

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 28th March 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today we begin our preparation for the most important days in the life of the Church, the Holy Week Celebration.

However, this is also more accurately called, Passion Sunday, as this marks the start of the passion and suffering of our Lord that culminates at Calvary on Good Friday. There would normally be two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel would be proclaimed before the procession with palms and recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the crowds who gathered to welcome Him and waved palm branches shouting 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.' Sadly, due to the current restrictions we will not be permitted to have this procession.

The Gospel reading today is the Passion of our Lord and helps us to prepare to pray and meditate on the passion and death of Jesus. We read the passion account as recorded in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of Mark does not paint a very encouraging picture of Jesus' disciples. Jesus predicts at the last supper that their faith would be shaken by what was about to occur. Peter and the other disciples react in astonishment and protest, yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them asleep. Whilst Jesus prayed in agony about the fate that awaited him, his closest friends slept through the night. Jesus' prediction that Peter would deny him and that he would be betrayed, came true and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death.

When Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin which was the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders, he was charged with blasphemy. This changed when they brought him before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, when he was accused of a political crime and one which they knew carried the death penalty, charging Him with claiming to be the King of the Jews, a treasonous act.

At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.



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During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we contemplate the enormity of what Jesus did for each one of us, his obedient suffering and dying, revealing himself to us as God's Son.

Deacon Des

Making an Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish News

Novena to the Divine Mercy: Jesus asked St. Faustina that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday, this year being 2nd April.

JESUS gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena. For instance, on the last day, JESUS asked her to pray for the 'lukewarm and indifferent', of whom He said: *"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others..." The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."*

In her diary, St. Faustina noted that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

JESUS HIMSELF disclosed the following intentions to pray for on each day of the Novena.

DAY 1 (Good Friday)	2:00 p.m.	All mankind, especially sinners
DAY 2 (Holy Saturday)	3:00 p.m.	The souls of priests and religious
DAY 3 (Easter Sunday)	3:00 p.m.	All devout and faithful souls
DAY 4 (Easter Monday)	3:00 p.m.	Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not know Him
DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday)	3:00 p.m.	The souls of separated brethren
DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday)	3:00 p.m.	The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
DAY 7 (Easter Thursday)	3:00 p.m.	The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
DAY 8 (Easter Friday)	3:00 p.m.	The souls who are detained in purgatory;
DAY 9 (Easter Saturday)	3:00 p.m.	The souls who have become lukewarm.



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The Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions. On Sunday 11th April there will be a service at 3:00 p.m. for Divine Mercy Sunday.

JESUS told St. Faustina, "*The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness.*

It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary 699*)

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open... on that day... all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion... shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

Father Lee will be available for the sacrament of Confession before and after the service.

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: These services will take place in church on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday at 9:00 a.m. they will be led by Deacon Des. Booklets and instructions will be given. Everyone is welcome and booking is not required.

Livestream Installation: You will have heard Fr. Lee mention last week that our livestreaming equipment is being installed over this weekend. This may result in the livestreaming of Mass not being transmitted and possible disruption to the sound quality in the church, especially to those using the hearing aid loop. We will also need to cancel this Monday's Mass (29th March). We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

"Visions" Zoom Group: Held every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom with the purpose of sharing scripture, promoting positive mental health, prayer, joy, and laughter, as well as pictures and art.

No commitment is asked, you can speak or just join and listen. The Zoom details are as follows:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82226878791>
- Meeting ID: 822 2687 8791
- Passcode: visionst

Sunday Coffee morning: If you would like to socialise virtually then why not join us for a chat and a short fun quiz from the comfort of your own home? Held every Sunday at 11.10 a.m. via the following Zoom details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83024819984> Meeting ID: 830 2481 9984 Password: CM24Thrsx. All are welcome.

Parish Office Closure: Please note the the parish office will be closed from Friday 2nd April and re-open on Tuesday 13th April. Thank you.



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Mass Times and Intentions

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Year B		
Saturday 27 th March	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Stuart Gibby R.I.P. (M. Jacobs)
Sunday 28 th March	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Jacobs R.I.P. Margaret Barrett R.I.P. (M. Jacobs) People of the Parish
Monday 29 th March	No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th March <i>Temple Tuesday</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m.	
Wednesday 31 st March <i>Spy Wednesday</i>	Stations of the Cross: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 1:00 p.m.	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM		
Thursday 1 st April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m. Confessions: 7:00 p.m. Mass of The Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m. Fully booked <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 2 nd April <i>Good Friday</i>	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross for Families and Children: 10:00 a.m. Novena to the Divine Mercy: 2:00 p.m. Confessions: 2:15 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord: 3:00 p.m. Fully booked <i>Livestreamed</i> Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.	
Saturday 3 rd April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m. Novena to the Divine Mercy: 3:00 p.m.	
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	Liturgy of the Paschal Vigil: 8:00 p.m. Fully booked <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 4 th April <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Mass: 8:30 a.m. Fully booked <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. Fully booked <i>Livestreamed</i> Latin Mass (EF): 12:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Novena to the Divine Mercy: 3:00 p.m.	Manuelinha (Lily Pereira) R.I.P. (The Nazareth Family)

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