

Easter- The flame of Hope

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Christians around the world recognize Palm Sunday as the day Jesus made His triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. It is scriptural to call this day Palm Sunday because in John 12:13 we read that they broke palm branches from the trees and lined the streets in front of Jesus Christ as He made His triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. *“Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name...”*

Easter is the most important day for us Christians, the culmination of Holy Week and the commemoration of Christ’s triumph over death. Between these two triumph Sundays (Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday), there happened the many dramatic twist in the life of Jesus, i.e. His suffering and death for the salvation of humanity.

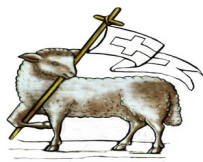
As we approach the Easter weekend in the midst of this world’s deepest darkness, the pandemic, the Christian vision of the resurrection points towards the power of hope. As we are in a global pandemic, Easter offers a moment for us to reflect on the role of suffering.

Suffering is not anathema to Christians. For us, Jesus – the son of the creator of the universe – willingly undergoes a painful, bloody, public death. The crucifixion is Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice and solidarity with the world. But it does not end with death. It ends with resurrection, an unbelievable miracle.

As we take hope in Easter, we must also take the lessons of Christ’s life; communion with the poor and sick.

This year, Easter will be different for us, but by keeping apart we keep others safe. Easter, the resurrection of Christ, gave his followers new hope and fresh purpose. Like that, this Easter may give us hope and freshness. May the living flame of the Easter be a steady hope for us as we face the future.

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PALM SUNDAY

28TH MARCH 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this Chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
Your will be done.

EASTER SUNDAY

4TH APRIL 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

Lent (B1)	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 27th /28th Palm Sunday	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	John Berry People of the Parish Kathleen O'Sullivan
Monday 29th	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am	Chacko Adoration and Confessions
Tuesday 30th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Gerald and Winnie Price Adoration and Confessions
Wednesday 31st		
<u>THE TRIDUUM</u>		
Thursday 1st	7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper OH (Christopher Payne)	
Friday 2nd	3pm Solemn Liturgy The Lord's Passion KF 7pm Stations of the Cross BH	
Saturday 3rd	8pm Easter Vigil BH (People of the Parish)	
Sunday 4th Easter Sunday	9.30am Mass KF 11.30am Mass OH	Vivienne Clark Janet O'Sullivan and family
NO SERVICES		
Friday 9th	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration Thanksgiving
Saturday 10th		
Sunday 27th /28th 2nd Sunday of Easter	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Bernadette Beardsmore People of the Parish Seamus Walsh

Please pray for all those whose have died, especially Tom Murphy, Ellen Morris and Geoff Smart, those on our March deceased list and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: KF7/3 GA £360.00, Loose £92.31, Repository £3.00, Cathedral Maintenance £42.05, CAFOD £5.00 14/3 GA £25.00, Loose £72.55, Repository £3.00 21/3 GA £35.00, Loose £85.55.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

CONFESSIONS

Fr Shanju will hear confessions:

Monday 29th March after Mass at Brierley Hill at 10am

Tuesday 30th March after Mass at Old Hill at 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Entry is by ticket only, please do not turn up without having booked in advance, this is for everyone's safety. NB there are NO tickets left for the Good Friday service at 3pm.

Stations of the Cross at Brierley Hill on Good Friday at 7pm - no tickets needed.

Masses on Easter Sunday ONLY - no tickets needed.

Easter flowers - if you want to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers please put the money in an envelope and give it to Fr Shanju, thank you.

Git Aid Envelopes - Envelopes for Kingswinford and Brierley Hill are now available at the back of Church. If you have any questions or want to Gift Aid at Brierley Hill please contact Sheila Jelf on 07753 106343. Thank you.

APF boxes -OH - These need emptying again. Please return your box to Fr Shanju at Church as soon as possible for counting. Thank you.