

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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PALM SUNDAY

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Year C - [Psalter 2 & Proper of the Season]

Sunday 14th St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
 St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am

Monday 15th Monday of Holy Week

WAC Bring and Share lunch
 12.30pm -2.00pm in the Narthex

Tuesday 16th Tuesday of Holy Week
 St Michael's Rosary 9.10am

Wednesday 17th Wednesday of Holy Week
All Priests and Deacons in Clifton

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 18th Holy (Maundy) Thursday
 St Joseph's **Mass of the Last Supper** 7.00pm
[watching until midnight with Blessed Sacrament]

Friday 19th Friday of The Passion of Our Lord
 St Joseph's 9.30am
 Office of Reading & Morning Prayer

- Churches Together Procession of Witness -
 Departs from the Baptist Church at 10.45am

St Joseph's 3.00pm **Liturgy of the Passion**
[Mandatory collection for Holy Places]

Saturday 20th Holy Saturday
 St Joseph's 9.30am
 Office of Reading & Morning Prayer

SWIECONKA - a Polish Tradition - 4.30pm St Joseph's

St Joseph's 8.00pm **Easter Vigil**
*including the First Mass of Easter
 and followed by refreshments and Easter Cake*

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunday 21st St Joseph's Mass 9.00am
 - Easter Competition Results -

St Nicholas' Mass 11.00am
 St Michael's Mass 5.00pm

The Word - Palm Sunday

[Isaiah 50: 4-7] *The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle so that he can endure all suffering with patience.*

[Philippians 2: 6-11] *Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.*

[Luke 22: 14-23, 23:56] *Luke reveals the compassionate promise of Jesus to the good thief: "today you will be with me in paradise".*

Diocesan Prayer Link : From St Catharine, Mells St Dominic

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Percy Baker, William Bewes, Nicholas Burke, Bert Dadge, Charlotte Johnson, Mary Jones, Thomas O'Keefe, Margaret Peters, Jaroslaw Sadukewczyk, George Thomas and Liz Warburton

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Betty McCarthy, Breda and William Vince, Maria Roberts, Aezandra Francis, Beth White, Mary O'Neill, Sister Anne Benyon, Ewan Taylor & Erica Kavanagh

OUR RECENT COLLECTIONS

7th April Loose £ 152.49 GAD Envelope £ 20.00

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish



NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION Thanks to all for the £180.87 contributed last week, which will ensure we have the usual magnificent display in our church this Easter. Buckets of water will be placed outside the church porch tomorrow morning for people to donate attractive foliage for the arrangements.

WELCOME FATHER EMMANUEL

We are all pleased that Father Emmanuel is with us once again this morning. He visits as a guest of St Nicholas' parish and is able to celebrate our Palm Sunday Mass today and also our Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass next week. Father will be asked to judge the children's art competition so please make sure any child in your family has entered a picture showing Jesus as the risen Lord.

SERVICES THIS WEEK Please note times overleaf and be advised that there are no services on Wednesday as priests and deacons of the diocese will attend the Chrism Mass in Clifton. Some parishioners will have already been asked to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday. We do still need more names to be put on the list at the back of the church for watching with the Blessed Sacrament after that Mass. There is a collection on Good Friday for Holy Places and Easter Offering envelopes are also available today, please be generous in your giving. The Triduum will also be celebrated in full at St Nicholas' with services at the same times as Tewkesbury with the exception of a *9.00pm start there for the Saturday Easter Vigil*.

Churches Together in Tewkesbury meet at the Baptist church on Friday and commence their **Walk of Witness** at 10.45am. The walk takes the usual route, finishing at the Abbey garden at approximately 11.00am.

SWIECONKA. Baskets of food for Easter will be blessed on Holy Saturday - a custom close to the hearts of parishioners and their families from Poland - when they give thanks to God for his gifts of nature and grace in the season of the Resurrection.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER This week parishioners are encouraged to undertake one of the cleaning tasks listed in the Narthex - jobs that only get done occasionally but are nevertheless important. The church doors are open all week so do pop in and do a little bit to help if and when you can. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The preparation of our little ones continues soon after Easter and they make their **First Reconciliation** on Saturday 27th April at Saint Joseph's Tewkesbury 10am - 11.30am. Please remember to encourage the children and include them in your prayers.

FOODBANK SPECIAL REQUEST

Currently there is a shortage of fruit squash at our local Foodbank - possibly because children are at home all day during the Easter fortnight. Tinned goods, toiletries and cash donations are always most gratefully received and chocolate, cakes and biscuits would be a special treat for local families in need this holiday.

WEDNESDAY CLUB The first WAC Bring and Share lunch is taking place tomorrow, Monday 15th April. Please arrive by 12 noon with your plate of food; we will have a table for the food to be laid out on, and another table for us to sit around and share lunch. We hope to start at 12.30pm and finish by 2pm. The WAC programme is changed due to unforeseen circumstances, so we will organise a different event than advertised on 1st May and Richard will come on 3rd July to talk about TRSG. We hope to see many of you tomorrow 12 noon.

VOCATIONS ROADSHOW

Entitled "**I have Called you by Name**" the diocesan vocations road-show will arrive in St Thomas More Church, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham (Father Tony's church) on Friday, 24th May. A team will give testimonies and talks about their vocation from 9.30am until 3.00pm. Our Catholic schools will encourage attendance. A typical visit lasts one and a half hours. All are free to drop in at any time to see what is going on and say a prayer for vocations.

YEAR OF PRAYER All of us have probably experienced roller coaster days which can cause us to go from a state of great joy into one of despair. As we recall the events of Jesus entering Jerusalem and all that followed on from that euphoric entry, we are invited into the suffering and death of Jesus, to focus on an experience which Jesus freely participated in.

This does not mean that it was easy. Suffering by its very nature is painful, whether it be emotional, psychological or physical. One week on from today we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus but during the week ahead we remember that Jesus continues to suffer in his body, that is in the people who are suffering today, victims of abuse, of injustice, of betrayal and of persecution. As we reflect on this let us pray for these victims that, they too, will rise with the Lord.

