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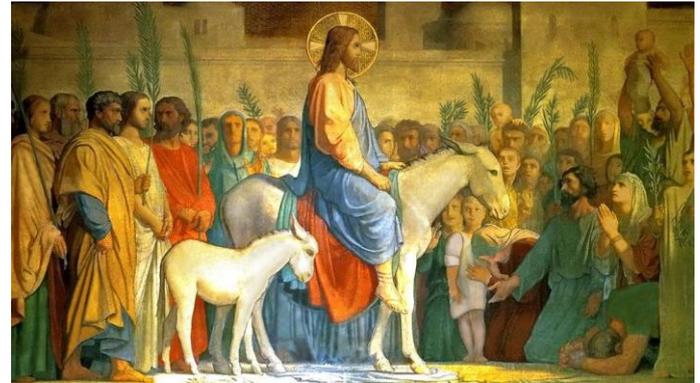
Palm Sunday

29th March 2026

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

Mass Times

Sat 28th	Lent Weekday	12.00	Ann Cremin Shafi+
Sun 29th	Palm Sunday	9.30	Catherine & Gerald Welch
		11.00	People of the Parish
Mon 30th	Monday of Holy Week	10.00	Margaret Kelleher+
Tue 31st	Tuesday of Holy Week	No Mass	Chrim Mass at St John's Cathedral
Wed 1st	Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00	
Thu 2nd	Maundy Thursday	19.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 3rd	Good Friday	9.30	Stations of the Cross
		15.00	Liturgy of the Passion
		19.30	Taizé Evening
Sat 4th	Holy Saturday	20.00	The Easter Vigil
Sun 5th	Easter Sunday	9.30	People of the Parish
		11.00	



Christ's Entry into Jerusalem by William Gale

Palm Sunday

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, and we recall Christ's entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey with the common people out waving Palms and crying 'Hosanna in the Highest.'

To onlookers this would not have seemed a particularly auspicious occasion and yet we know that it marked the moment the Saviour of the World took possession of his holy city. It was his solemn entry into Jerusalem immediately prior to the working out of the great events which brought about our salvation. And in typical fashion for Jesus, it involved not the rich and powerful but the poor and downtrodden. So, even though it was a very low-key event, and that it was completely overlooked by the social and religious elite, it was actually an occasion of great significance.

This reminds us that we too often overlook what could be highly significant events. We prefer to notice the grand occasions and would rather see the big picture, and we fail to take notice of what might appear to us to be rather minor matters. And yet the lesson of today is that it is often the insignificant things which are the most important of all.

This is one of the lessons given to us by St Theresa of Lisieux. She told us to concentrate on getting the tiniest of things right because according to her they were the most important of all. According to St Theresa the passing of salt at the table could be a great act of charity because it would mean that we were totally focussed on the needs of others.

So let us open our eyes to notice the significance of the insignificant and remember that it is often the least important of our actions than raise us up in the eyes of God.

Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hallafter Sunday masses
 Children's Liturgy (Sign in required)..... Sunday 9.30
 Holy Hourafter Wednesday morning mass
 Confessions.....during Holy Hour Wednesday & at call
 Choir Practice..... 18.00 Monday in Church
 Sunday Readings: Year A
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms.....Contact the Deacon
 Marriages:Contact the Parish Priest
 Mother's Prayer Group..... 2nd & 4th Fridays 10.30
 Rosary GroupFridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers
 Friendship Club 14.00 Fridays
 Safeguarding & Data Protection Officer
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Cycle of Prayer: Lent

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Women's World Day of Prayer, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Penitents & Wanderers



First Communion

Dates for the remaining First Communion classes are: 19th & 26th April, 10th & 17th May. Rehearsal on Friday 5th June, First Confession on 9th May & First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00.

**Feed your faith
and your doubts will starve to death**

Cafod's Big Lent Walk

Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? Walk anytime, anywhere 200 Kms in 40 days and raise funds for life-saving water. Step up this Lent to help our neighbours. Go to cafod.org.uk/biglentwalk and sign up today or contact Jackie on 07948516854 or more information.

**No pain, no palm;
no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown**

Knights of St Columba

The local council of the Knights of St Columba will be celebrating their centenary at the 11.00 mass on Sunday 26th April. Refreshments in Hall afterwards.

A Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ, as we enter these sacred days, grant us the grace to walk with you through the darkness of the Cross and into the light of your Resurrection. May this Holy Week not pass us by unchanged. Soften our hearts, deepen our faith, and renew in us the hope that the tomb could not contain. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

**If you have no sympathy for human pain
the name of human you cannot retain**

Saadi

Money can buy...

A bed, but not sleep
Books, but not knowledge
Food, but not appetite
Friends, but not friendship
Finery, but not beauty
Medicine, but not health
A house, but not a home
Amusement, but not happiness
Religion, but not salvation

Funerals

The funeral of Ramiro Da Silva will take place at Bournemouth Crematorium at 14.00 on Friday 10th April.

The funeral of Maureen Biggin will take place on 22nd April at 10.00. May she rest in peace.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 6th July until Friday 10th July departing from Heathrow Airport. The group will be staying at Hotel La Solitude close to the sanctuary. If you would like more information and a booking form, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

The Easter Ceremonies

Maundy Thursday..... The Lord's Supper 19.00
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 9.30
The Passion of the Lord 15.00
Taizé Evening 19.30
Holy Saturday..... The Easter Vigil 20.00

CAFOD Family Fast Day

'Love your neighbour as yourself' Mark 12:31

Thank you for your prayers and generous response to our Lent Family Fast Day Appeal. Through the envelope collection alone, we raised £1215.79. Your donations will help to support families in developing countries affected by climate change, droughts and floods by providing sustainable solutions like solar-powered water pumps and eco-gardens.

**Palm Sunday tells us
that it is the Cross
that is the true tree of life**

Easter Duties

The faithful are required by Canon Law to receive the Eucharist at least once a year and this precept should be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. It is presumed that Catholics would ordinarily go to Confession in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. These are minimum requirements to help ensure regular encounter with Christ in the sacraments. The Church invites more frequent reception of Holy Communion (even weekly or daily) and regular Confession for deeper spiritual growth.

Stations of the Cross & Taizé Service

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will take place at 9.30. The Taizé Service will be at 19.30 also on Good Friday.

Recent Collections

Standing Orders £410, Sunday £383 with thanks.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: 9.30 J Carr-Jones, R Hernandez

11.00 M-A Jean-Francoise

Ministers: 9.30 J Happe 11.00 L Goodall n/w

Readers: 9.30 TBA, 11.00 TBA **n/w Ministers:**

9.30 M Smith 11.00 N Jean-Francoise

Forthcoming Dates

Easter Sunday..... 5th April

First Communion..... 6th June

Parish Fete..... 28th June