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**Newsletter for the weeks commencing 28th March/4th April 2021**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B) and Easter Day**

**Holy Week and Eastertide**

**Entrance antiphon: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you who have come in your abundant mercy!”**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7**

**Psalm 21 Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11**

**Acclamation:** **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But god raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

**Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39**

**Communion antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

Holy Week provides us with a wonderful opportunity to draw nearer to the mysteries of our salvation. With what great love the Lord has loved us.  The light of Christ shines with blinding intensity and yet, by the grace of the sacred liturgy, we are able to see.

Thursday 1 April Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8pm
2 April Good Friday service 3pm
Saturday 3 April Easter Vigil 8pm
Easter Sunday 4 April 10am
Easter Sunday Sung Traditional Latin Mass 12pm



*The Descent from the Cross* c. 1435 Rogier van der Weyden

O most holy Virgin, obtain for me the grace never more to crucify Jesus afresh by new sins,  but by the practice of virtue to keep Him ever alive in me.

St Alphonsus Liguori.

Best wishes

Father Behruz Rafat

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** David Green, Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Jennifer Jorden, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Sheila Newington,Don Woodman, Gladys Bennett,

Angela Hill, Evelyn Mary Hargreaves, Raymond Ellis, John Hill, Kathleen Lawrence, Peter Schouten, Alex Hatch, John Witham, Fiona Dodsworth, Andrew Lachi and Ellen Lawrence.

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| **This week’s services (28th March – 4th April 2021), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Sunday 28th March**10 am Mass | **Sixth Sunday of Lent (B)***People of the parish***PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** | **Thursday 1st April**8 pm Mass | **MAUNDY THURSDAY: THE MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** |
| **Monday 29th March**10 am Mass | Feria | **Friday 2nd April** 3 pm Service | **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday)** |
| T**uesday 30th March**10 am Mass | Feria | **Saturday 3rd April**8 pm Mass | **EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT** |
| **Wednesday 31st March**10 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Feria | **Sunday 4th April** 10 am Mass12 midday Sung Traditional Latin Mass  | **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** |
| **Flowers:** **Palms for Palm Sunday – Kathy;** **for Easter: vases/arrangements provided by arrangers and members of the parish** (deliver Good Friday/Holy Saturday)  |

**Good Friday Ecumenical Witness Service 2021**

Sadly, this year we will not be having our usual Town Ecumenical Walk of Witness on the morning of Good Friday. Instead, the Town’s clergy will gather in Zion Baptist Church and the service will be available at 10:30 am via Zoom.

The link for the Zoom Service is:

CTIT Good Friday Service Time: Apr 2, 2021 10:30 AM London

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224504198

Meeting ID: 822 2450 4198, Passcode: 287170

There will also be a limited number of seats in Zion church if you wish to be present for the service. Please book a seat with Jolyon by the end of Tuesday, 30th March on Jolyonvickers@rcaos.org.uk

Please also identify if you are unable to use balcony seating provision

On the day, please present at the front door of the church to the stewards.

The YouTube link for the service is

YouTube https://youtu.be/lkkByVNN3n8

There is a **collection on Good Friday** for the **Holy Places**.

**Live Stream**

A reminder that live stream Mass for the Holy Triduum is available from our cathedral.  Please check the website for details.  http://rcsouthwark.co.uk/indexold.html

**Saturday Evening Mass**

Saturday Evening Mass at 6pm will resume on 10 April, the weekend of Divine Mercy.  If you plan to attend the Saturday evening Mass on a regular basis and are willing to help as a steward please let me know. The task is not burdensome and training will be provided.  It is essential to have a steward at Mass to meet our health and safety obligations.

Please remember that all the **offerings at the Easter Masses** are your personal gift to the parish priest. If you are a Gift Aider do use your numbered envelope and, if donating by cheque, please make it payable to ‘St Andrew’s Church’

**If you love to see our church looking beautiful at Easter and are keen to help then this is how!** Please bring an arrangement for the windowsills that are not above the radiators. The colour scheme is gold/yellow/white, with greenery, and they can be a bunch in a vase or an arrangement.

They should be brought to the church either after the Good Friday service or on Holy Saturday when Frances will be in church between 10 and 12. Please let Frances know if you can help, or if you have any questions. Contact her on 01233 732657 f.lawrence999@btinternet.com

**A message from Deacon Jolyon**:

Dear All,

I have had a number of enquiries about the Food bank.

As you know, because of the current pandemic, we no longer have our collection box in use, however, below are some ways you can still help out. Kindest regards, Jolyon.

**Tenterden Food Bank - helping those in need.**

**DONATING FOOD***thank you!*

 There are food donation points direct to the Tenterden Family Food Bank situated here:

* St Mildred's Church, Tenterden
* St Michaels Post Office stores
* Waitrose
* Tesco

Non-perishable foodstuffs are always needed, so please remember to drop a tin or a packet into the box, when you are passing one of the donation points. Desperately needed: long-life milk, tinned meats, tinned potatoes, coffee, tea and jam, and also washing machine gel pods/tablets. Also, nappies, baby wipes and personal hygiene products. Donated food is collected, sorted and packed into Foodbank boxes which are then distributed to local families, couples or individuals to provide emergency help for 5 (or 3) days.

If you cannot donate food, please consider giving money to the Foodbank. The best way is by Bank transfer, please use the reference “Tenterden”. Details here:

* Bank Account Name: Family Food Bank
* Bank Account Number: 23659130
* Sort Code: 60-19-04

or by Cheque made payable to "Family Food Bank" and posted to:
Unit 4, St John’s Court,
Ashford Business Park,
Foster Road,
Ashford, Kent TN24 0SJ
(please use the reference "Tenterden")

**IF YOU NEED FOOD**

If you need an emergency food parcel, the first step is to get a voucher, which you need to take to the pickup point (we can also deliver to your house, if you are unable to travel). Vouchers can be obtained in complete confidence from:

* Tenterden Vicarage: 01580 761591/ 07805 840493/ 07888 998874
* Tenterden Social Hub: 01580 762882
* Ivy Court Surgery (Keeley Harris): 01580 763666

Tenterden Family Food Bank organiser: Emma Isworth

FAMILY FOOD BANK
Unit 4, St Johns Court, Ashford Business Park, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0SJ
Tel: 01233 500477

The Family Food Bank is part of the Children and Families Group.
Charity Registrations No: 1115459
Registered in England & Wales, Company No: 04615904
Registered Address: Seashells, Rose Street, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1AW

**Did you remember…**

This weekend the **clocks “spring” forward**! Don’t be late for important appointments!

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| **The week’s services for 4th – 10TH April 2021, Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Sunday 4TH April**10 am Mass12 midday Sung Traditional Latin Mass  | **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** | **Thursday 8th April****No Mass today.** | St Julie Billiart, ReligiousThursday within the Octave of Easter |
| **Monday 5th April**10 am Mass | St Vincent Ferrer, PriestMonday within the Octave of Easter | **Friday 9th April** **No Mass today.** | Friday within the Octave of Easter |
| T**uesday 6th April****No Mass today** | Tuesday within the Octave of Easter | **Saturday 10th April**10 am Mass6 pm Mass | Saturday within the Octave of Easter |
| **Wednesday 7th April**10 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest; St Henry Walpole, MartyrWednesday within the Octave of Easter | **Sunday 11th April** 10 am Mass12 midday Traditional Latin Mass  | Second Sunday of Easter |
| **Flowers: General tweaking of the Easter arrangements** |

**A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO EVERYONE!**