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Palm Sunday (B) 28.03.2021

Sat 27 Mar

Sun 28 Mar **Live-streamed 10.00 Mass**

Palm Sunday Olive Harcourt A

Mon 29 Mar Elizabeth Lackschwewitz-Martin A
Elizabeth Wansbrough A

Tue 30 Mar

Wed 31 Mar

Thu 1 Apr **7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Holy Thursday

Fri 2 Apr **3.00pm The Lord's Passion**

Good Friday: fasting & abstinence

Sat 3 Apr

Holy Saturday

Sun 4 Apr **Live-streamed 11.00am Mass**

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Bampton 9.00am Steve Gallup A

Carterton 11.00am Annette Steele LD

Live-streaming of Masses from the 11th April at St Joseph's on Sundays at 10.15am. Details on the website: www.stjosephscarterton.uk

PLEASE MUTE YOURSELVES

Pastoral Ministry Please contact me if you or anyone you know is in need of the sacraments. I will gladly come to you.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm.

Good Friday 3.00pm. (Holy Places collection)

Easter Sunday 9.00am St Mary's, Bampton; 11.00am St Joseph's.

Easter liturgies at St Joseph's will also be live-streamed. Bookings to Ed Poole please:

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Red Boxes

Please return your Mission / APF red boxes between now and the end of May for counting.

Please pray for those who have died: Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin, Frederick Shaw, Annette Steele.

Anniversaries: Dick & Jessie Turner, Irene Murphy, Jim Fleming, Ernest Walters, Isabela & Andrew Pinto.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Dominic Martin, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Elaine Barry, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Pauline Allen, Stephen, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Isalina de Freitas.

Bampton.

We have been invited to St Mary's on Easter Sunday and on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9.00am: Sun 11 and Sun 25 April.

Confessions Tuesday 30 March at 10.00am and 6.30pm Please contact me to arrange other times either at the church or at your home.

Live-streaming of the **Chrism Mass from St Chad's, Birmingham is on Wed 31 March at 11.30am** at www.stchadscathedral.org.uk At the Chrism Mass, the holy oils of chrism, of catechumens and of the sick are blessed and the priests and deacons of the diocese renew the promises made at their ordination.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion in Holy Week

Lord Jesus, Son of the Father, God in our midst, we accompany you during these days of your Passion. Give us the grace to unite ourselves with your self-offering, that we may be worthy of dying and rising with you. Amen.

Gospel for the Procession of Palms: Mark 11:1-10

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Second reading: Philemon 2: 6-11 Gospel: Mark 15:1-39 (shorter)

Palm Sunday of the Passion 28.03.2021

A third of St Mark's Gospel is devoted to the events of 'Holy Week'. The week began with the enthusiastic crowd shouting 'hosanna', a cry approximating to 'save us!'. But the week seems to end in tragedy: an apparently forsaken Jesus dying before a jeering crowd. The two passages we hear today form the bookends to the week, and the climax to Mark's work.

Mark opens his gospel with the words, 'The beginning of the good news [which is the meaning of 'gospel'] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.' Is 'good news' an apt description? Mark's Gospel ends with the women visiting the tomb, receiving the message of an angel that Jesus had been raised and being gripped by fear fleeing from the tomb.

Mark knows very well, from his own experience, that the events he relates are not the end but only the beginning. The early Christians, reading Mark's account already know that Jesus is risen from the dead. They have been part of continuing and proclaiming the good news. The psalm which Christ recites from the cross: Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' concludes by saying that posterity shall serve the Lord, 'and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn', to us, that is, and to our children. So we are there too, on the lips of Jesus, as he calls this psalm as his witness in his dying words.

This week is perhaps the end of the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. But the good news continues, and we are part of it as we bear witness, as we sing 'Hosanna', as we sing the psalm, and as we proclaim that Jesus has indeed saved us.

