

Two Week Edition

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 9 April 2017

Palm Sunday

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Day/Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Sat, 8 Apr	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	Shirley Baird
Sun, 9 Apr	9.30am*	Palm Sunday	The Parishioners
	11.00am		Jerry & Maria & Family
Mon, 10 Apr	9.30am	Monday of Holy Week	Jim Faulkner
Tue, 11 Apr	9.30am	Tuesday of Holy Week	Barbara Brown
Wed, 12 Apr	9.30am*	Wednesday of Holy Week	Teresa Brownwood
Thur, 13 Apr	11.30am	Mass of Chrism at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster	
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper, procession to the Altar of Repose, adoration until Night Prayer at 9.00pm	
Fri, 14 Apr	10.00am	Morning Prayer and Stations of The Cross	
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Sat, 15 Apr	7.30pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil	
Sun, 16 Apr	9.30am*	Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection	Molly Mahoney
	11.00am		The Parishioners
Mon, 17 Apr	9.30am		Kathleen Hickey
Tue, 18 Apr	9.30am		Winifred Yannis
Wed, 19 Apr	9.30am*		Mary Patricia Kelly
Thur, 20 Apr	9.30am		Holy Souls
Fri, 21 Apr	9.30am		Private Intention
Sat, 22 Apr	9.30am		Fr John's Intention
	6.00pm	Vigil	Mary Mason
Sun, 23 Apr	9.30am*	Divine Mercy Sunday	Margaret & Leo Nichols
	11.00am		The Parishioners
	2.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions	

* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Confessions on Holy Saturday (15 April) from 10.00-11.00am at St John's

This Is Holy Week



The Passion of Our Lord
Matthew 26: 14-27-66

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today and throughout Holy Week and the Easter period

Holy Week

Holy Week begins as we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. For those who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, it has all the joy & expectation of a Messianic arrival - a Davidic King entering his city. For the inhabitants of Jerusalem there is the rumble of opposition. Their voices will grow increasingly loud until they drown out the voices crying "Hosanna" and replace them with "Crucify him". Both voices reveal the plan of God being brought to fulfilment. Jesus' reign as Lord of a New Creation and a New Covenant was accomplished through his dying and rising. It is those who truly enter his dying and rising who truly belong to his kingdom.

Holy Week Ecumenical Services

- ▶ St Martin & St Hilda's: Sunday, 9 April, Palm Sunday at 3.00pm. Sacred Music & Readings for Passiontide (with the Ecumenical Choir)
- ▶ Holy Week 2017: Churches Together Services
 - ▶ Monday, 10 April at 7.30pm in St John's
 - ▶ Tuesday, 11 April at 7.30pm in The Methodist Church
 - ▶ Wednesday, 12 April at 7.30pm in St Chad's
 - ▶ Good Friday Act of Worship, 12noon in the Market Place

Please Support These Ecumenical Acts Of Worship

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For April

"Young People": That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

This Week we pray for people living in Leander Gardens, Levens Close, Levens Drive, The Lilacs, Lime Grove, Lindsay Ave, Little Poulton Gardens and Little Poulton Lane.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches We are hosting the final Lent Lunch at 12.30pm in St John's Hall. Our fellow Christians from other churches in Poulton will be joining us. Please come along and share a simple lunch together. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Devotions and Mass Starting at 2.00pm on Sunday, 23 April - various devotions led by Fr John-Paul and concluding with Mass at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Eastertide Deanery Masses – Wednesdays At 7.00pm The first Deanery Mass will be at St John's on Wednesday, 26 April. Please try and come along if you can.

Simnel Cake And Sherry (or juice) will be served after the Easter Vigil and 11.00am Mass to celebrate Easter. If you can provide any Simnel cake, please hand it in to the presbytery. Many thanks.

Tea and Coffee is served every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St John's and after the 9.30am Mass at St Martin's every second Sunday of the month.



St John's Parish Band Practice for Easter - after 11.00am Mass. Everyone welcome - singers, musicians, percussionists - even learners!

The Sacrament Of Baptism Please remember the following children and their families in our prayers, as we look forward to their forthcoming baptism: Oscar, Evie-Rose, Millie and Hugo.

First Holy Communion 2017 Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion children, their parents and catechists - as we continue to support them on their faith journey.

Family Fun Weekend Castlerigg Manor, Keswick on Friday-Sunday, 28-30 April. Fun for all the family. For further details, contact the team at Castlerigg: Tel: 01768 772711; or by email at team@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

Annual Parish Lunch – Sunday, 30 April 2.30pm This popular social event will be held at Singleton Lodge. Full details of the menu and booking forms are now available at the back of Church. If you would like to come, please complete a booking form and return it to Anne Bradley (address and phone on form). We look forward to seeing you!

THANK YOU to everyone who contributes to the parish in any way. Your contribution is much appreciated. Wishing you all a blessed and holy Easter celebration and joy in the risen Lord. Fr John Walsh, Fr John-Paul Evans and Bill Milton.

Holy Week Prayer

*"O King of the Friday - whose limbs were stretched on the cross,
O Lord, who did suffer the bruises, the wounds, the loss,
We stretch ourselves beneath the shield of thy might,
Some fruit from the tree of thy passion fall on us this night."*

Easter

The Spirit hovered over the deep at the dawn of creation (Genesis 1:2) and hovered in the same way over Jesus' body in the tomb. St Paul declared that Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:4). This same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in us. The joyful cry of Easter "Jesus is Lord" can only be said by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anniversaries at this time: Barbara Brown, Teresa Brownwood, Mike Butler.

Please pray for: Megan (aged 8), Andrew Sanderson, Louis Crowson Hannah Metcalf, Cyril Thompson, Mary Robertson, Connie Ellwood, Laura Patey, Pauline Cafferty, Roy Clarke, Kate Lingard, Maureen Johnson, Chris Taylor, Antonio Palmer, John Hawkins, Christopher Brown, John Vincent, Gerard Walsh, Fr Gerry Dunn, Canon John Watson and all the sick.

Youth Pilgrimage To Lourdes

We are delighted to announce that two of our young parishioners - Hannah and Sarah - are planning to join the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2017. They hope to raise funds for this special event by a sponsored walk across Morecambe Bay & by other events. Further details to follow.