

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 20th to 28th March 2021

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Welcome to this House of God:

Talk to God before Mass

Talk to God before Mass Listen to God during Mass Talk to others after Mass



## Today's Mass Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Ps 50;

Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

### Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop Bernard Longley wrote in his Pastoral Letter last week that 'this year the ceremonies of Holy Week will be simpler and shorter than usual, but it is still a great blessing that we can come together to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and Resurrection'. The liturgies of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum are the highlight and most important celebration of our Catholic faith. Here is a brief description of the services as we will celebrate them this year.

## **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Thus, it marks the beginning of Holy Week. This year, the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is celebrated inside the Church. The palms are blessed and the Gospel of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem is proclaimed in the Church Porch. There is no procession into the church with palms.

The Passion according to St. Mark is read with multiple readers but this year the congregation will not join in with the parts of the crowd. The blessed palms are distributed to the faithful as they leave church after Mass by the Stewards.

## Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

On this night, the Church recalls the moment when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood and Washed the Feet of the Twelve Apostles. This year there will be no Washing of the Feet during Mass. Traditionally, the Mass of the Lord's Supper concludes with a time of Watching before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose. The Church recollects in this time of prayer how our Lord spent the night in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane before His betrayal and crucifixion. This time is known as 'The Agony in the Garden'.

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## SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu, SCJ (Parish Priest) Email:

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### **PARISH DEACON**

Rev Terry Charles (Retired)

#### PARISH SECRETARY

Payal Gordhan

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## Safeguarding Officer

Bernadette Cook 0121 357 1351 The Priest and servers will take the Reserved Sacrament and place it in the Tabernacle. They will spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. During this time the congregation will leave the church in silence, following the instructions from the stewards. There is no watching with the Lord at the Altar of Repose for the people.

## Good Friday - The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

On this day, the Church invites the faithful to fix their gaze on the Cross and Christ's journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. The celebration of the Passion of the Lord has three parts:

The Liturgy of the Word – The Passion Reading from St John is read as we did on Palm Sunday. Then, the Solemn Intercessions are read. This year a special intention for the afflicted in time of Pandemic will be inserted into the Solemn Intercessions.

The Veneration of the Holy Cross - It is a solemn act of devotion as the symbol of the victory of Christ over sin and death. This year, the Veneration of the Cross is limited to the celebrant alone. After this the celebrant will take the cross to each bench for the faithful to adore in silence. During this time those who wish can make a profound bow to the Cross.

**Holy Communion** – The Passion Liturgy of Good Friday comes to an end with the distribution of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

## Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil of the Resurrection

On this most sacred night, the Church keeps vigil as she awaits the moment of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. The Easter Vigil normally begins with the blessing of Easter fire and the lighting of the Pascal Candle This year, the faithful gather in the church where the Paschal Candle is already enshrined and lit in the sanctuary. Following the Sign of the Cross and the greeting the Exsultet is sung but the faithful do not have candles for the Vigil.

There will be three Old Testament Readings as usual at the beginning of the Vigil. The blessing of the baptismal water will take place after that the renewal of Baptismal Promises is made by those present, but there will be no sprinkling of the people with water. The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows as usual.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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This Week Saturday 20th March Sunday 28th March (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 20th March Lent Feria	12:30pm Joe and Agnes Sullivan 3:30pm Holy Name First Holy Communion Commitment Mass	
Sunday 21st March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8:30am Helena Maloney RIP 10:30am Mary and James Breen RIP	
Monday 22nd March Lent Feria	10:00am Pat Galvin - Private Mass	
Tuesday 23rd March Lent Feria	10:00am Ints of Angela Richards - <b>Private Mass</b>	
Wednesday 24th March Lent Feria	11:30am Margaret Isherwood	
Thursday 25th March SOLEMNITY OF ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10:00am - Mary O'Grady RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	
Friday 26th March Lent Feria	11:30am Michael Reeves RIP	11:00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th March Lent Feria	12:30pm Patrick Mantle RIP	
Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	8:30am Helena Maloney RIP 10:30am Ints of Rosaleen and Brendan Grogan	

Last week's Offertory Collection: Gift Aid Envelopes: £543.90

Loose money: £253.21

Standing order for January: £1430.67

Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 172

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of the Reconciliation can now be received by appointment on Wednesday and Saturday. To make an appointment please speak to Fr. Vincent or the Parish Office.

Many Thanks.

# Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14: 1-15:47 (Mk 15:1-39)

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

#### RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Ellen King, Margaret Stella Floyd** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Mary Odgard, John Osborne, Jennifer Carthy, Doris Browne, Ronald Hopkins, Margaret Tobol, Dennis Dolan, Patrick Waldron, Dennis Haskey, Joe Riseborough, Kathleen Baker, Gerry Downes, Susanna Veevers, Andrew Hutchison, Kevin Moore, Robert Tonks, John Molloy, Lilian Levell, Catherine Mulligan, Elizabeth Dalton, Florence McGovern, Edward Campion, Mary Cremin, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION AT HOLY NAME

As a result of this pandemic there are many restrictions in place that we have to follow. The maximum capacity of our church is only 70 households. As there is limited capacity, this year we will follow a booking system at Holy Name to lessen the chance of having to turn anyone away. I request that all the parishioners, who want to attend one of the Holy Week Services and Easter Masses at Holy Name, book a place in advance. You will be able to book via phone and email. The information required will be your name, contact telephone number, the number of people, and the Mass or Service you would like to attend. To help us to prepare the Holy Week liturgy in advance, the last day for booking will be Monday 29th March 2021.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR COVID-19

The Prime Minister has asked for a National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first lockdown on 23rd March. The President and Vice President of the Bishops' Conference have developed this theme, asking all Catholics to hold this day not only as one of Reflection but of Prayer, with an encouragement for all our people, to pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year. The Bishops' Conference have published a Statement and this is available from our Parish website.