

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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Sixth Sunday of Lent March 24th 2024

GOSPEL : Mark 11: 1-10 &

Mark 14:1-15:47

Palm Sunday



The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial for the Christ.

The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story - like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross.

LIFE MESSAGE

1) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Saviour? Let us remember that we are all sinners who have crucified Jesus by our sins, but we are still able to turn to Jesus again to ask for pardon and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus we receive forgiveness: "through his wounds we are healed." (Is 53:5).

2) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives?

Significance of the Holy Week:

- 1) A week of remembrance and appreciation
- 2) A week of thanksgiving
- 3) A week of repentance and reconciliation
- 4) A week to keep Christ's New Commandment of Agape love
- 5) A week to deepen our Faith and strengthen our relationship with God.

Prayer to St Joseph

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



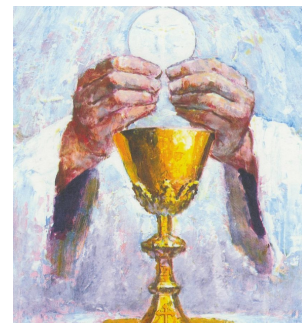
**Say your daily rosary
for peace in the
world**



Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 23th March	6:30pm	Margret Evelyn Williams
Sunday 24 March	9:30 am 11:00pm	Pat Mary Thanksgiving
Monday 25th March	10:00am	Kate Pettifor
Tuesday 26th March	10:00am	Mary Kathleen Tinman
Wednesday 27th March Woodchurch		CHRISM MASS
Thursday 28th March EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7:00pm	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 29th March GOOD FRIDAY	3:00pm	Vocations
Saturday 30th March HOLY SATURDAY	8:00pm	Parishoners
Sunday 31st March EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am 11am	Parishoners Parishioners

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Maria Latty

PILGRIMAGE

We are planning to go on pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 8 - 15 October 2024, flying from Manchester. The cost is £790 (single room supplement £150) which includes flight, transfers to and from Split to Medjugorje and half board accommodation. There is a lot of interest in this trip so if you would like to come you should call or text Mary Pettifor on 07581 496961

Holy Communion and Confirmation

All those preparing for confirmation and first Holy Communion should join in Bible sharing and teaching at the of the second Mass.

Holy Week

**This Sunday is Palm Sunday - the beginning of Holy Week. Those who will like to join in the reading of the passion and washing of the feet should indicate and see the Parish Priest. There will be penitential Service/Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday -26/3/24-
Time : 6pm**

We appreciate those who will like to donate for the Easter flowers. There is a box at the back of Church

Mass Offering for 17th March—£355.67

Standing orders—£118.25

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke