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Palm Sunday Year (C)

13 April 2025

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

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| Sun: | 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass | Francesca & Mauricio Int Maria Novak RIP |
| Mon: | 12 noon Mass | Joe Fernando Int. |
| Thurs: | <u>Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper</u> 6.30pm Mass | Marie Johnson RIP |
| Fri: | <u>Good Friday</u> 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ | |
| Sat: | 6.30pm Easter Vigil Mass | John McGauran RIP |
| <u>Easter Sunday</u> | | |
| Sun: | 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass | Esther & Ted Foster RIP Margarida de Oliveira |

Money Matters:

Offertory: £624.46
SVP: + £20 £503.15

For those who regularly contribute to the Church via the Envelope Scheme, another option would be to set up a Monthly or Weekly Direct Debit or Standing Order. If you contribute by any of these methods and you pay Income Tax, please consider Gift Aiding your contributions to the Parish, this is worth an extra 20% to the Parish without costing you any more than your Gift to the Parish.

Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59;
Account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.
(Gift Aid forms available at the back of Church)

Payments to the parish by cheque should be made payable to:
English Martyrs Derby RCP

Sanctuary Lamp: Esther & Ted Foster RIP

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine and Michael Dreuit, Terry Bullock, Norman Annable, Giovanni Busato, Ian Robinson, Bart Makowski, Joe Migallo, Liam Blaney, Christopher Turner, Tracey Reeve, Liz Simmons, Terry & Liz Spencer, Anu Chilka, Mick Connolly, Frances Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson, Libby Dodes, Gregory Makowski, Brian Campbell, James Slater, Mary Storer and Eunice Page.

First Holy Communion – Sunday 25 May at 2.00pm:

Application forms are available at the back of Church. Classes will begin on **Saturday, 3 May at 10.30-11.30am** in the Church.

Second Collections for April:

17 April (Maundy Thursday)

18 April (Good Friday)

19/20 April (Easter Sunday)

Bishops Charities

Holy Places of Jerusalem

Easter Offering

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of Johnathan Glanfield, Jane Giles and Tommasina Buonaguro. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Jane Giles – 11.00am Requiem Mass on **23 April** followed by burial at Nottingham Rd Cemetery at 12.30pm

Johnathan Glanfield – 12noon Requiem Mass on **2 May**.

Tommasina Buonaguro – Reception 6.00pm on **Tuesday, 6 May**. Requiem at 9.00am on **Wednesday, 7 May** followed by burial at Nottingham Rd cemetery at 10.30am.

SVP: Thank you for your generous support to the collection the other week. However, now that the school holidays have started, the calls on our resources are greater than ever as there is no access to the free school meals system. If you are able to donate any food items, particularly Easter treats, to help in our ongoing support, it would be much appreciated. Many thanks.

Hospital Ministry to Catholics in Derby: As the UHDB NHS Trust, which runs the two hospitals in Derby, does not provide for a Catholic Chaplain in the city, it’s not always clear what to do if you’re in hospital and want religious care, so here’s a quick guide:

(1) You need to proactively make it known that you are a Catholic and ensure that ward staff contact the Hospital Chaplaincy and inform them that you want added to the Catholic visiting and Communion lists.

Once you have done this then (2) on Fridays Fr Tim O’Sullivan, Fr Deogratias Arumasi and Deacon Richard Beben, together with Sr Helen UMI, Sr Sneha UMI, or Sr Vineeta UMI, visit in both Royal Derby and Florence Nightingale Hospitals as chaplaincy volunteers; and (3) on Sundays Holy Communion is brought to patients by the Sisters and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Beyond Fridays and Sundays (4) if you require non-urgent sacramental care, such as Confession or Anointing, you should ask your parish priest, or (5) in danger of death the ward will ask the hospital switchboard to contact whichever local Catholic priest has volunteered that week to respond to end of life calls, and he will attend as soon as is practicable

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The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>

A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

Pope Benedict XVI

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday):

We heard what Jesus did. It is interesting. The Gospel says: "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands", in other words Jesus had all the power, all of it. And then he begins to perform this gesture of washing feet. It is an act that slaves did at that time, because there was no asphalt on the roads and when people arrived, their feet were dusty; when they arrived at a house for a visit or for lunch, there were slaves who washed their feet. And Jesus makes this gesture: He washes feet. He performs the act of slaves: he who was all powerful, he who was Lord, performs this act of slaves. And then he advises everyone: "You also ought to wash one another's feet". That is, serve one another, be brothers in service, not in ambition, as one who dominates others or who oppresses others, no. Be brothers in service. Do you need something, a service? I will do it for you. This is fraternity. Fraternity is humble, always: it is serving.

Pope Francis

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord:

The liturgy applies to Jesus's descent into the night of death the words of Psalm 24(23): "Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O ancient doors!" The gates of death are closed, no one can return from there. There is no key for those iron doors. But Christ has the key. His Cross opens wide the gates of death, the stern doors. They are barred no longer. His Cross, his radical love, is the key that opens them. The love of the One who, though God, became man in order to die – this love has the power to open those doors. This love is stronger than death.

Pope Benedict XVI

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:

On this holy night we celebrate the Easter Vigil, the first – indeed the "mother" – of all vigils of the liturgical year. On this night, as is sung over and over again in the Exsultet, we walk once more the path of humanity from creation to the culminating event of salvation, the death and resurrection of Christ. The light of him who "has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" makes this memorable night, which is rightly considered the "heart" of the liturgical year "bright as the day". On this night the entire Church keeps watch and recalls, in meditation, the significant stages of God's saving intervention in the universe. There is a twofold significance to this solemn Easter Vigil, so rich with symbols accompanied by an extraordinary abundance of biblical texts. On the one hand, it is the prayerful memory of the mirabilia Dei, in the re-presentation of key texts from the Sacred Scriptures, from creation to the sacrifice of Isaac, to the passage through the Red Sea, to the promise of the New Covenant. On the other hand, this evocative vigil is the trusting expectation of the complete fulfilment of the ancient promises. The memory of God's work reaches its climax in the resurrection of Christ and is projected onto the eschatological event of the Parousia. We thus catch a glimpse, on this night of Passover, of the dawning of that day that never ends, the day of the Risen Christ, which inaugurates the new life, the "new heavens and a new earth".

'The world is full of mysteries... whoever embraces the cross with an open heart finds there the explanation of a thousand mysteries'

Archbishop William Ullathorne