



The Parish Newsletter

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Mt. 28:19

Sunday 14th April - Sunday 21st April 2019

Witnessing Holy Week

As the Lord enters Jerusalem, we too enter that special time - Passiontide. It is the final destination of our Lenten pilgrimage. By reliving each event of our Saviour's last week before his death, we become participants in those very events. The liturgy of each day is a great help towards following the sequence of Jesus' last days, step by step, until his last hours. The liturgy portrays how Christ accomplished his redemptive work, and lets us witness the supreme act of God's love - a love that has no equal.

With the crowd we rejoice in Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and hear the Father's cry:

"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights." (Isaiah 42 3-4)

We hear how Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead to show that through Christ's resurrection we all are born again.

We witness the Lord showing that he knows that "one of you will betray me". In this acceptance of betrayal we see his commitment to the task his Father has set him and his courage in pursuing it.

In the synagogue at Nazareth, we hear Christ telling us, in Isaiah's words:

"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free..." (Isaiah 4 16-21)

We then follow him into the Garden and onwards through his passion to the Cross and the glory of Resurrection.

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Reflection for Lent

Jesus, the Lamb of God

This is still for some, the lambing season. For Christians, the presence of a new baby lamb is an intimation of another lamb.

Jesus the Lamb of God, offered himself in sacrifice to the Father at the exact time of the Jewish Passover, at the very moment that paschal lambs were being killed for sacrifice in the Temple.

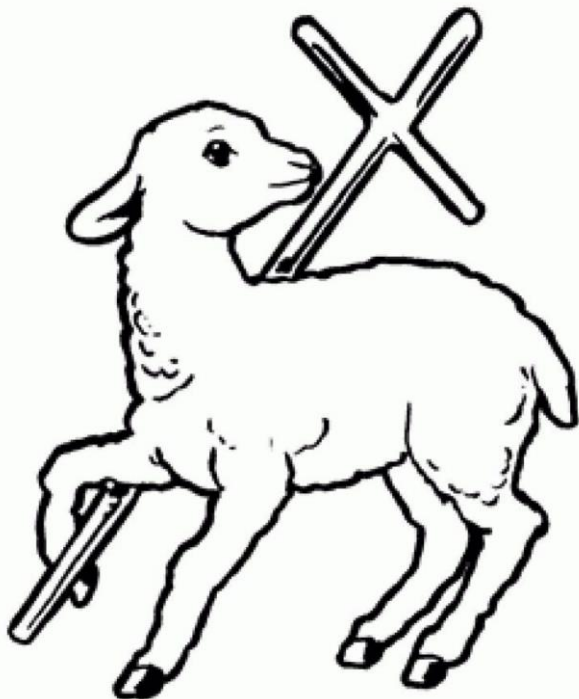
The Lord's self-sacrifice was accomplished out of that incomprehensible love he had for us, so that he might "take away the sins of many and bring salvation" to those who eagerly await him.

Prayer

O long-suffering Lord, who accepted death for our sake, glory to you!

May we walk by your side and bear witness to your love for all mankind.

Amen



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community... and all those in our intercession books.

Marion Arkell, Sue Dunleavey, Mary Gillen, Bridhe Heron, Lou and Barb Kasprowicz, George Pearson.

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially:

Michael Bayward, Barbara Blong, Nina Bosomworth, James Branaghan, Ben Cawston, Sally Cheung, Sheila Day, Philip Dean, Bernard English, Irene Human, Reg Jackson, Chester Jureko, Greg Kane, Margaret Kottarska,, Michael MacNamara, Gary Murray, Brendan Neville, Mary Nichols Aoibhleen Norman, Patrick O'Brien, James Parr, Ian Pearson, Kenneth Pullen, Luigi Ratettagliata, Peter Seekings3-Foster, Paul Starr

AMEN



The Full Holy Week Timetable is on back of Newsletter but please note the extra Masses on: Monday: 9:30am Mass at Brandon, **Tuesday:** Mass at Mildenhall at 9:30 AM, **Chrism Mass** at Cathedral 7:00 pm (*Three spaces in Fr Luke's car if you need a lift!*), **Good Friday:** Churches Together in Mildenhall, joint service at 10:30 at St Mary's C of E Church, Mildenhall

