

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



10 April 2022

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week

Today, we begin the most solemn, liturgically charged week of the year. When we recite the creed, we bow at the memory of the Incarnation, and this week reminds us that the ultimate effect of the Incarnation of Christ is that human nature participates in God. While that can be said simply, the Church's prayer this week leads us to realize that it happens through a long and difficult process of watching Jesus be stripped of human power so that we can learn something about what divine power is.

Luke, like Matthew and Mark, tells the story of the last week of Jesus' earthly life as if it were the opening of a theatre production with a well-prepared script. We could say that Jesus' procession into Jerusalem had been in process since the moment described in Luke 9:51 when, shortly after the Transfiguration and the conversation with Moses and Elijah about his 'exodus,' Jesus '*set his face to go to Jerusalem.*' Now, with carefully chosen vocabulary, Luke tells us that Jesus was '*ascending to Jerusalem.*'

This week invites us to embark on a retreat with the whole Church. Today, we process into Jerusalem and preview the Passion story. Monday, we remember how Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus as messiah before he suffered. Tuesday, we witness Jesus' anguish about being



betrayed and abandoned by his disciples. On Wednesday, we watch as Judas conspires with those who reject Jesus' words and deeds. On Thursday, we begin the three-day liturgy that begins with the invitation to communion, passes through despair and ends with the mystery of living in God's invincible love.

When we begin this annual liturgical retreat, we do not know which element of the mystery will captivate us. This week, we remember that the implication of the Incarnation is that God assumed the apparent powerlessness of suffering so that we might participate in divine life and the power of undying love.

Visit our website: www.catholicwestbourne.org

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10 April – PALM SUNDAY
9.00am and 11.00am

Tuesday 12 April – HOLY WEEK
10.00am

Wednesday 13 April - HOLY WEEK
10.00am

Thursday 14 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.00pm

Friday 15 April – GOOD FRIDAY
Solemn Liturgy - 3.00pm

Saturday 16 April – HOLY SATURDAY
Morning prayer – 11.00am
Easter Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

Sunday 17 April – EASTER SUNDAY
9.00am and 11.00am

OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Gospel Acclamation - Phil 2: 8-9

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Communion Antiphon - Mt 26: 42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



HOLY WEEK

PARISH NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER LESLIE: I'd like to thank everybody who has helped us prepare for our Easter celebration. Musicians, florists, readers, ministers, everybody! Your witness to the faith is a credit to our parish. I am truly grateful. A happy and holy Easter to you all. God bless.

EASTER DAY COLLECTION: The Easter collection supports our parish priest directly, in grateful thanks for his dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Leslie in his mission and ministry this Easter, please visit this website: <https://bit.ly/3JqFeUO>

BLESSING OF OUR EASTER FOOD: Saturday 16 April at 3.00pm. Do join us if you can.

EASTER FLOWERS: There will be a collection today for the flowers that will decorate our church at Easter. Your generosity, as always, is much appreciated.

YOU ARE INVITED: We have been invited to the Westbourne Rotary Club Queen's Jubilee street party to be held in Lansdseer Road, Westbourne from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 5 June. As numbers are restricted, please speak to Suzanne in the office if you'd like to attend. Full details can be found on the noticeboard.



MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Could you help Marriage Care in its work? The team are looking for volunteer **Marriage Preparation Facilitators** to help prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage and **Trustees** to join the national board. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email the team at: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. It will take place from 18 - 22 July 2022. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 07780 221686

SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY: This will be for the Holy Places.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth
Our Lady Immaculate**

Sort code: 309304 **Account:** 00875075

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

Teresa Wraith,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

HE IS RISEN

