

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill, including . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Father Paul Dynan, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently, including . . .

Rita Blake – died on Thursday 19 March. She will be buried at St Patrick's Leytonstone on Wednesday 8 April at 11.00 am.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time, including . . .

4-10 April: Konrad Severin, Maire Coyle, Lily Burke, Sheila O'Leary, Christine O'Leary, Robert Ward, Vincent Batallier, Patrick Doyle, Joan Moran, John Prior, Jim Hoban, Michael Moyse, James Casey, Sister Raphael, Margaret Porter, Desmond Corduff, Cyril Field, Molly Welcome, Hanna Burns, Tony Shonk, Maureen Foley, Nelly Harrington and Catherine Press.

THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY

This week, the light burning in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Mick Rubery.

MESSAGE FROM OUR GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR, Michelle Mack

For those in the Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme, your new envelopes for 2020/21 are available for you to pick up in the porch when the Church is once again open after the self-isolation period.

A number of Parishioners have asked how they may still continue to support Corpus Christi. You can, of course, do this through the Gift Aid scheme, but you may be interested to know that you can donate via your bank via on-line banking or using a Standing Order Mandate. Many Corpus Christi gift aiders do this already on a permanent basis but you could use this as a temporary measure and then continue to use your envelopes when the situation is normalised.

If you would like details of Corpus Christi bank account, please get in touch. If you do internet banking it is very simple to set up, otherwise we have standing order mandates which you, or someone on your behalf, can take to your bank.

The Gift Aid scheme is a very important source of extra revenue for your Church, at no extra cost to yourself. Last year we were refunded over **£11,000** from HMRC as the tax paid on donations.

On behalf of Father Philip, thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi.

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COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

The Foodbank is staffed on Fridays 12.30 – 2.30 pm at the Church of The Ascension. During these difficult times, the need is as great as ever but the donations have dropped considerably. As our church is now locked, we do not have a collection point here. Should you wish to drop off donations at The Ascension on Fridays – they would be warmly received.

Long life milk / Jars of pasta sauce / Tinned veg (including tomatoes)

Tinned meat - hotdogs, pies, tinned stew/casserole/chilli, ham

Tinned fruit / Tinned rice pudding/custard

Long life fruit juice (cartons) / Tomato ketchup / Jam / Nappies (sizes 4,5,6)

Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today's celebration: the initial procession with palm branches and the solemn reading of the Passion.

Let us enter into this movement, guided by the Holy Spirit, and thus obtain the grace we sought in our opening prayer: to follow in faith our Saviour's example of humility, to heed his lesson of patient suffering, and thus to merit a share in his victory over the spirit of evil.

Pope Francis, Homily on Palm Sunday 2019, *St Peter's Square*

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4-5 April 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all public acts of worship in Catholic churches throughout Britain are suspended and churches are locked until further notice.

The weekly newsletter will take the form of an aid to personal prayer and reflection it includes some of the readings from Sunday's Mass.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

At any time on request

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

Prayers and Readings for Palm Sunday

(for use at home)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Today we herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them: they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'