

Corpus Christi, Bolton

5 April 2020

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord



Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story - the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ

Liturgy & Activities This Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2
 Sunday Missal: Blessing of Palms page 596; Readings 608;
 Preface 41

Church Remains Closed Until Further Notice

Holy Week



Bishop John Arnold will live stream Mass today from Salford Cathedral at 11am

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/covid19/>

Today Fr Alf will bless our palm crosses. These will be available for you to collect once church re-opens

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

"In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen."
 [Roman Missal]

Bishop John Arnold will be live-streaming the Triduum from Salford Cathedral.

Last Supper - Thursday 7.30pm

Passion - Friday 3pm - Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Vigil - Saturday 8pm

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Sunday 12 April - Easter Day

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield

Anniversaries: Jim Smith, Jessie Carter

Mass Intentions Jessie Carter, Zbigniew (Spig) and Susan Mikolajewski (Silver Wedding Anniversary)

Hope In The Future

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Mary and St Anselm, Whitworth and Bacup, and for Fr Chris McGrane, their parish priest, together with their parish primary schools.

Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen.*

Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6):

We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.

Let us continue to pray for all key workers who are on the *front-line* during this current pandemic. We thank them for all they are doing for us and we ask the Lord to keep them safe.

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Congratulations: To six Yr3 pupils, from across our parish, who were baptised on Sunday 15 March. We pray for the children and their families as they continue on their journey of faith.

Congratulations: To Zbigniew (Spig) and Susan Mikolajewski, who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 8 April. We send our best wishes to them both.

Bolton FM: Tune in on Sunday at 11am, when Fr Alf will give a reflection on the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem.

CAFOD (Children's Liturgy): CAFOD are hosting a live, on-line children's liturgy for families every Sunday at 10am. Please go to:
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Church Closure and Mass: For the time being, parishioners are invited to make a spiritual communion at home: *"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."*

Caritas - Covid19: Continuing our support to those in need: Caritas Salford provide essential support services to those of all ages who are vulnerable across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. These services become more vital at a time when communicable diseases such as Covid-19 (coronavirus) can spread quickly. The vulnerable people Caritas support, especially those who are homeless or rough sleeping, are more likely to be at risk because they have underlying health problems and limited access to good welfare facilities. But they need your help to keep their services running.

What can you do to help? Caritas remain critically short of essential food & hygiene supplies. Please consider making a purchase from their [Amazon wishlist](#) to help them to continue their service to the most vulnerable in our diocese. Deliveries should be sent to: Cornerstone Day Centre, 104b Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS

Alternatively, you may be in a position to make a financial donation to help support our work across the diocese. Donations can be made online via <https://www.justgiving.com/caritassalford> or by contacting our Finance Team on 0161-817 2250. This will help keep services running during a crucial time. Any support you can give is very gratefully received, and no donation is too small! Over the coming weeks Caritas Salford management and staff will continue to closely monitor the situation. We're very grateful for the vital work of their excellent staff and volunteers in taking precautions and in preparing to support those most in need.

Our Schools: Please remember in your prayers the teachers, children and families who are still in school. We are very grateful for all they are doing to support our community at this difficult time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Pope Francis has made a recent statement: "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter ... many will say to me: 'But Father I cannot leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It is very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

Church Services Online: Fortunately, there are many online resources available to help you with your prayers at this time, including the daily live streaming of Holy Mass. For links go to:
www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources

Think Vocation

The exhilarating welcome of Christ as Messiah contrasts with the overwhelming rejection of him by the same people on Calvary. As Catholics, we will always experience some degree of welcome and some degree of rejection of faith in Our Lord. May we have the courage and confidence to face rejection and be appreciative of genuine affirmation and respect for the Lord.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh)

Challenged when we witness how others love: St Paul recognises the amazing humility of Jesus who accepts death on the cross out of love for God and us. We wonder and are challenged by the joy of a friend who daily visits his wife who has dementia; in his great love he feeds her, puts her to bed each evening, prays with her. Could we love like this?

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