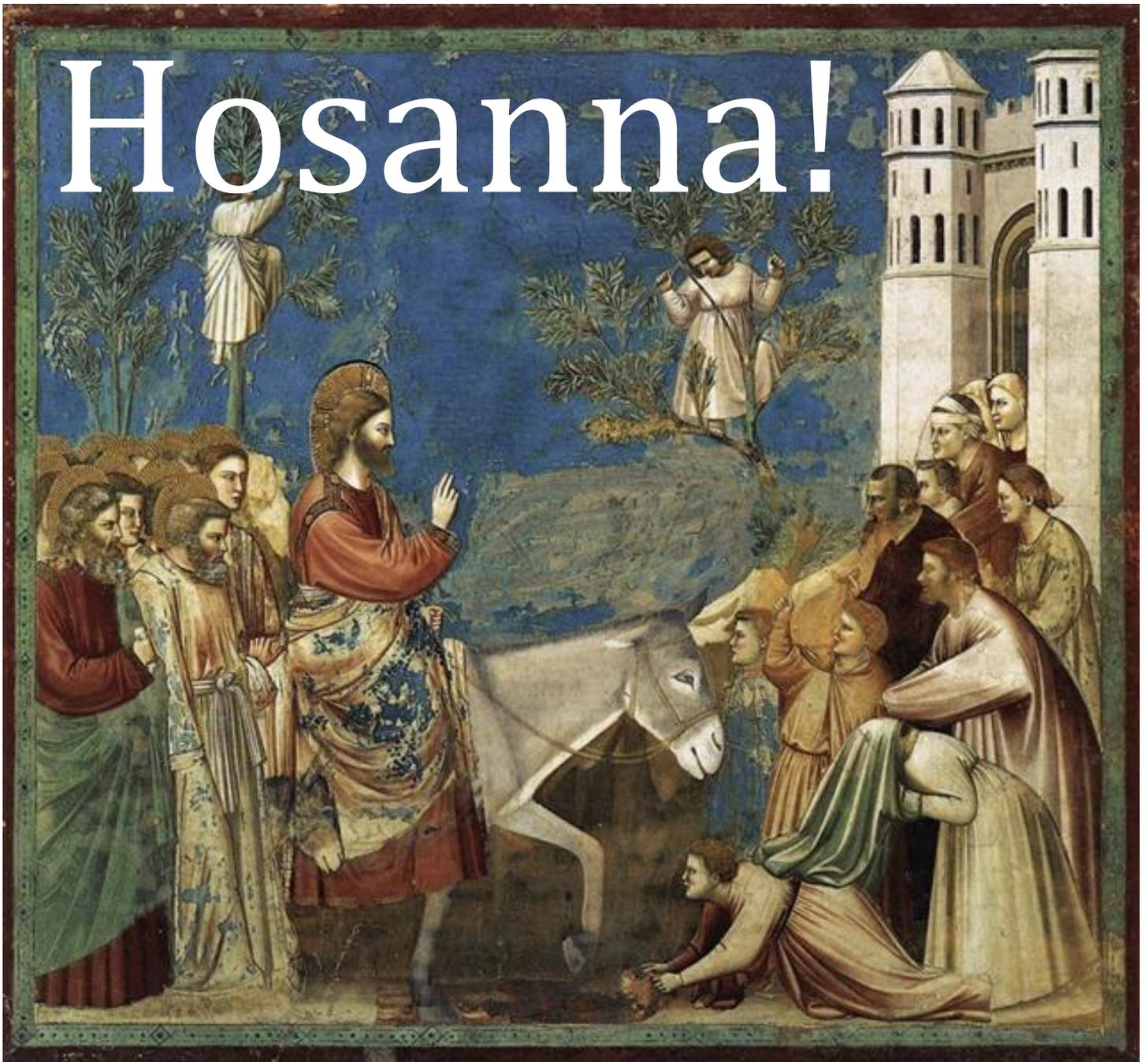


ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
28 March 2021. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Year B



Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord
On Palm Sunday the reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Resumption of Public Worship at Blessed Sacrament

Now that the Stay at Home restriction is coming to an end we are happy to be able to gather once more at church to celebrate Mass and worship God together.

