

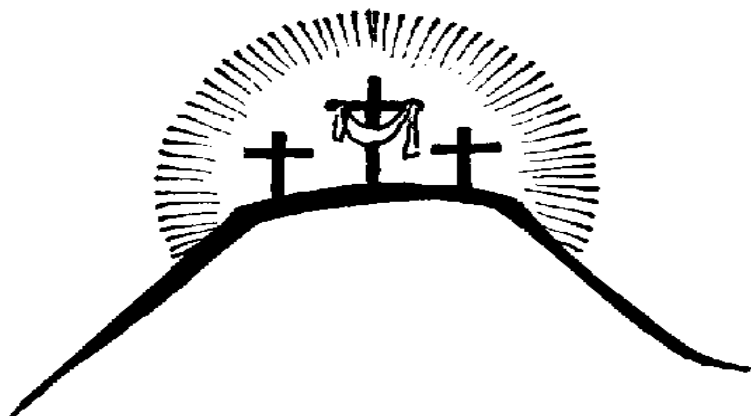
Gospel Reflection

Holy Week begins with an unruly crowd looking for excitement and spectacle. Whether they believe that Jesus could be the Messiah is a moot point - it is Festival time and hope springs eternal. In the main they will be let down - there is no battle ahead - Jesus is not that kind of man.

Although the moment in the Temple may have stirred some - generally Jesus has committed himself to a path that can only end in betrayal, suffering and death. His choice has been made at the gates of David's city. The opportunity to escape back into the wilderness is lost.

Today we have the choice of how we respond to the entry into Jerusalem. Will we be waving from the sidelines enjoying the controversy but not wanting to get involved? Will we follow on, wanting to share as much time as we can with the message of peace that is offered? Will we be quickly distracted back into the *busyness* of other things?

Holy Week gives us the opportunity to relive our choices. To decide who we will stand with in the days ahead.



NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

28th MARCH 2021 PASSION SUNDAY (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES (ALL ONLINE ONLY)		
Saturday 27th March		
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday	10:00am	Mass
Monday 29th March		
Tuesday 30th March	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 31st March		
Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Mass – with watching afterwards
Friday 2nd April Good Friday	3:00pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lords Passion
Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil	6:00pm	Mass
Easter Sunday	10:00am	Mass

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Mary Simpson

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Easter Weekend

We are considering whether to open up for the triduum. Guidance from the bishops is we would have an abbreviated masses if we are to open up. Alternatively if remain online we could allow time to share more elements of the triduum.

If we open up masses will be limited to 25 people and all attendance must be pre-booked. Please contact Phil Martin to share your thoughts on which you would prefer.

Another Scam Warning

Following the warning about fraudsters contacting people about their Census forms, people waiting for parcels to arrive have been warned about a scam that claims payment is required for a package to be delivered. Social media is awash with talk about the con, which involves a text message being sent that claims a parcel is awaiting delivery by Royal Mail. Trading standards officers say people must not click on a link which connects to a copycat website run by fraudsters. Royal Mail said it would never send a text message of this kind.

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Mk 11 1-10

When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Master needs him, and will return him right away.'"

They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, "What are you doing untying that colt?"

The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in God's name! Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in highest heaven!



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi