



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Year C



GOSPEL Luke 19:28–40; 22:14-23:56

The Church celebrates this Sixth Sunday in Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

The first part of today's Gospel (Lk 19:28-40) describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. Two-and-a-half million people were normally present to celebrate the Jewish feast of the Passover. Jesus permitted such a royal procession for two reasons: 1) to reveal to the public that he was the promised Messiah, and 2) to fulfil the prophecies of Zechariah (9:9): "*Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion.... see now your King comes to you; he is victorious, triumphant, humble, and riding on a donkey...*"

In the second part of today's Gospel (Lk 22:14—23:56), as we listen to/participate in the Passion of Christ according to Luke, we are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

Life message: Are we ready to carry Jesus like the donkey on Palm Sunday to our homes and workplaces, conveying his love, mercy, compassion, and spirit of forgiveness to others?

Significance of the Holy Week:

- 1) A week of meditating deeply about the passion of Jesus.
- 2) A week of thanksgiving for our redemption
- 3) A week of repentance and reconciliation
- 4) A week to meditate on Christ's New Commandment of Agape love
- 5) A week to deepen our Faith and strengthen our relationship with God.

Confessions on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the penitential Service on Tuesday 5:30pm. We shall have a second priest that will assist in the confession.

<u>Readers</u>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Jo Williams	Paulina Krzyzak	Liz Greaves

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch. A new rota has been sent out copies are available at the back of Church.

Sat 09 Apr	6:30 PM	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Forcesor Family
Sun 10 Apr	9:30 AM		Mabel Perkins
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 11 Apr	10:00 AM	Monday of Holy Week	Nick Osmond
Tue 12 Apr	10:00 AM	Tuesday of Holy Week	Conversions
	5:30 PM	Penitential Service	
Wed 13 Apr	Sacristy	Wednesday of Holy Week	
Thu 14 Apr	6:00PM	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Sanctification of Priests
Fri 15 Apr	3:00 PM	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Divine mercy Novena starts	
Sat 16 Apr	8:00PM	Holy Saturday	Bethany & Andrew
Sun 17 Apr	9:30PM	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	Parishioners
	11:00PM		Parishioners

The collections on Good Friday is for Holy Land/Holy Places.

Chrism mass for the diocese will be on Wednesday at 7:00 pm, the Mass will be livestreamed via this link: <http://www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch>

Foodbank The Foodbank is continuing to help people who are suffering from food poverty and are experiencing crisis in their lives. We are also anticipating having to support people who will experience fuel poverty in the near future. We are grateful for your continued support and any help you can provide.

Maundy Thursday We are looking for up to 12 volunteers to participate in the washing of feet if you would like to take part, please email Father.

Joint Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness This will begin at Tesco's starting at 11.30am finishing at St Alkmund's Church. Everyone is welcome to take part.

COVID REMINDERS When in church, it is now voluntary to wear a mask.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.