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**PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> Sunday vigil	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Vincent Overy &amp; family</i> <i>Pat Wall</i>
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>People of parish</i>
Monday in Holy Week		<b>Noon</b>	<i>Sr. Assumpta</i>
Tuesday in Holy Week	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Fr. Ollie Kemp</i>
Wednesday in Holy Week			<i>Priests of the Diocese</i>
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>		<i>Joe Greene</i>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Day of Fast & abstinence	<b>3.00 pm</b>		
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>Easter Ceremonies</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>		<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Nora O'Connor</i>

Dear Parishioners,

We now enter our most Holy Week when we follow our Lord through his passion, his death on the cross, his burial and his resurrection from the dead. This is called the Paschal Mystery of our salvation and it is what Jesus came to do, and through it set up his One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. This is one single event but in three “acts” and it is the most important part of our religious observance to attend it all. We became members of the Church through the waters of baptism. Traditionally the Easter Vigil is the time when people are baptised, but it is also the time when we reaffirm our baptismal promises. In fact the whole of Lent has been to prepare ourselves to make a deeper commitment this year than we have ever done before. An important part of this preparation is making our confession before we make our Easter Communion.

I hope that this past Covid year, for all its restrictions, has actually in some ways been instrumental in bringing us closer to Christ. We look forward when restrictions are lifted to being able to celebrate this personal renewal as also a corporate renewal, for none of us are saved alone, but saved “in Christ” united together in “koinonia” or fellowship.

The Liturgy of the Easter Triduum is very powerful. We just need to come with open hearts and minds and let it do its work. To let God be God and have that right “dominion” over us so that we become his servants, obedient to him.

I hope most of you will be able to attend live in Church, but for those for whom it is not safe then you are asked to attend on-line with the Archbishop at St. Chad’s Cathedral because this is a time to be close to our Bishop. Go to the Cathedral website for details.

May God bless you all through dying to self and rising with Christ. May he keep you safe for eternal life, and, keep praying for one another.

Happy Easter

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

**Collections last Sunday**

Sacred Heart First collection £162.59

St. Joseph’s First collection £133.13

On Good Friday there is a collection for the **Holy Places**.  
The Easter collections are a personal gift to the Parish Priest.

**Palm Sunday**, there will be a livestream only service from St. Chad's at 5 pm to mark the beginning of Holy Week: words and music and the Cathedral Choir will be singing. You are invited to join on the livestream through the St Chad's Cathedral website: [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

**HOLY WEEK** The Easter Triduum will take place at Sacred Heart Church with abbreviations called for by Covid regulations.

Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm (no procession or watch)
Good Friday	3.00 pm (no individual veneration of the Cross)
Holy Saturday	8.00 pm (no Easter fire, procession or carrying of candles)

**THE CHRISM MASS** is on Wednesday at 11.30 am when the priests reaffirm their ordination vows and the Holy oils are blest. You can attend on line. Go to St. Chad's website.

**CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER** After Mass on Saturday & Sunday and after the Good Friday Liturgy downstairs at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

**LENTEN ALMS** The Archbishop is suggesting that you might like to give your Lenten alms to St. Chad's Sanctuary which helps refugees and asylum seekers. See [St. Chad's Sanctuary](#)

**Youth Alpha Series on line** Youth Alpha is a 12-week series that makes it easy to create a space where young people are excited to engage in conversations about faith. We ask ourselves so many different questions every day and sometimes we need to explore the bigger questions. Join the Alton Castle Alpha Team for a fun, lively and engaging way to explore faith and meet new friends. Starting this Thursday, March 18th 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Why not invite young people at home, school or your parish age 14+ to [register now](#) or [click here to watch the trailer!](#)

**OUR NEW ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY of St. Mark's Gospel** started last Monday. I hope many people will join in. Please contact George on 07870 153066 or at [georgeswisoba@live.co.uk](mailto:georgeswisoba@live.co.uk) to register. You have to register to get in.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** ends this Sunday.

**YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL** organised by the Kenelm Youth Trust. See [Young Adult Social - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

**Please Pray for the sick;** Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson, Mona Recci, Mary Cartridge, Bill Marron.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Nechells** Dear Parishioners, Just a short note from us here at St Joseph's School to let you know what is happening with us converting into a MAC. Last year you may remember that St Joseph's School started the process of joining the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC. In this MAC there are currently 3 schools, Archbishop Ilsley Catholic Secondary School, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School and Holy Souls Catholic Primary School. The aim is for St Joseph's, St Chad's and The Rosary to all join the MAC in September 2021. This process is going well and in April we will be starting the final part of the process to convert. Please do keep the children, families and staff of our school in your prayers during this time. *Michelle Ashley*

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)  
(Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15)

Today let us reflect on what is really important in our marriages. In this day and age the cost of living can create anxieties and tensions about making ends meet. So today, let's hold hands, look at each other, and celebrate our love, which joins us together as a 'sign' of God's love for everyone.

**ON-LINE RETREATS FROM BELMONT ABBEY** There are some interesting options here. God to <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register> for more information and to register.

**Palm Sunday**

*Today is all we have*

**CORONAVIRUS** For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv> For access to many streamlined Masses in UK & Ireland

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

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