

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week celebrates the most important events in our salvation as Jesus entered Jerusalem to the acclamation of the crowd waving palms. Then he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles, washing their feet as an expression of service, and then instituting the eucharist. 'Take this and eat it: this is my body which will be given for you...'

On Good Friday we commemorate precisely that sacrifice: 'a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends'. (If ever there was a horrendous case of social isolation it is the figure of Our Lord before Pilate and the people).

Then Holy Saturday...the waiting...waiting for the news to be proclaimed..."He is risen and has appeared to Peter".

'This time is for us all a passage through death to life. Wherever we are: self-isolated, trying to keep our families safe and fed, providing care, lonely, worried, we are truly "following him. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. (Sr Philomena. SHCJ)

But then ... we must not anticipate Easter. Nest Sunday comes the celebration of the glorious resurrection of Christ our Saviour—brining us all the hope and the promise of eternal life.

Our God loved us so much that He became one of us show His love could destroy the power of hatred in the world. He died so that we could join Him in dying to the world. He rose, so we could join Him in sharing eternal life.

We shall have to find our own way of celebrating all this in the next few days. Fr. Peter will be celebrating alone in church, offering up the Services on behalf of the whole parish.

You can follow **Mass streamed** via the internet

9.45am St. Kentigern's Blackpool Facebook Group: Parish of Christ the King & St. Kentigern

10.00am Holy Family Freckleton: Facebook Group: St Anne Westby & Holy Family Catholic

10.00am St. Joseph's Lancaster: Facebook Group: St Joseph's Church

10.00am St. Clare's Preston YouTube Channel: St Clares Church

10.30am St. Mary's Cleator Facebook Group: St Mary & St Joseph's Catholic parish

11.00am St. Mary's Barrow. <https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk/2020/03/29>.

If you have difficulty accessing any of the above check the website for that parish.

### Some Holy Week Resources for Children

- The Archdiocese of Liverpool have a page on their website that guides families through Holy Week and Easter Sunday See <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/>

\*The God Who Speaks now have a section on the Word at home <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/>

From America: <https://holyweek.pastoral.center>

\*Saddleback Kids has an animation of the Easter story on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Martin at Ten: Ten is making available for free their daily prayers resources:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/daily-prayers-for-home/>and their Family Liturgy for Sundays: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy> <http://catholicchildrensliturgy.blogspot.com/>

<https://sermons4kids.com/> <https://www.catholicquiz.com/cqw/reflection.php>

### Apps for phones or computers:

Laudate is a free app which has the prayers and readings of Mass and lots of other prayers. Universalis has a one-off fee of £10 but can be customised for England & Wales and for the Diocese of Lancaster.

# St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday Masses:** 6.00 (Vigil - Saturday Evening) 9.30am (Sunday Morning)

**Weekday Mass:** Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Mon & Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

**Confessions:** Saturday: 5.30 - 5.50pm

**Annexe:** 725544

**Social Centre:** 735963

**Primary school:** 726621

**Playgroup/Preschool** 07963 700591

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## Palms and Passion

More years ago than I would like to remember I brought a class of 11years olds to see the film 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. (The headteacher came with us, trusting my choice of film because of my religious background. He wasn't so sure about my judgement after seeing the film!) The children, who were very streetwise, loved the film but I can still hear one boy, with a puzzled look on his face saying with an equally puzzled tone in his voice, "Miss, those people who waved the palms to welcome Jesus were the same people who killed him days later." It wasn't a question. I don't remember what my response was, but it was probably totally inadequate. But—"out of the mouths of babes..." That young boy, now in his 50s, was already showing signs of touching the depths of reality. We can never underestimate that capability in everyone. Maybe his unspoken question was, "What's going on?" This same question is probably on the lips and in the minds of most people on the planet at this moment. In his reflection on the first day of Passion Week, Michael Marsh echoes that young boy's sentiments. [1]

"In some ways today feels like one of confusion and contradiction. What began as a victory parade ends as a funeral procession. There's a disconnect that makes us uncomfortable. It should. On the one hand we wave our palms and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On the other hand the gospel paints a picture of Jesus' passion and death. There's a part of us that wants to say, "Well which is it? Palms or passion?" The answer is, "Yes." Every year this day again reminds us, that the answer is, "Yes." It is both, palms and passion. There is no quick or easy resolution to the palms and the passion. There is only the tension of the day. It's a difficult place to be. Today's liturgy presents the palms and the passion together because that's the reality of our lives. We want the palms, but the passion? Not so much. So we try to make our little world safe. We insulate and isolate in an attempt to make ourselves invulnerable. Every day Jesus lived in the tension of the palms and the passion. He knew that it is not about choosing between life or death, palms or passion; but about choosing life and death, palms and passion. That's the tension of this day. That tension is always a place of vulnerability." [2]

"Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability, and authenticity. If we want greater clarity in our purpose or deeper and more meaningful spiritual lives, vulnerability is the path." [3]