Sunday Masses will be at the usual times of 8.45, 10.45am and 6.00pm.

The rules on track and trace, hand sanitising, the wearing of face coverings, social distancing and no mixing of households will still apply. Because of this there will be a limit on the number of places available at all services, hence the reason for employing a booking system for Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum.

Booking is now closed as all places are booked for Palm Sunday, the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday.

Live Streaming

All liturgies of the Easter Triduum and all Sunday and weekday Masses will be streamed live from the church on the [Blessed Sacrament YouTube channel](#). If you visit the channel please 'subscribe'. The more subscriptions we have the more benefits we get from YouTube which will enable us to be more flexible and creative in our virtual communication with parishioners and beyond. Thank you.

Confessions

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Sunday 28 March 11.30 to 12.30. Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March from 5.00pm.

Stewards

We thank our stewards who are making the resumption of public worship possible. For a year now they have worked hard welcoming our congregation to Mass and periods of private prayer, ensured track and trace rules are adhered to, and cleaned the church after each Mass. THANK YOU.

Of course the more stewards there are the more the load is shared so if anyone feels that they could join them please contact the parish office and you can be added to our rota.

Track & Trace

To further protect our stewards we are adopting a different method of track and trace. Attached to this newsletter is a sheet of forms. These should be printed off and one completed for each individual or 'bubble/family' coming to the church. Please hand this to the steward who will greet you as you arrive. For anyone unable to print a form or who does not have access to these instructions there will be some available at the church but to save time and make things easier, and therefore safer for everyone, please bring a form with you. Thank you.

It might feel as though everything is getting back to normal, but things will continue to be different for some time yet. We are sure you will understand.

Good Friday – Holy Places collection

On Good Friday we are asked to take a retiring collection for Holy Places.

The annual collection helps support the upkeep and maintenance of the Holy Places of pilgrimage where Jesus Christ walked. It also sends aid to Christians in the Middle East, paying for pastoral, charitable, and educational works. The collection this year has much catching up to do because 12 months ago the pandemic kept Catholics from attending Good Friday services. Money collected at a Good Friday service is solely for the Holy Land fund.

Easter Offerings

Your Easter Offering is a gift to the Parish Priest. If you wish to make an Offering and are attending Mass on Easter Sunday, please put your offering in an envelope marked Easter Offering and place in the collection basket as you leave any of the Masses. Alternatively, you can make a donation online to PRC DTR Heavitree RC Parish, Sort Code: 524160 Account: 06036007 ref: Easter. Or send a cheque made payable to PRC DTR Heavitree RC Parish and post or deliver to the Presbytery. Please mark Easter Offering.

Days of accompanied prayer - Online individually guided retreats

The Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group continues to offer one-to-one days of accompanied prayer i.e. online individually guided retreats for three, four, five or six days. (Available via phone also) to suit people's individual circumstances.

A flier is attached to publicise this opportunity.

Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Group are experienced guides, who have received training in relation to Ignatian spirituality and include priests, deacons and lay people. Dates can be arranged to suit individuals. For further information, or to book contact the Group by email diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone: 01752 769164 or 07823447637.

There may be many who need to explore, make sense and reflect on the presence of God in their everyday lives, during the present challenging times, or perhaps in the more painful moments experienced recently. A number of people including those working from home and those new to the experience, have found this a valuable opportunity.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

We met with parents via zoom on Saturday 6 March to discuss our next God Calls Resource entitled Prophets and Heroes. Some of the questions for reflection include:

- Who do we see as modern-day prophets and heroes?
- How can we as parents be a prophetic voice in our families?
- How can we remain faithful to God and encourage our families to be faithful in the everyday events of family life?

WHAT IS GIFT? GIFT is for all families of faith: for families who have already made their Holy Communion or for families with children who are looking forward to receiving this sacrament; for families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; for families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way.

