



# ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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## Mass Times and Intentions for - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Rhona Donnelly (RIP)	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Foy Family (Get Well) The Penny Family James Whitehall (RIP) Anne Higgins (RIP)	Tea and Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass Stations of the Cross & Night Prayer 8.30pm. (SJ)
Monday	9.30 am 2.00 pm	Rose Conroy <i>Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's</i>	Stations of the Cross & Night Prayer 8.30pm. (SJ)
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 10.00 am 12.00 noon	Joan Smith (Sick) Adrian Leese (Funeral Service) Bill Burgess (RIP)	Stations of the Cross & Night Prayer 8.30pm. (SJ)
Wednesday	9.15 am	Dunning Family	7.00pm Chrim Mass St Anthony's Wythenshawe
Thursday HOLY THURSDAY	9.30 am 7.30 pm	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Office of Readings</i> Mary John (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) <i>(Followed by watching until midnight)</i>	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday GOOD FRIDAY	9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm 7.00 pm	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Office of Readings</i> <i>Children's Way of the Cross</i> LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Stations of the Cross with Veneration</i>	GOOD FRIDAY The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April HOLY SATURDAY	9.30 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm (Vigil)	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Office of Readings</i> Cleaning & decorating of the church People of the Parish	HOLY SATURDAY (No Confessions) EASTER VIGIL
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Thomas Hogan (RIP) Joseph & Helen Riley Chris Howell (RIP) May Lardner & son Jon Lardner	HAPPY EASTER

<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</b> 11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays or by appointment	<b>SACRED HEART LAMP</b> In memory of Michael Fogarty (88 <sup>th</sup> birthday remembrance) RIP	<b>OFFERINGS WEEKEND</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 SJ £1759.44 HF £422.84
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### What's The Point?

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd... infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on.

There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

Entrance Antiphon :	<i>Hosannah to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosannah in the highest.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>		
Gospel Acclamation :	<i>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.</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.</i>		
Year A	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Psalm 21	Philippians 2 6-11      Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

## HOLY TRIDUUM

### **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil.**

The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, is the most important time of the Church's year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

The term Triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter Triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We look at the East Triduum as on single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection.

We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together.

Because the Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.

### MAUNDAY THURSDAY

The Mass will speak of Jesus wanting to celebrate the **PASSOVER MEAL** with his friends. He transforms the

Passover Meal into the giving of himself to his father as the Paschal Lamb. Jesus invites us all to this banquet. He gives us his very self **BODY AND BLOOD** and offers us signs of how we are to love one another. In the washing of the feet, Jesus reminds us that we are all called to serve. We shall witness some of our brothers and sisters of the Parish having their feet washed. Our Ministers of Communion will renew their promises to serve our sick, the housebound and each of us in their offering of Jesus in the Eucharist.

At Mass, we consecrate sufficient hosts to enable us to receive Holy Communion on Good Friday. At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the sacred hosts are carried in solemn procession to our Altar of Repose. Watching begins and continues until Midnight. We encourage one another to watch with Jesus, mindful of his agony in the garden.

***"Could you not watch one hour with me"  
The Church will stay open until midnight.***

### GOOD FRIDAY

We celebrate the Lord's Passion and Death. The Church keeps this day in a most special way.

The service is divided into four parts:

The Word of God - Prayers of the Faithful - Veneration of the Cross - Holy Communion.

It is not Mass, rather it is a service recommending that we be filled with gratitude for this Perfect Act of Love for us on Calvary. On Good Friday evening we follow the Stations of the Cross, commencing at 7.00pm.

### EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

The Holiest day of the year, one filled with joy and celebration as we proclaim

***Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.***

*The services during Holy Week tell a continuous story so try, if you can, to attend them all.*

*The garden Crucifix, dedicated to the Holy Souls, was blessed on Good Friday 2012.*

*It is a wonderful place of sanctuary and prayer for many people. Do feel free to make a visit any time you wish.*

### PRAY FOR PRIESTS

For April are now available at the back of church.

**THERE ARE SPECIAL SHEETS FOR  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER  
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ONE HOME**

## PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS' RECOVERY

Loving God, we ask you to look with favour on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a Pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

## HOLY PLACES COLLECTION (Good Friday)

The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday. The collection ensures not only that sacred buildings remain accessible, but that local Christians are able to stay in their homeland. Funds gathered support young families, parishes, seminaries, schools, hospitals and clinics, refugees and small businesses.

## SACRED HEART LAMP

If you would like this lamp to be lit for any intention or in memory of a loved relative or friend, please fill in the week you would like in the file in the sacristy, with the date and intention. A donation of £5 for the lamp is requested and it will burn for the whole week from Sunday to Sunday.

There are still spaces in 2023 and sheets are now available for 2024 and 2025

## APF – MISSIO ST JOSEPH'S

The RED BOXES for the Mill Hill missions are due to be emptied over the next couple of weeks.

Last quarter we raised a total of £838.52.

If you have any queries or need more information, please contact Mick Ryan on 0161 905 3468 . Thank you for your continued support.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to the Church and Parish Community **Aoife Durán-Buckley and Cillian Eamonn Duncan** who were baptised at St. Joseph's last weekend. We welcome **Aoife** and **Cillian** into the Church and commend their parents for passing on to them the Faith of the Apostles.

## COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Adrian Leese, Des Ashe, Christine O'Dwyer, Mary McAndry and James McCall** who have died recently. May they rest in peace. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

## MANCHESTER MARATHON

is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April and, once again, access to St. Joseph's and Holy Family will be affected by road closures. There are route maps on the noticeboard in the narthex or visit

<https://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/>

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 16 April 2023 at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns. Church will be open from 1.30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.