The Easter Triduum is, in effect, one liturgical celebration spread over three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. To experience the fullness of the liturgy it is desirable that all three celebrations are attended. Obviously, this is not always practical or possible for all people, but every effort should be made to attend these celebrations. If you are unable, please try and keep these solemn days of celebration by having extra times of prayer and reflection. If you are struggling with transport between Brandon and Mildenhall please consider sharing lifts. I have three spaces in my car and I'm happy to transport people to Mildenhall from Brandon for the Easter Vigil if necessary. **Foot Washing:** During the Mass of the Lord's supper, 12 parishioners are needed to have their foot washed. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Church.

Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday (28th April): A special Holy Hour, with confessions ending in Vespers will take place at 3:00 pm on this Sunday at St Thomas' Brandon.

Newsletter Teaching Supplements "What we believe". *We continue this weekend with, the fifth reflection on the Creed: 'I believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Son, Our Lord.'* **This will be the last reflection for a couple of weeks until after the Easter Octave.**

Annual Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham Tuesday 28th May: Day begins with procession from the village at 10:45 am, Mass at 12 Noon at the Basilica of Reconciliation, followed by picnic and trip to the beach at nearby Wells-next-the-Sea. **If enough of our families wish to go we will consider laying on transport.** Please see poster at back of Church.

March for Life: takes place in central London on Saturday 11th May from 2-4:30pm. It starts at the back of Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BN and proceeds to the Palace of Westminster. Sarah Ward from the Diocese will be there with the Diocesan banner should people wish to gather as a group and walk together. Full details: see poster or check our www.marchforlife.co.uk

Pray as You Go PAYG: A superb free App from the British Jesuits. Lots on the App including a daily 10-12 min prayer meditation, as well as Stations of the Cross, Rosary meditations and other prayer resources. If you have a smart phone download the App, it could help develop your prayer life and your friendship with Jesus. Why not try it out for Holy Week?

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Sick Visits

If you are unwell or know someone who is unwell and would like Fr Luke to visit, please contact him, either by phone or email. If you do not let anyone know then it is hard to visit you. Please do not assume that Fr Luke knows that someone is sick or wants a visit.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 14th - Palm Sunday

April 18th - Maundy Thursday

April 19th - Good Friday

April 20th - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

April 21st - EASTER SUNDAY

Dates for SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 19th - Holy Land Shrines

Money Matters

Offertory collection, Sunday 31 March 2019

Standing orders	£131.00
Gift Aid envelopes	£65.00
Non-Gift Aid envelopes	£36.00
Loose plate	£274.86
TOTAL	£506.86

2nd Collection:

Mozambique Cyclone £461.37

MESSAGE TO GIFT AID DONORS: Please note that unless advised to the contrary I will be claiming tax back on your behalf. Any changes in name or address, or if you no longer pay UK tax, should be notified to me. Thank you.

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FOOD BANK

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING FOR OTHERS

April proved to be the largest collection to date.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Our Charity of the Year

The Medaille Trust

Please remember our commitment to continue to donate throughout the year.

Buckets are in place at the back of our churches. Any spare change will be appreciated (notes and cheques too!) and Jacinta mentioned that gift cards from places like Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S etc are useful.

Parish Diary for Holy Week 2019

HOLY WEEK 2019	Feast	Time, Place, Service M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday 14 th April	PALM SUNDAY	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Peter McCloud RIP
Monday 15 th April	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	B: 9:30 AM Mass	Priests Intentions
Tuesday 16 th April	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	M: 9:30 AM Mass Chrism Mass 7:00 PM	Eileen Upsher RIP (At Cathedral in Norwich)
Wednesday, 17 th April	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	B: 9:30 AM Mass	Kathleen Hennessey RIP
Thursday, 18 th April	MAUNDAY THURSDAY	B: 7:30 PM Mass	Thanksgiving for Priesthood
Friday 19 th April	GOOD FRIDAY	B: 3.00 PM Good Friday Service	(Holy Shrines Collection)
Saturday 20 th April	HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL	M: 8:30 PM Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st April	EASTER SUNDAY	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Peter McCloud RIP