BEDTIME CHATS These can be found on the Blessed Sacrament website GIFT page. Click for the link: [Bedtime Chats](#)

GET IN TOUCH Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 10th April. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria at exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Bible in a Year

Fr Mike Schmitz, a chaplain and a professor at the University of Minnesota, has recorded 365 daily podcasts of the Bible. The podcasts provide commentary, reflection and prayer along the way. Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. By listening to Bible in a Year, you are not only listening to an excellent podcast that will help you read and understand the Bible, you are showing the world that this matters. The link is [here](#).

The Bible Timeline Course

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Lannicelli.

The Bible can be quite intimidating, due to its size and complexity. Many Catholics long to read the Bible, but they don't know how. The Bible Timeline Study System, developed by Jeff Cavins, uses a phenomenal approach which actually works! It divides the whole Bible into 12 colour-coded periods, easy to understand and memorise. The course walks you through each of the periods. This way, you will clearly see how the many characters and events in Scripture are related to each other in one unified narrative, from Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ. You will grasp the Big Picture of the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, ...for life! Each live-streamed session has a time of discussion with Q&A. Bible readings and teaching summary notes will be available. The course starts on **7 April** at 7.00pm (8 Wednesday evenings). Register at www.comeandsee.org

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesday at 2.00pm and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Exeter Foodbank – Food Shortages

Can you help by donating any of the following from the March priority items list:

sponge puddings, tinned fish (particularly tuna), rice pudding, sugar, jam and spreads. Please ONLY donate items from the list. Thank you for your understanding.

Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd)

You can also give a donation online at exeter.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

The Pope tweets...

I would like once more to invite everyone to witness to the “Gospel of Life”, to promote and defend life in all its dimensions and at every stage. The Christian is the person who says “yes” to life, who says “yes” to God, the Living One

Pope's April Intention

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. View: The Pope Video [here](#)

Pope Francis on Mercy

People try to block you, to make you think that God is distant, rigid, and insensitive, good to the good and bad to the bad. Instead, our heavenly Father 'makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good' (Mt :45).

Online Marriage Enrichment Course

The next dates for Marriage Encounter Experiences for either married or engaged couples are: Marriage Encounter - 15/16 May online video conference experience; 10/11 July Non residential weekend, SavioHouse, Macclesfield. (Covid permitting). Engaged Encounter (marriage preparation) – 17 and 24 April online video conference experience; 19 and 26 June online video conference experience. For further information or to book an experience please go to: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk> or <https://wwme.org.uk>

Baptism Preparation Courses 2021

Are you looking to have your child baptised next year? We look forward to spiritually supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into our parish family. Courses are delivered via zoom over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:45. The next course dates for 2021 are:

17/24 April 10/17 July, and 9/16 October

Please get in touch with Fr Jonathan to let him know you would like to prepare to have your child baptised. You will then be directed to Lesley Hooper who organises registration for the course. exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk or 07712 216724

A Precious Place of God's Grace – the Next Step

Bishop Mark has invited International speaker Michael Dopp to present to the clergy and laity of our diocese. Drawing on the themes of missionary discipleship that are emphasized in the document, we will explore how to concretely live this out in our own lives, as a parish, and throughout the diocese. Join us on Saturday 1 May, for the two-part presentation 11.00am – 12noon, 1.00pm – 2.00pm. You will need to register via [this link](#)

Blessed Sacrament Live

Please visit our YouTube channel to find details of scheduled live streams: [Blessed Sacrament YouTube](#)

HAPPY EASTER

We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter. We thank God that we have been able to celebrate this great feast together in the church, even with the restrictions. We pray that the Resurrection of Jesus will bring us hope and joy and signal the restoration of our lives in as normal a way as possible this year.

Resurrexit
sicut
dixit.
Alleluia!



Mass Times

Mass

All Masses will be streamed live on the parish YouTube channel.

Confessions

I will hear confessions outside in the Presbytery garden to do away with the need to clean etc. Please wait in car park.

