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Duccio The Entry into Jerusalem

*Hosanna Filio David:
 Benedictus qui venit
 in nomine Domini,
 O Rex Israel:
 Hosanna in excelsis.*

**Hosanna to the Son of David:
 Blessed is He who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 O King of Israel:
 Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy Week: 13th – 19th April 2025
 April – The Month of the Holy Spirit*

Saturday 12th April, Vigil of Sunday
 Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 13th April, Palm Sunday (OF, EF)
 Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am, with Blessing of Palms and Procession

Fr Benedict Cong. Orat.
 Fr Augustine Tay (recovery)

Monday 14th April, Monday of Holy Week
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord Form), then Confessions to 7.30 pm (Fr Jack)

Baby Filip (thanksgiving)
 Jorge, Anna, and Slawek's friends

Tuesday 15th April, Tuesday of Holy Week
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am, then Confessions to 10.30 am (Monsignor Bruce)
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), then Confessions to 7.30 pm

Bruno Matos RIP
 Joseph (blessings & protection)

Wednesday 16th April, Wednesday of Holy Week
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), then Confessions to 7.30 pm

Anne-Marie Smith
 Stephanie Ingram

Thursday 17th April, Maundy Thursday
 10.30-11.00 am Confessions (Fr Joe Evans, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian)

The Solemn Paschal Triduum

Thursday 17th April,
 Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8.00 pm
 Adoration at the Altar of Repose to midnight, Compline, 11.45 pm

Zeng Xiang Yun RIP

Friday 18th April, Good Friday – Day of Fasting & Abstinence – 1st Day of Divine Mercy Novena
 Confessions, 10.30 – 11.00 am
 Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion, 3.00 pm, then Confessions (Fr Jack)
 Stations of the Cross, 8.00 pm

Saturday 19th April, Holy Saturday - 2nd Day of the Divine Mercy Novena
 Confessions, 10.30 – 11.30 am (visiting priest)

Saturday 19th April, The Vigil of Easter
 The Easter Vigil, 8.00 pm

Dennis and May Stanbridge RIP and
 Tim & Patrick Ryan RIP

Sunday 20th April, Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am
 Holy Mass, 12.15 pm (Extraord. Form) *NB: Later time*

Barbara & Tasha
 Eugénie & Thomas Kanza RIP
 Joy

Father John writes:

Holy Week – Re-living the Mysteries of Jesus

To understand what Holy Mother Church does in the Sacred Liturgy of Holy Week, and indeed throughout the Liturgical Year, please reflect on these words of Blessed Columba Marmion: ‘Guided by the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Jesus Himself, the Church unfolds before the eyes of her children, every year from Christmas to the Ascension, the complete cycle of Christ’s mysteries, sometimes greatly abridged, sometimes in their exact chronological order, as during Holy Week and Paschal time. She thus makes each mystery of her Divine Bridegroom to be lived over again by an animated living representation; she makes us pass through each phase of His life. If we let ourselves be guided by her, we shall infallibly come to know the mysteries of Jesus and above all enter into the thoughts and feelings of His Divine Heart.’

Confessions in Holy Week

Let’s make sure we get to Confession before Easter Sunday. The power to absolve sinners in this Sacrament is the great gift of the Risen Lord to His Apostles: ‘If you forgive the sins of any’, He said, ‘they are forgiven’ (John 20: 23). **There will be Confessions every day this week, from Monday to Holy Saturday, several times with visiting priests (see front page).**

This Tuesday: Prayer Group

The prayer group, started and led by parishioners, will be meeting on Tuesday, 15th April, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will include Evening Prayer and intercessions (held in the Presbytery sitting room), and end with the Stations of the Cross (in church). All are welcome.

Good Friday - Fasting and Abstinence

All of us from the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday, and those between the ages of 18 and 60 in good health are obliged to fast, that is, to reduce the amount they eat during the day, and in particular to have only one complete meal, the quantity of the rest of the food being less than one meal. All this we do for the love of Jesus Crucified, and in reparation for our sins.

Good Friday Second Collection

The Holy Places

Next Sunday: Second Collection 27th April

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for Myanmar (Burma) following the recent earthquake

The Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, 18th April, and concludes on the Saturday of Easter Week, 26th April. Leaflets with prayers can be found in the narthex.

For your diaries: the parish May Procession, Sunday 11th May, 3 pm.

Assisted Suicide Bill: Keep up the fight!

Kim Leadbeater has postponed the third reading of her bill to 16th April. Catherine Robinson of *Right to Life* writes: ‘It’s very possible [Leadbeater and her supporters] realized they don’t currently have the support to win, and have decided to buy themselves more time. That means we now have three extra weeks. But the assisted suicide lobby won’t be standing still. They will be using every minute of this extra time. So it’s vital we don’t get complacent.’ Please write to the MP and the Prime Minister to voice your sense of horror at what is being proposed. **Canon Mervyn Tower (Corpus Christi, Headington) has drafted a letter to our MP, which you may personalize or sign and send as it stands – pick up a copy from the narthex.**

Please pray for all persecuted Christians, especially in Nigeria

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Holiness Pope Francis, His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Imogen Davies, David Drake, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Angela Prendergast, Joy Smith, Anthea Watson, Dennis White, and Fr Michael White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially Suzanna Dorothea Bailey, Edward Elgar, Andrew Conal Finbarr Gregan, Charles Henderson, and Anne Frances Kaicker, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

**+ Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

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We work closely with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding Team to create a safe environment for children, young people, and adults at risk.

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