, and wine his blood and told the disciples to remember him whenever they celebrated this special meal in the future. On Good Friday we will walk with Jesus in his passion and death, believing that although he suffered in such a terrible way, his death is not then end. At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday morning we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and praise God in a very special way because Jesus has told us that, although we will one day die, death is not the end but the passing to eternal life. **PRAISE GOD!**



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## **Palm Sunday & Holy Week**

### **March 28th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS ON TUESDAY AT 9.30AM AND FOR THE TRIDUUM. PLEASE BOOK FOR HOLY THURSDAY; GOOD FRIDAY, THE EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY, 1100am MASS.**

**Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Sunday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
Monday:		Harry Thomson
Tuesday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Margaret O'Brien
Wednesday:		Eileen & Graham Partington
Thursday:	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ethel Lancashire
Friday	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Saturday:	<b>8.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
Sunday:	9.00am	Diamond Wedding—Peter & Stella Rudd
	<b>11.00am</b>	Fr Tony Pearson

**Confessions by appointment**

**Contact Details:**

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Mrs Michelle Moore



Every year we are invited to enter more deeply into God's immense love for each and every one of us, and indeed for the whole of creation, as we journey with Jesus through this most holy of weeks. Last year the church was closed and, though, thankfully the church will be open this year, there will be significant parts of the Holy Week liturgies that we will not be able to celebrate. However, we will celebrate as best we can within the guidelines we have been given.

**Palm Sunday**—there will be a simple blessing of the palms at the beginning of Mass without any procession.

**The Chrism Mass**—Bishop Marcus with a very reduced number of priests and congregation will bless the oils which will then be sent out to the parishes.

**Holy Thursday**—when we remember the gift of Jesus himself in the Eucharist. Unfortunately we will not be able to have the procession of the oils, the washing of the feet, the bringing of the signs of service or an altar of repose with a period of time for watching.

**Good Friday**—the Passion of the Lord with the solemn proclamation of the John's Passion Narrative and the prayers of intercession. Again because of COVID we will have a different way of venerating the Cross which will NOT involve individuals kissing the cross.

**Easter Vigil**—when we celebrate the Resurrection with great joy but also with restrictions due to COVID.

**Easter Sunday morning**—Live streamed Mass without a congregation and Mass at 11.00am with a congregation.

Parishioners are asked to **BOOK a place** for

**Holy Thursday-7.30pm; Good Friday-3.00pm; The Easter Vigil-8.00pm** and **Easter Sunday 11.00am** by phoning Susan Gibson on **01457 878055** or **07778856089** on **Tuesday 30th March** or **Wednesday 31st March** between **4.00-6.00pm** either day.

### Stewards/Cleaners

Saturday March 27th 6.00pm: Mary Farmer & Tessa Spalding

Thursday April 1st 7.30pm: Ian Charnock and Liz Moores

Friday April 2nd 3.00pm: Liz Taylor & Claire Ward

Saturday April 3rd 8.00pm: Tessa Spalding and Celia Hall

Sunday April 4th 11.00am: Mary Farmer & Liz Moores

The church will be professionally cleaned this coming Thursday morning in time for the Triduum.



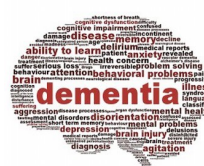
Dear Parish of the Sacred Heart & St William,

Thank you so much for your Peace Sunday

donation of £220.00 received recently. Your

continued support of our work gives us great en-

couragement. Our website [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) offers a whole range of news, seasonal prayer resources and activities for peace and non-violence. Pax Christi



**Alzheimer's disease** is the most common form of dementia, responsible for at least 60% of cases. It takes its name from Alois Alzheimer (1864-1915), who first described the pathology of the disease. The first sign is short term memory loss. This develops to further symptoms including more severe memory problems, confusion, disorientation, personality changes and problems with language and speech. Currently in the United Kingdom there are

in excess of 850,000 people with this condition, and the number is rising year by year. We have a Dementia Carers' Group meeting in the Parish Centre when the situation allows. We also have Dementia Signage in the church and Parish Centre. Please do pray regularly for those with the condition and for their families and carers. The following prayer is offered as an example:

***"Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in You.***

***This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen"***

**Banking 23rd March:**

**First Collection: £854.80; Second Collection: 219.50 Total Banked: £1076.00**

**Thank you.**