

Sunday Bulletin

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Palm Sunday is a commemoration of highs and lows, exaltation and tragedy. We enter church carrying psalms singing Hosanna, and only minutes later we cry in unison. “Let him be crucified!” How fickle humanity was then and how fickle it is now.

Only a few months ago we were urging each other to ‘Be Kind’ and yet weeks later, when faced with a real test of true humanity we surge into shops and panic buy every item on the shelves without a thought for others.

How comforting is it that we worship a God who desires to be with us so completely that he suffers and dies for us. He faces rejection, violence, loneliness and humiliation yet he still redeems us. How comforting is it for us, that when facing our own struggles of isolation, we feel the Lord close by us. How comforting it is that through the great Sacrament of reconciliation we are granted compassion and mercy.

However, this is the challenge - when we do find ourselves well-cared for, included, loved and well-nourished we are still called to meet our Lord in his passion and crucifixion. He is there with the poor, the lonely and the isolated, the shamed and outcasts – are we? How can you help someone in the parish this week and really be kind? May we all be given eyes to see Jesus’ face in those who are suffering and hearts full of love to care for them.

Live Streaming in the Parish this week

Monday 6th April – Fig Monday	9am – Morning Prayer 1.30pm - Holy Rosary from the Presbytery 7pm – Evening Prayer 7.30pm – Mass Readings Isaiah: 42:1-7 Gospel: John 12:1-11
Tuesday 7th April – Temple Tuesday	1.30pm - Holy Rosary from the Presbytery 7pm – Evening Prayer 7.30pm – Mass Readings Isaiah: 49:1-6 Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday 8th April – Spy Wednesday	9am - Morning Prayer 9.30am -Mass Readings Isaiah: 50:4-9a Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25 1.30pm – Holy Rosary from the Presbytery
Thursday 9th April – Maundy Thursday	9am – Morning Prayer 1.30pm – Holy Rosary from the Presbytery 7.30pm – Evening Prayer 8pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper Readings Exodus: 12:1-8, 11-14 Saint Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel: John13:1-15
Friday 10th April – Good Friday	10am – Morning Prayer followed by Stations of the Cross 1pm-2,30pm - Reconciliation 3pm – Passion of the Lord
Saturday 11th April – Holy Saturday	10am – Morning Prayer 8pm – Easter Vigil
Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday	10am – Morning Prayer 10.30am - Mass Readings Acts: 10:34a, 37-43 St Paul to the Colossians: 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9



Whilst our church buildings are closed it is a great comfort to be able to live stream these acts of worship and I urge you all to do so whenever you can.

It is important to remember that quiet time with God is not cancelled and neither is praying for the sick cancelled. **Being the Church is needed now more than ever.**

Streaming can be found at [St Teresa's Catholic Church](#)

Sacramental Programmes

It is of course, hugely disappointing that we have had to postpone all Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation but please do keep praying with your children and encourage them to be present when Fr Gerry offers Mass each day.

Perhaps you could help your children to focus on our Lord at this time by turning a small area in your house into a prayer area. Your child could help choose what you place on the Altar and encourage the rest of the family to pray together.

As we enter the most Holy week of the Church year please remember to set this week apart from other weeks and give it the reverence it deserves. Keep praying as a family and spread the Good News to all.

Please continue to pray for one another, check up on each other and help one another. If you are lonely, worried or feel isolated please let us know.

Palm Sunday Mass Readings April 5th, 2020 Year A

Procession with Palms - Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Response: Mr God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Letter from St Paul to the Philippians 2:66-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Gerry will be hearing Confessions at the following times:

Friday 3rd April 2020 – 2pm – 3pm

Good Friday – 10th April 2020 1pm – 2.30pm

Please drive into St Teresa's Car Park and I will hear your confession. When it is your turn, I will ask you to wind down your car window and I will ensure that I will adhere to the correct social distance.

Parish Finances

As I am sure you are all aware, our parish finances are in a very poor state. Whilst we are not meeting together our much-needed weekly collection will not take place which will have a big impact. We therefore urge you all to contribute via bacs using the following details:

Account: Catholic Church Rochford

Account Number: 31019236

Sort Code: 40-13-22

If you need any help or have any questions, please do contact us.

**Wishing you every blessing,
Fr Gerry**