Sunday 28 March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8.45am People of the Parish

10.45am

6.00pm

All places for these Masses are fully booked

Confessions **11.30-12.30pm**

Monday 29 March

Confessions **5.00pm**

Tuesday 30 March

Confessions **10.00am & 5.00pm**

Mass **6.30pm**

Wednesday 31 March

12.00 Chrism Mass *streamed live from Plymouth Cathedral*

Confessions **5.00pm**

Thursday 1 April

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's

Supper **Fully booked**

8.00-9.00pm Watching (Holy Hour) live streamed on YouTube

Friday 2 April

Good Friday

10.30am Stations of the Cross

No need to book

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion **Fully booked**

Saturday 3 April

Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Fully booked

Sunday 4 April

Easter Sunday

8.45am

10.45am People of the Parish

Both Masses fully booked

Tuesday 6 April

6.30pm

Wednesday 7 April

9.30am

Thursday 8 April

The Annunciation of the Lord

9.30am

Friday 9 April

6.30pm

Saturday 10 April

9.30am

Sunday 11 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

8.45am People of the Parish

10.45am

6.00pm

Tuesday 13 April

6.30pm

Wednesday 14 April

9.30am Michael Olivant RIP

Thursday 15 April

9.30am

Friday 16 April

6.30pm

Saturday 17 April

9.30am

The Word

Sunday 28 March

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult –
I know I shall not be shamed.*

PSALM

*My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?*

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself, but God
raised him high.*

GOSPEL Mark 15:1-9 *Shorter form.*

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.*

Sunday 4 April

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34.37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him
after his resurrection*

PSALM

*The day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad.*

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

*You must look for the things that are in
heaven, where Christ is.*

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Sunday 11 April

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

United, heart and soul.

PSALM

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

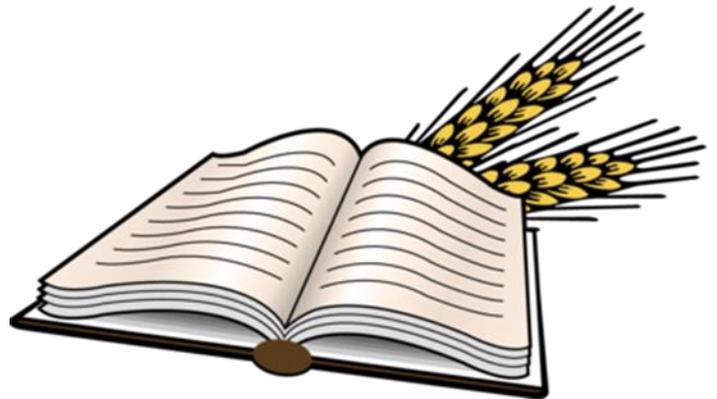
SECOND READING

1John 5:1-6

*Anyone who has been begotten by God has
already overcome the world.*

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.



Walk With Me - Easter booklets

An Eastertide journey of prayer, these
booklets are available as you leave the
church for a suggested donation of £1.00.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Opening of the toilets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

The toilets in the Centre will be open from Palm Sunday onwards at the
times of Masses and services.

Please use only if necessary and be extra vigilant with personal hygiene
and in thinking of others.

Please sanitise your hands when you enter and when you leave the
centre using the sanitiser provided.

Please leave the toilets as you would expect to find them.

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Deadline for newsletter items

10.00am Thursday.

Your Offering

We are enormously grateful for your continued generosity to the parish.

Please remember that the most efficient way for you to give is by standing order.

Forms are available by emailing the parish office. Arrangements are made directly with your bank. And if you can, please GiftAid your contribution.

Parish News by Post & Email

If you know someone who would like to receive the parish news by post, with their permission please give their name and address to the parish office by phoning or emailing and we will arrange to get a copy to them. If they have an email address please ask them to email the parish office and they can be added to the circulation list.

Dial-a-Mass

For those who do not have the internet or computer the Mass is recorded and put on the telephone at 12 midday on Sundays and will stay until 11.59 the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call they can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Dial 01642 130120

The Bishops' Conference

Regular updates from the Bishops' Conference can be found at ccn@cbcew.org.uk

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us six months' notice if you are hoping to marry in the Church.

Churches Together Devon

The latest Churches Together Devon News is available [here](#).

Churches Together Exeter

The latest Churches Together England News is available [here](#).