

Sunday 6th April 2020

Gospel at the Procession with Psalms. Matthew 21:1-11
Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66
Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb
(shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'



The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny,
Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond,
Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg,
Janet & Ray Cragg, Eileen Critchley, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis,
Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge,
Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Margaret Flynn, Philip Gallagher, Collette Garlick,
Janine Garvey, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill,
Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill—Edmundson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman,
Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, Eileen Joyce, Kathleen Keenan,
Marie Keight, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence,
Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady,
Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick,
Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown,
Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Kay McNeill,
Roisin & Padraig McRory, Pat Madden, Christine Malone, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin,
Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris,
Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Terry Naylor,
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Mary Organ, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton,
Wyn Pickup, Chrissie Pearce, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley,
Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Philip Simmins, Steve Smith, James Soundie,
Mary Waldron, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Oliver York

There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.

Lately Deceased Cicely McKenna (Lee), Arthur Withe, Joan Riley

Anniversaries - Daphie Flynn, Karen Patricia Turner, Mark Soundy,
Francis Bleasdale

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 29th March 2020

St Agnes - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan
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Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th April

Daphne Flynn, Veronica Gregory

Clarifications, Updates, Holy Week

Holy Week

Archbishop Malcolm will preside at the Holy Week services at the Cathedral, which will be live streamed.

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

The times of the services are as follows:

Palm Sunday Cathedral 11am

John Downie, Margaret Sergison

Monday 6th April

Philip Simmins, Chrissie Pearce

Tuesday 7th April

Jimmy Geraghty

Wednesday 8th April

NHS Staff

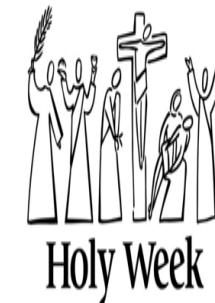
HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Cathedral 7pm

Good Friday Cathedral 3pm

Holy Saturday Cathedral 8pm

Easter Sunday Cathedral 11am



Fr. Anton is celebrating Mass each day (exceptions Palm Sunday and Triduum) in his home at 3pm while he is in isolation. We already have a number of Mass intentions for Masses that were already scheduled, but if you would like a Mass said, please will you contact the Parish Office (0151 489 3085).

Staying Connected

Fr. Anton and the office staff have been trying to make contact with all the parishioners. Just to say hello and check how everyone is doing. We have a large database now of numbers, but obviously there will be people we don't have numbers for. If you have not received a call and would like one, please can you let us know your number. We will try our best to contact people and least once every two weeks, just to stay connected.

Spiritual Resources

There are a number of links to live Mass streams, prayer suggestions and messages from Archbishop Malcolm on the Liverpool Archdiocese website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Home-Page>

We encourage you to take a look.

We would recommend tuning into the live Mass of Fr Peter Morgan at St Anne's Parish. This can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmZorKVDC04H7FNifNIX9A>

Volunteer and help schemes

Since stricter measures have now been enforced by the Government, we have been advised that all volunteer and help schemes need to go through the appropriate channels.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to help in the event it was necessary, if you would still like to help, please go through the following channels, so that all necessary health and safety procedures are followed and adhered to.

- Knowsley - <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/community-hub>

- Liverpool - <https://liverpool.gov.uk/.../c.../coronavirus-volunteer-to-help/>

Virtual Gathering

Palm Sunday:

May we suggest that this Sunday we all place a branch – this can be any green branch you can get, on the door or in the window of each of our homes. This way we can still celebrate on the most beloved traditions – the distribution of palms.

Each week, as we have always done we will 'meet' at our usual Mass time in our homes. We invite you to put this time aside: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 9:30am or 11am and share in the following. It is our hope that this feeling of togetherness will come from knowing that others are meeting at the same time.

If it suits you and your family, play some quiet music.

Gather all those in your home, light a candle and start with the sign of the cross.

Read through the day's readings, (you can find the readings at usccb.org or on the parish Facebook page where they are read aloud)) and the weekly reflection in the newsletter. (Available online).

Give yourself a chance for quiet time and personal prayer.

Fr. Anton's message can be accessed via the parish website or Facebook page.

Together pray the Our Father and the following prayer:

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in
the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe. Amen

Palms and Passion

More years ago than I would like to remember I brought a class of 11 years olds to see the film ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’. (The headteacher came with us, trusting my choice of film because of my religious background. He wasn’t so sure about my judgement after seeing the film!) The children, who were very streetwise, loved the film but I can still hear one boy, with a puzzled look on his face saying with an equally puzzled tone in his voice, “Miss, those people who waved the palms to welcome Jesus were the same people who killed him days later.” It wasn’t a question. I don’t remember what my response was, but it was probably totally inadequate. But –“out of the mouths of babes...” That young boy, now in his 50s, was already showing signs of touching the depths of reality. We can never underestimate that capability in everyone. Maybe his unspoken question was, “What’s going on?” This same question is probably on the lips and in the minds of most people on the planet at this moment. In his reflection on the first day of Passion Week, Michael Marsh echoes that young boy’s sentiments. [1] “In some ways today feels like one of confusion and contradiction. What began as a victory parade ends as a funeral procession. There’s a disconnect that makes us uncomfortable. It should. On the one hand we wave our palms and celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On the other hand the gospel paints a picture of Jesus’ passion and death. There’s a part of us that wants to say, “Well which is it? Palms or passion?” The answer is, “Yes.” Every year this day again reminds us, that the answer is, “Yes.” It is both, palms and passion. There is no quick or easy resolution to the palms and the passion. There is only the tension of the day. It’s a difficult place to be. Today’s liturgy presents the palms and the passion together because that’s the reality of our lives. We want the palms, but the passion? Not so much. So we try to make our little world safe. We insulate and isolate in an attempt to make ourselves invulnerable. Every day Jesus lived in the tension of the palms and the passion. He knew that it is not about choosing between life **or** death, palms **or** passion; but about choosing life **and** death, palms **and** passion. That’s the tension of this day. That tension is always a place of vulnerability.” [2]

“Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability, and authenticity. If we want greater clarity in our purpose or deeper and more meaningful spiritual lives, vulnerability is the path.” [3] [1] C. York [2] Michael Marsh [3] Brené Brown

Further Clarifications, Updates, Holy Week from the Archbishop

Closure of Church Buildings

A reminder that all church buildings should be closed at this time. It is essential that this is followed, and church buildings should not be open for any reason. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about this. Church buildings should remain closed during Holy Week and Easter, and until further notice.

Easter Duties

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season. As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time and possibly for some time ahead, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020, so that the consciences of people may be reassured and any scruples which they have be eased.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

BBC Radio 4 and local radio stations will be broadcasting a short Easter Sunday service celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at 08.10 am on Easter Sunday morning.

I hope the above points help to clarify a number of questions that you might have. But, as I always say, if you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I realise that this is a fast changing and unfamiliar situation for everyone. Let us do our best to help each other where we can, observing government requirements, and to keep each other in prayer as we approach what will undoubtedly be an unusual Holy Week for all of us. Yours sincerely

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon