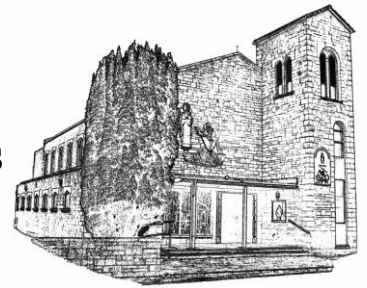


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THE PASSION OF THE LORD (PALM SUNDAY)

28th/29th March 2015

Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sunday	10.00am	Intentions of Paddy and Carmel Solon	
Monday		Monday of Holy Week	
	10.00am		
Tuesday		Tuesday of Holy Week	
	10.00am		
Wednesday		Wednesday of Holy Week	No Mass

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday		Holy (Maundy) Thursday	
	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday		Good Friday	
	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
	3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death	
Saturday		Holy Saturday	
	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Resurrection	

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday	10.00am	Roy Bell (anniversary)	
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: No Confessions this Saturday

[Passion (Palm) Sunday – page 181 in the Parish Mass Book]

VOLUNTEER LISTS: There is a signing-on list in the porch for volunteers to have a foot washed during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday. A second list is for those able to spend some time watching at the Altar of Repose after the Holy Thursday Mass: if you are able to be present before the Blessed Sacrament for half-an-hour between 9.30 and 11.00pm please sign the list. If there are sufficient volunteers there could be an extra half-an-hour from 11 to 11.30pm.

CHRISM MASS: At 6.00pm on Wednesday evening priests, deacons and people of the diocese gather in the Cathedral at Arundel for the Mass of Chrism during which the Holy Oils for use throughout the diocese during the coming year will be blessed. The priests and deacons also renew the promises they made on the day of their Ordination. All are welcome.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Good Friday, like Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent, is a day of fasting (one main and two light meals and nothing in between) and abstinence (traditionally from meat, but also from alcohol and other "luxury" food and drink).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: At 10.00am on Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church using our beautiful coloured glass images of the Way of the Cross.

THE LAITY

The third Jubilee discussion group last Tuesday was about the Church as the “Body of Christ” – the image or description of the Church with which we were most familiar. Many of us will remember it as a very hierarchical Church with the Pope at the top and everyone else looking up to him. The Second Vatican Council changed all that forever: no longer was the Church to be seen as the Pope, the cardinals, bishops and priests, members of religious orders and, at the bottom of the pyramid, the lay people – existing to do little more than support “the Church” and obey their pastors.

Baptism, the Council reminded us, makes all of us members of the Church, the Body of Christ: it is the first calling from God that everyone, even the Pope, receives from God. All of us, therefore, share in the task of making Christ present in and to the world. The Council reminded us that the calling of priests, bishops and the Pope is to serve the laity – the people of God – enabling them to live their vocation from God in the world: a title of the Pope is “servant of the servants of God.”

The last fifty years has seen the role of laity extend and expand beyond recognition – in the home (which the Council defined as the “domestic Church”), in our schools and parishes, in the running of the Church at all levels; but most of all in being the Church, and doing its work, in every area of life. Lay people live and work in places that those called to service within the Church can never go or have influence. At baptism we are all anointed to work together to be Christ in our world and to share his task of being Priest (offering prayer and praise to the Father), Prophet (proclaiming the truths of God) and King (building up the Kingdom of God in the world). We can no longer think or talk of the Church as “them” – we are the Church and the Church is all of us.

HOLY PLACES: The annual collection to help support the Shrines throughout the Holy Land that mark important places and events in the life of Our Lord will be taken after the Service on Good Friday afternoon.

SERVICES OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: If you missed our parish Lenten Penance Service on Friday, there are Penance Services in other local Churches: at St. Richard’s, Chichester this Sunday at 4.00pm; at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis on Monday at 7.30pm

LENTEN ALMS: The Lenten Alms are to support enclosed Congregations of Women in the diocese. The contributions in the Lenten Alms box will be brought to the Altar in the offertory procession during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday evening.

There are lists in the porch of groceries that will be welcomed by “Stonepillow” – please leave any contributions in the specially marked boxes in the porch.

Finally, a reminder that any donations to CAFOD this Lent will be matched – pound for pound – by the Government under the “UK Aid Match” scheme.

CURRY LUNCH: A very enjoyable lunch was had in the Hall by all who came last Sunday – excellent food and great company. May we thank all those who helped organise the event, particularly the cooks who prepared the meal? The proceeds for the Church Maintenance fund were £160.80p.

EASTER OFFERTORY: The offertory collection at the Easter Vigil and Mass on Easter day is, by tradition, a personal gift to the parish priest.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jacqui and Michael Brooker; Max Foreshew, Tricia Green, Christina Hackett, Nell Hassett, Dave Mortby, Peggy Owens, Samantha Phillips, Theresa Watson and all in the parish who are sick.

Please speak to Fr. John if you would like the parish to pray for you, or for someone in your family.

Collections:	21 st /22 nd March	Offertory Collection	£428.68p
		Flowers for Easter	£178.31p