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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B

24TH MARCH 2024

Dear Parishioners, this weekend is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week and the most sacred time of our lives as Christians. We reflect once again on a number of themes; Eucharist, Priesthood, Washing of Feet, Death, Calvary and of course new life in the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. This week is also the 'last chance' to go to confession before Easter. Confessions will be heard on this Saturday 23rd from 10.30am-11.15am and I will be available after the 5.30pm Mass to hear confessions as well. Last Sunday the Archbishop asked us to think about ways in which parishes can work more closely and this Tuesday evening at 7pm, we are invited to join our neighbouring parishes of St Augustine's Solihull and St George and Teresa, Dorridge for a joint penitential service. This service will take place at St George and Teresa. Please do come along and experience Gods love and forgiveness. God bless, Fr Andrew.

Church Opening Times:

The church is open for private prayer from dawn to dusk.

Parish Office Opening Times: Tel: 0121 744 1967

9.00am to 4.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. (Juliet)

9.00am to 4.00pm Tuesday. (Sue)

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Collection: 17th March 2024: Gift Aid: £137.00 Loose: £599.26 Standing Orders: £870.00 Tap n' go: £30.00 Total: £1636.26



The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Michelle Ashley. She can be contacted at: sg.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or email: safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk, if you have any concern.

Liturgical Schedule

Sat 23rd 10.00am 10.30am	Lent Feria Int. David Watson RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am Confessions (until 11.15am)
Sat 23rd 5.30pm	Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Int. Louise Broomhall RIP Int. Canon Eamon Concannon RIP – Month’s Mind Confessions after 5.30pm Mass
Sun 24th 10.00am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Int. James Cronin RIP - Month’s Mind Int. Donald Skinner RIP - Anniversary
Mon 25th	No Mass
Tues 26th 9.30am	Tuesday of Holy Week Int. Sr Margaret Mary - Birthday
Wed 27th 7.00am	Wednesday of Holy Week Int. Maggie Hayes RIP
Thurs 28th 7.00pm	Mass of the Lord’s Supper Int. Paddy & Rita Cullin RIP Int. Benedict Tse RIP - Anniversary
Fri 29th 3.00pm 7.00pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion Stations of the Cross
Sat 30th 7.00pm	Easter Vigil Int. Peter O’Reilly RIP
Sun 31st 9.00am 11.00am	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Int. James Erlam RIP - Anniversary Int. People of the Parish

Liturgical and Spiritual . . .



Our Lady's Candle. This week is lit for Sam Edmond.



RIP. Please remember in your prayers Geoffrey Goddard, Bernard Mackey, Kathleen Painting, Rupert Bentley, and Raymond Tempest who have died recently and all who mourn them. Geoffrey's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 10.30am. Bernard's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 4th April at 11.30am. Kathleen's funeral will take place at Robin Hood Crematorium on Friday 5th April at 10.30am. Rupert's Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 17th April at 11.00am and he will be received into Church the evening before at 6.00pm. Raymond's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 18th April at 12.00pm and he will be received into Church the evening before at 5.30pm.



Please pray for Eileanor McGowan, Theodore Sayer and Louie Kingston who are being baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish family.

Saturday Morning Mass. From Sat 20th April the Saturday Morning schedule will be; Morning Prayer 9.15am. Mass 9.30am. Holy Hour with Confessions 10.00am -11.00am.

Journey in Faith: (for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Chapel. The topic will be Confession & Anointing. Contact John: johnfpnolan@gmail.com.



Please prayer for Natasha McGowan, Sam Wilson and Joseph Smith who are receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Hong Konger Journey in Faith: Next meeting
7.00pm on
Tuesday 16th April, in St Aidan's Chapel.



Children's dismissal song:

BLESSINGS ON YOUR CHILDREN

1. Blessings on your children,
Send blessings on your children,
Blessings on your children,
As we come to hear your Word.
2. Blessings on your people,
Send blessings on your people,
Blessings on your people,
As we come to hear your Word.



Music Group: Practises on
Wednesday evenings at
7.45pm. All are welcome, so
please come and join us.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group:
Meets every Monday evening at
6:45pm in St Aidan's Chapel.

Pastoral and Social Outreach . . .

SVP: The SVP offers confidential practical support for anyone in need. Please email svps Shirley@gmail.com.

SVP Food Bank. We now have storage in the parish for the food bank, however we need to build up our stock, so we would like :- cereals, tinned beans, spaghetti hoops, tinned tomatoes, tinned meats, tea, coffee, pasta sauces, washing up liquid, toilet rolls. Thank you for your generosity.

SVP: Reaching out to homeless young people

One of the members of the parish SVP has, after a six month induction course by St Basils Centre for the homeless, twice hosted a young homeless person in their house. If you also would like to help in this way, either contact St Basil's directly (stbasils.org.uk) or email johnfpnolan@gmail.com.

The Bereavement Journey

7 sessions of films & discussion **for anyone bereaved anytime.**

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

At: The Bridge, 234 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 3AG. Call 0121 733 1038 or email enquiries@thebridgeshirley.com

Or

At: Shirley Baptist Church, 144 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 3BD. Call 0121 733 8089 or email amanda@shirleybaptised.org.uk

Three Degrees



Congratulations to parishioners Paddy Brennan and Michael Emm on receiving Honorary Degrees for outstanding service to Catholic Education from St Mary's University, Twickenham. (Strawberry Hill).

Further congratulations to Mrs Debbie Enstone, our headteacher on graduating with a Masters in Catholic Education (Distinction) from the same University.

Maggy Jennings is taking on **Cafod's Big Lent Walk Challenge**, to walk 5km every day for 40 days, 200km in total. If you would like to sponsor her you can donate online at walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/maggys-walk-page

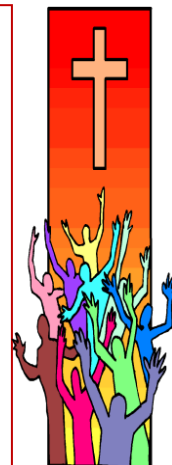
, in person after 10am Sunday Mass, or donate using the tap 'n' go machine at either entrance to the church - click on 'Maggy's walk'

Parish Youth Group:

PLEASE SUPPORT **OLOW** youth group fund raiser in raising money to send 2 possibly 3 of our parish youths to go to Lourdes so they can enjoy the wonderful pilgrimage as well as supporting the lesser abled.

To achieve this goal - there will be a regular cake stall after Mass. Children themselves will be baking, respective families will be baking, and parishioners are also invited to supply cakes for this worthy cause.

Thankyou in advance for your support – OLOW Youth group.



Lourdes Petitions

Fr Andrew will be away in Lourdes the week directly after Easter (1st to 5th April) as Chaplain to the St Bernadette's Trust supporting disabled children and adults. If you have any prayer intentions for the Grotto please drop them into the parish office.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 11th April, at 10.00am.

All are welcome.



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Offertory Envelopes - Boxes of envelopes are ready for collection from the Narthex before and after Masses this weekend. Also sets of second collection envelopes for standing order donors are ready for collection. If you aren't at the weekend Masses, they can be collected from the Parish Office.