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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord, 2nd of April 2023

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
8.30am (Polish)
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God
why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Christ was hampered yet,
even to accepting
death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all names.



**Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish,
we are so happy that you could join us today to
celebrate the Palm Sunday.**

During his ministry, our Lord poured his heart and soul into healing, teaching, comforting, and giving hope to everyone he came across. But often his teaching was ignored and overlooked and his miracles were questioned and challenged. It is only during his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday that it feels like Jesus is finally being recognized and appreciated by the public.

It was a precious and rare joyous moment. The people – young and old, men and women, locals and pilgrims from every corner of Israel, were greeting their Messiah with palm branches and praises.

It was undoubtedly a joyous moment – which is also clearly expressed in the way we celebrate and understand Palm Sunday today – when we sing phrases, and do processions with Palm branches. But is such joyous interpretation and understanding of Palm Sunday missing an important detail?

I think it does. What we often overlook is the verse following directly the depiction of the Palm Sunday where we read that while everyone was rejoicing and celebrating, the Lord wept (Luke

19:41). That is strange. Why is the Lord weeping?

Why is he upset? He was weeping for Jerusalem and Israel who continuously throughout history failed to recognize the presence and guidance of the living God in our lives. But I think He was also weeping for his beloved disciples whose faith would be shaken from its very foundation when they would see him betrayed, humiliated, tortured, crucified and killed.

I think He was weeping for the cheerful crowd which only a few days later would be screaming “crucify him” and demanding his execution. Palm Sunday is not so much a story about Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem as it is about me and you and what we do when our fate is shaken, when we witness justice violated, when things don’t work out the way we hoped and expected and when it appears that God abandoned us.

Do we allow the cold and cruel injustice of this world to tear apart our faith in Christ into pieces, whisper into our ears that our suffering is proof that there is no God or that He simply does not care? Do we turn against God and faith like the cheerful crowd of the Palm Sunday or run away and hide like the disciples?

Or do we stand with Christ, continue believing, hoping, and praying that He sustains us and our faith and leads us to his harbor or safety and peace.

Have a great week—stay well and enjoy the gifts and blessings God has given us. May God bless you always,

Fr Bogdan SDS

Thank you

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated.

Collections:

Sunday's 26th March – £794.00.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Filomena Poleketti and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Priest's musing

On their way to church service, a Sunday School teacher asked her pupils, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation. Thank you for all your orders!

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before your face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate with great love and pity, your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me, I call to mind the words which David, your prophet, said of you, my good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones."

Amen.

Special Collection taken on Good Friday

In recent weeks, many houses of Franciscan Friars and Sisters, as well as those of other Religious Orders and Congregation, have become tents and shelters for the displaced in Syria as in Turkey. More generally throughout the Holy

Land, they remain sources of hope by caring for the littlest ones, educating schoolchildren and youth, accompanying mothers in difficulty, attending to the elderly and the sick, as well as offering housing projects for new families and creating jobs, so that it is worthwhile continuing to stay in the Place of Salvation.

The universal Church and all of humanity have once again shown themselves attentive in this emergency, coming to the aid of those afflicted by the natural catastrophe. On behalf of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, I ask you with all my heart that the Good Friday Collection therefore be generous, like many „mites" of the widow praised by Jesus in the Gospel. I thank the Bishops, the parish priests, all the religious and parish communities as well as the commissioners of the Holy Land for your support. (The most Revered Claudio Gugerotti – Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches

The Mass of Chrism

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Andrew's Cathedral, Nethergate, Dundee on Wednesday of Holy Week, 5 April, 2023 at 7pm. All are welcome!

Holy Week and Our Pain...

Our culture is not well adapted to dealing with pain. Pain is today's unmentionable reality, yet it needs to be named for what it is. Covering our pain up with drugs, alcohol, soap operas, television, or shopping is no release from the pain. It is really just giving in to the pain. It is letting pain run our lives instead of letting love run our lives. Facing our pain, admitting the darkness in our lives, is never easy. That is why courage is the most essential virtue on the spiritual journey.

If we fail to let pain be pain, we will become the victims of pain instead of the healers we are called to be. We must learn to embrace pain long enough so that we might truly let it go. We must embrace our pain and burn it as fuel for the journey. Pain help us to understand other people in pain. When a person has suffered deeply, and has come to accept that suffering, then that person will be able to recognize the pain of others. Pain is the most effective school for compassion that exists. Jesus did not seek the cross. Yet when it was handed to him, he did not refuse it.

He took up his cross, knowing in his heart that he was carrying the cross of each one here. It is true that Jesus became human at his birth, but he also became human in a very profound

way when he accepted his cross. We have a saviour that understands us not only with his mind, but who understands us with his very heart. Our cross is his cross. Our pain is his pain. We no longer have to suffer alone. Jesus is there with us, reaching out to help us with our pain and difficulties. As we move through this Holy Week, may we each come to know in our hearts that the Saviour is with us, walking with us, supporting us, carrying our cross along with his own.

Fr Bogdan SDS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2023

Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY

Masses at 8:30am (Polish),
10am (English), 12pm (Polish)

Monday 3rd April Mass at 9am (English)

Tuesday 4th April Mass at 9am (English)

Wednesday 5th April Mass at 9am (English)

Thursday 6th April HOLY THURSDAY

7pm, Mass of the Lord's Last Supper (English),
Watching ends at 10pm

Friday 7th April GOOD FRIDAY

9am, Morning Prayer
3pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

Saturday 8th April HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST

9am, Morning Prayer
10am, Blessing of the Food (Polish)
11am, Blessing of the Food (Polish)
12am, Blessing of the Food (Polish)
7pm, Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (Eng)

Sunday 9th April EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 7am (Polish),
10am (English),
12pm (Polish)

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass