

Saturday 9th April	10am Mary Abu Ints 6pm Vicky Hellwig and family
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday Passion Sunday	10am Doyle Family 4pm Stations of the Cross 5:30pm People of the Parish
Monday 11th April	No Mass
Tuesday 12th April	10am Patrick Breen
Wednesday 13th April	9:15am Deceased members of the Blades and Pearson families
Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday	No morning Mass 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper JJ Naughton Ints Watching with the Lord until 11pm
Friday 15th April Good Friday	No morning Mass 10:30am Children's Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of the Lord 6pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16th April Holy Saturday	No morning Mass 8pm Easter Vigil Mass Private Intention
Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday	10am People of the Parish No Evening Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina,
Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell,
Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill,
Floris Di Valentino,
Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi,
Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker,
Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
Sunday's offering was £520.47
Standing Orders £400
Contactless Donations £109.00
Total £1029.47

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PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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PALM SUNDAY (C)

Celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis St Peter's Basilica

But how did the Lord serve us? By giving his life for us. We are dear to him; we cost him dearly. Saint Angela of Foligno said she once heard Jesus say: "My love for you is no joke". His love for us led him to sacrifice himself and to take upon himself our sins. This astonishes us: God saved us by taking upon himself all the punishment of our sins. Without complaining, but with the humility, patience and obedience of a servant, and purely out of love. And the Father upheld Jesus in his service. He did not take away the evil that crushed him, but rather strengthened him in his suffering so that our evil could be overcome by good, by a love that loves to the very end. The Lord served us to the point of experiencing the most painful situations of those who love: *betrayal* and *abandonment*.

Betrayal. Jesus suffered betrayal by the disciple who sold him and by the disciple who denied him. He was betrayed by the people who sang hosanna to him and then shouted: "Crucify him!" (Mt 27:22). He was betrayed by the religious institution that unjustly condemned him and by the political institution that washed its hands of him. We can think of all the small or great betrayals that we have suffered in life. It is terrible to discover that a firmly placed trust has been betrayed. From deep within our heart a disappointment surges up that can even make life seem meaningless. This happens because we were born to be loved and to love, and the most painful thing is to be betrayed by someone who promised to be loyal and close to us. We cannot even imagine how painful it was for God who *is* love.

Let us look within. If we are honest with ourselves, we will see our infidelities. How many falsehoods, hypocrisies and duplicities! How many good intentions betrayed! How many broken promises! How

many resolutions left unfulfilled! The Lord knows our hearts better than we do. He knows how weak and irresolute we are, how many times we fall, how hard it is for us to get up and how difficult it is to heal certain wounds. And what did he do in order to come to our aid and serve us? He told us through the Prophet: "I will heal their faithlessness; I will love them deeply" (Hos 14:5). He healed us by taking upon himself our infidelity and by taking from us our betrayals. Instead of being discouraged by the fear of failing, we can now look upon the crucifix, feel his embrace, and say: "Behold, there is my infidelity, you took it, Jesus, upon yourself. You open your arms to me, you serve me with your love, you continue to support me... And so I will keep pressing on".

Abandonment. In today's Gospel, Jesus says one thing from the Cross, one thing alone: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). These are powerful words. Jesus had suffered the abandonment of his own, who had fled. But the Father remained for him. Now, in the abyss of solitude, for the first time he calls him by the generic name "God". And "in a loud voice" he asks the most excruciating question "why": "Why did you too abandon me?". These words are in fact those of a Psalm (cf. 22:2); they tell us that Jesus also brought the experience of extreme desolation to his prayer. But the fact remains that he himself experienced that desolation: he experienced the utmost abandonment, which the Gospels testify to by quoting his very words: *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*

Why did all this take place? Once again, it was done for our sake, to *serve* us. So that when we have our back to the wall, when we find ourselves at a dead end, with no light and no way of escape, when it seems that God himself is not responding, we should remember that we are not alone. Jesus experienced total abandonment in

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a situation he had never before experienced in order to be one with us in everything. He did it for me, for you, to say to us: "Do not be afraid, you are not alone. I experienced all your desolation in order to be ever close to you". That is the extent to which Jesus served us: he descended into the abyss of our most bitter sufferings, culminating in betrayal and abandonment. Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: "Courage, open your heart to my love. You will feel the consolation of God who sustains you".

Dear brothers and sisters, what can we do in comparison with God, who served us even to the point of being betrayed and abandoned? We can refuse to betray him for whom we were created, and not abandon what really matters in our lives. We were put in this world to love him and our neighbours. Everything else passes away, only this remains. The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that *life is of no use if not used to serve others*. For life is measured by love. So, in these holy days, in our homes, let us stand before the

Crucified One, the fullest measure of God's love for us, and before the God who serves us to the point of giving his life, and let us ask for the grace to *live in order to serve*. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others. *Behold my servant, whom I uphold*. The Father, who sustained Jesus in his Passion also supports us in our efforts to serve. Loving, praying, forgiving, caring for others, in the family and in society: all this can certainly be difficult. It can feel like a *via crucis*. But the path of service is the victorious and lifegiving path by which we were saved. I would like to say this especially to young people, on this Day which has been dedicated to them for thirty-five years now. Dear friends, look at the *real heroes* who come to light in these days: they are not famous, rich and successful people; rather, they are those who are giving themselves in order to serve others. Feel called yourselves to put your lives on the line. Do not be afraid to devote your life to God and to others; it pays! For life is a gift we receive only when we give ourselves away, and our deepest joy comes from saying yes to love, without ifs and buts. As Jesus did for us.

PARISH NEWS

This weekend we welcome Fr Linus Clovis who will be joining us for services at our Parish

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 10th APRIL 200 CLUB		
1	139	James O'Reilly
2	53	Eileen Duggan



If you would like to donate towards the running of the Parish you can do so by scanning this QR Code into your mobile phone

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD - 14th May

The Legion of Mary group is planning a pilgrimage to Aylesford on Saturday 14th May. A coach will be booked at a cost of £15 per adult and £5 for children.

If you are interested please add your name and phone number to the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meets on Tuesdays at 3.45pm

Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am

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HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES
 Monday 11th April, No Mass
 Tuesday 12th April, 10 am
 Wednesday 13th April, **9.15am**

Easter Triduum
MASS TIMES

Maundy Thursday 14th April
NO MORNING MASS
 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8 pm
 Followed by watching with the Lord until 11pm

Good Friday 15th April
NO MORNING MASS
 Children's Stations of the Cross 10:30am
 Passion of the Lord, 3 pm
 Stations of the Cross, 6 pm
 Confessions available after the service

Holy Saturday 16th April
NO MORNING MASS
 Vigil and First Mass of Easter, 8 pm
 Confessions available before Mass

Easter Sunday 17th April
 Easter Day Mass at 10 am
NO EVENING MASS

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
 our life, our sweetness and our hope.
 To you do we cry,
 poor banished children of Eve.
 To you do we send up our sighs,
 mourning and weeping in this valley of tears
 Turn then, most gracious advocate,
 your eyes of mercy toward us,
 and after this exile
 show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
 Jesus.
 O clement, O loving,
 O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

Morning Mass will be at 9:15 not 10am as usual

Tea After 10am Mass This Sunday

We will be having tea after the 10am Mass this weekend.

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.
 Please speak to:
 John O' Reilly 07977 538671

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the New Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**

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