[1] C. York [2] Michael Marsh [3] Brené Brown

*Palm Sunday* Year A 5th April 2020

## DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Saturday 4th April 2020

Sat	Eric Hyland	
Sun	For our parish	<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>
Mon	Anthony Eccles	
Tue	Dr. Raymond & Irene Osmund Ruiz	
Wed	Fr. Manus Keane	
Thur	Special Intention (K & M)	<i>Mauudy Thursday</i>
Fri	-	<i>Good Friday</i>
Sun	For our parish	<i>EASTER!</i>

### Masses received this week:

Fr Manus Keane, Anthony Keane, Anthony Eccles, Special Intention (K&M).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Patrick & Linda McCann as they celebrate (in a low-key way!) their Golden Wedding anniversary this weekend.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to those who put their offertory envelopes through the Presbytery door. It is much appreciated. However, I suggest that you don't do this because we're advised to only go out when necessary. Just hold on to them. Thank you.

The **new offertory envelopes** were due to be distributed from last week but they will have to remain in the Presbytery for now. We could send them out by post but many people will be suffering financially at this time and I would not want to add any pressure on them. I was going to put the parish bank details for those who want to make out a standing order to the parish but have been advised not to put this information on the internet to avoid being hacked. So this information will only go out to those who have requested a copy of the Newsletter be sent to them. Thank you

**Please pray for:** Teresa Clarkson, Theresa Crook, Joan Anderton, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough, Mary Kathleen Kellett, Chris Goldsmith, Frank & Norah Stanton, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Karen Hardman, Carole Adnitt, Frances & Les Farrer.

Also the isolated and lonely, all medical staff and carers and those in research, the Government and all world leaders, all who are assisting the public in any way.

**... for those who have died recently:** Eric Hyland, Anthony Eccles, Graham Tyres, Ann Consiglio;

**... and for those whose anniversaries are around now:** Brian O'Kane, Florence Spicer, Harry Lonsdale Peggy McQuillan, Albert Butler, Elizabeth Noble, Anthony Keane, Fr. Manus Keane, Barbara Howe, Julie Mason, Francis Benson, Kitty Winstanley.

## Church is closed - but our parish lives!

Fr. Peter continues to offer **Mass** on behalf of the parish every morning but this has to be in private. If you wish Mass to be offered for any intention simply ask, either by phone or by e-mail.

- There are **Newsletters** every weekend as usual. Copies will be on St. Anthony's school website. If you would like one by e-mail send your e-mail address to parish.priest2@btinternet.com

- we have a group of **27 volunteers** - More and more requests this week from isolated people just wanting a chat or a bit of reassurance. Ring 724576 for help.

- **Covenant Books at Holy Family** - obviously the shop is closed but they are trying to maintain a mail order service. email: covenantbookspreston@gmail.com facebook: search for 'Covenant Books Preston' Ebay: Covenant Books

- **'Clap for our Carers' this seems to be continuing** every Thursday evening at 8pm until the crisis is over. St Anthony's church bell will be rung each week.

- **Funerals** may now only take place at the crematorium or the graveside. Attendance is limited to immediate family on government advice and social distancing must be kept. Later it will be possible to celebrate Mass in church for those who have died.

### "I'M STAYING AT HOME, LORD!"

"I'm staying at home, Lord! And today, I realize, you taught me this, remaining obedient to the Father, for thirty years in the house of Nazareth, waiting for the great mission. I stay at home, Lord, and in Joseph's studio, your keeper and mine, I learn to work, to obey, to round the corners of my life and prepare you a work of art. I'm staying at home, Lord! And I know that I am not alone because Mary, like any mother, is in the next room, doing chores and preparing lunch for all of us, God's family. I'm staying at home, Lord! And I do it responsibly for my own good, for the health of my city, for my loved ones, and for the good of my brother, whom you have put beside me, asking me to take care of him in the garden of life.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And in the silence of Nazareth, I pledge to pray, to read, study, meditate, be useful for small jobs, in order to make our home more beautiful and more welcoming.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And in the morning, I thank you for the new day you give me, trying not to spoil it and welcome it with wonder, as a gift and an Easter surprise. I'm staying at home, Lord! And at noon I will receive the greeting of the angel, I will make myself useful for love, in communion with you who have made you flesh to live among us; and, tired of the journey, thirsty, I will meet you at Jacob's well, and thirsty for love on the Cross.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And if the evening takes me melancholy, I will invoke you like the disciples of Emmaus: stay with us, the evening has arrived and the sun sets. I'm staying at home, Lord! And in the night, in communion of prayer with the many sick, the lonely and all the caregivers, I will wait for the dawn to sing your mercy again and tell everyone that, in the storms, you have been my refuge.

I'm staying at home, Lord! And I don't feel alone and abandoned, because you told me: I'm with you every day. yes, and especially in these days of confusion, O Lord, in which, if my presence is not necessary, I will reach everyone, only with the wings of prayer. Amen

*(prayer of an Italian priest in quarantine whose brother priest died of Covid-19)*