

24th MARCH 2024: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

Mass book: p180 1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

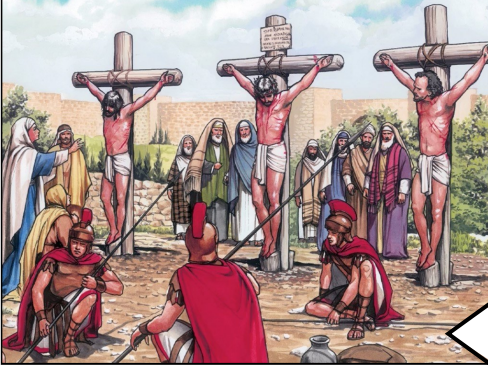
11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 229
Gloria: -

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: Hymn Sheet
Communion: 621

Offertory: 237 & 253
Post-Communion: 840

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: Hymn Sheet



Jesus is king!

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet within a few days Jesus will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all suffering in this life are overcome in the power of his resurrection.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to mark

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 23 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Josephine & Albert Lowell RIP
Sun 24 09.30 11.00	✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) Therese Farina RIP Celia Carroll - Nee Richardson RIP
Mon 25 09.30	Wellbeing - Bernadette Dowswell Rosary
Tue 26 09.30	Wellbeing - Patrick Watts Rosary
Wed 27 09.00	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 90 th Birthday Blessing - Esther Bell Rosary
11.30	Funeral Mass - Frank Mealey
Thu 28 20:00	MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Trinity
Fri 29 11.00 15: 00	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service
Sat 30 20:30	HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 90 th Birthday Blessing - Esther Bell
Sun 31 09.30 11.00	✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B) St. Joseph Thanksgiving Mass William Lally RIP



British Summer Time Begins

Please remember to adjust your clocks forwards one hour on the evening of Saturday 30th March.

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell and Patrick Watts.

Please pray for those who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Mealey, Ruby Veronica Gale and Ben Ntiamoah

Sharing the Word

Gospel for Procession - Jesus entered Jerusalem not as a king with worldly pomp, but as a humble king and gentle Messiah. He was greeted joyfully by his disciples. The spreading of garments and branches on the road was a form of homage for an important person.

First Reading - This is the third of the Servant Songs of Isaiah. The servant must first be a disciple, prayerfully receiving God's word, before presuming to teach others. His message meets with opposition and results in persecution. But he absorbs all the physical and mental abuse directed at him without retaliating. He is confident that God will help and vindicate him. (This passage reminds us of Jesus standing alone and unarmed before Caiaphas, Herod and Pilate)

Second Reading - Jesus took on himself our human condition. He humbled himself to the point of accepting the most shameful kind of death – death on a cross. God rewarded his obedience and humility by raising him up and making him Lord of heaven and earth. The self-emptying and self-abasement of Christ should serve as a model for every Christian.

Gospel - This is Mark's account of the passion of Jesus. Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking details of Jesus' suffering. Jesus died in isolation, deserted by his disciples, taunted by his enemies, derided by those who hung with him, and worst of all, abandoned by God. Mark records a Jewish trial and Roman trial of Jesus. The Jewish authorities sought to convict Jesus of planning to destroy the temple, and of blasphemy. The Roman trial centred on Jesus' being the king of the Jews. The Roman authorities failed to grant Jesus justice. The rending of the temple signifies that the privilege of Israel has ended. The salvation is a gift for all. The reply to the question that has dominated the Mark's Gospel - "Who is this man?" is found in the words of the centurion: "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

The Collection at the Easter Masses

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese. An envelope is attached to this week's newsletter for donations, and if you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "RCAS Sydenham". If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Easter Offering envelope or enter your Gift Aid number on the attached envelope. Thank you.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the hall on Sun 21st April at 10am for, Chapter 11: To love and to serve.

Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 20th April at 5pm for, Session Ten: Confirmation: Discipleship and Mission.

Easter Flowers

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the 'Faithful Departed'.

The 09.30am Mass on Sunday 5th May is dedicated to them. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers", and write the name (s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group

Is a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, who will be visiting us on the weekend 6th / 7th April to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families.

Any help you could give to them will be greatly appreciated "when you help the poor you help our Lord". Thank you.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £165, Not Gift Aided: £380

Mass Count: Sat (53), Sun 09.30 (102), 11.00 (95)

Second Collection

Last week: Poor Parishes (£265)

This week: None

Next Week: Easter Offering

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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