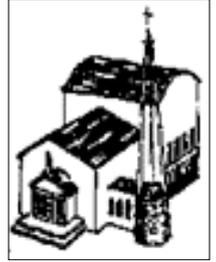


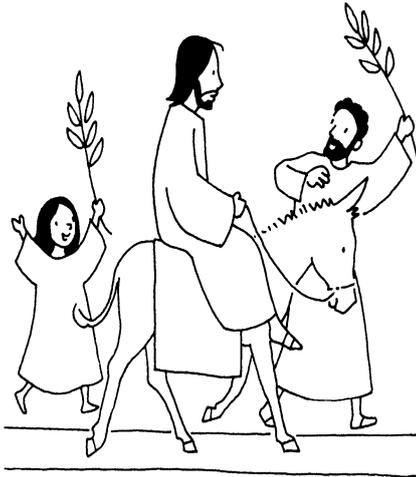


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PALM SUNDAY 29th March 2026



As we enter into Holy Week, the readings for Palm Sunday invite us to reflect on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice and the meaning of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We see Jesus as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, surrounded by crowds of people who wave palm branches and shout his praises. This image reminds us of Jesus' identity as a powerful and beloved leader who comes to save us from sin and death.

At the same time, we are also reminded of the cost of Jesus' sacrifice. The Gospel reading from Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 describes the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, including his betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest and trial before the high priest, his denial by Peter, and his sentencing by Pilate. We see Jesus' selflessness and obedience, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation.

The theme of feeling abandoned is also present in the readings. Jesus' cry of "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" in Matthew 27:46 reminds us of the depth of Jesus' suffering and his identification with all those who have ever felt abandoned or alone. Yet even in his darkest hour, Jesus expressed trust in God's ultimate protection and proclaimed God's glory to others.

In Church, this week

Date	Time	
Saturday 28 th March Palm Sunday Vigil	6.00pm	Terry O'Connor, Rose Craven, Christina Rush
Sunday 29 th March Palm Sunday	10.30am	Kathy Fegan, Joan McFadden (speedy recovery)
Monday 30 th March	9.10am 7.00pm	Frank Ashcroft <i>Service of Reconciliation.</i>
Tuesday 31 st March	9.10am	Win Colligan
Wednesday 1 st April	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> Patsy Mullen
Holy Thursday 2 nd April	7.00pm	Mick + Lil Grimes
Good Friday 3 rd April	9.30am 3.00pm	<i>Walk of witness – meet at St Giles</i> <i>Passion Service</i>
Holy Saturday 4 th April Easter Vigil	<u>7.00pm</u>	Brian Dunleavy, Anne + Bill Haines, John Welsh, Jane + Patrick Stanton
Sunday 5 th April EASTER SUNDAY	10.30am	Kathleen Pybis, Aidan Tosh, Parishioners Intentions

Confessions: Wednesday 11.30am + by appointment with Fr Philip.

Sunday Missal: Page 184 in the red Sunday Missals, page 154 in the blue missals.

Praying the Parish: for family members who have stopped coming to Mass



Holy Week Timetable:

Service of Reconciliation will be on **Monday** at 7.00pm, a wonderful way to begin this Holy Week.

Wednesday: Chrism Mass: Cathedral, 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday: Mass at 7.00pm we gather to celebrate service and Eucharist. After Mass there is a procession to the altar of repose. We then watch with the Lord until night prayer at 8.50pm.

Good Friday: is a day of fasting and abstinence. For Catholics in England this means that you must abstain from any meat (age rule is 14—59) and eat and/or drink less than you usually do, fast. (The age rule for fasting is 18—59).

Good Friday Walk of Witness: We meet at 9.30am at St Giles and walk, following a cross, to the Hope Centre, then to Holy Rosary, ending at the Methodist church on Altway. (It will take just under an hour.) Please join us to give public witness to our faith and to the Friday we call Good.

Good Friday Passion Service: At 3.00pm we gather to mark the last moments on the Cross for our Saviour.

Holy Saturday: Is a day of waiting, preparing and emptiness.

The **Easter Vigil** will begin at 7.00pm. (Ending about 8.10pm). This is the most important Mass of the year - a dramatic proclamation of the Resurrection. Lent ends after the Vigil for those attending it.

Easter Sunday: Mass at 10.30am.
Baptisms at 12 noon.

Easter Monday: Mass at 10.00am

Stations of the Cross: This Lent we have had some beautiful and prayerful celebrations of the Way of the Cross. Thank you to all who have led them and especially to Pauline and Joanne who have organised everything.

Clocks: spring forward early hours Sun 29th March.

Retiring Collection this weekend for church flowers. Thank you.

Gift Aid envelopes: are ready to collect for all those who signed up, new and not so new! Please take yours today. Or sign up for gift aid if you have not yet! What about a standing order?

Hot Lunch: Next lunch is Friday 10th April. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Theatre Trip: 2 tickets available for The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher at the Everyman – on Tuesday 12th May. £20 each.

FoodShare: Tomato sauce, brown sauce please.

Parish Account Details: Archdiocese of Liverpool Holy Rosary (183) Sort Code 40-29-12 Account No. 41543849 or a Standing Order form (in church).

1st Communion: Year 4 - sign in at Mass! Coming to Mass is your gift to Jesus. We have some **new Mass books for children** to use (and leave in church). Those not at Holy Rosary school there are some leaflets in church about 1st confession.

The Caritas Group: If you or anyone you know is in need please contact the parish office - the details will then be shared with the Caritas Group on their WhatsApp and we will try to respond.

'Living my Baptism': Last week to return the sheet.

Holy Rosary Ladies: Film Night: Tuesday 7.00pm.

Support St Benet's Chapel – Celebrate and Share Our Local Heritage: The Chapel is a cherished part of our community's history—a place that has stood for generations as a testament to our shared heritage. We are now hoping to form a small group of local people who are interested in helping to preserve this special site and open it to visitors on selected days throughout the year. By volunteering, you will be helping others appreciate the chapel's unique story and ensuring it continues to be enjoyed for years to come. Whether you have a passion for history, enjoy welcoming visitors, or simply want to play a part in safeguarding our local heritage, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in joining the group or for information, please contact: Fr Maddock @ g.maddock@rcaol.org.uk or tell Fr Phil.

Pope Leo's intentions for April: for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.