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Palm Sunday Sunday 29th March 2026

NO MASS TUESDAY 31st MARCH AS FR THOMAS IS AT CHARISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL

Page 176, 182	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Philippians 2:6-11	Gospel Matthew 27: 11-54
<p>The readings this weekend for Palm Sunday describe the day Jesus came into Jerusalem as a humble king riding on a donkey. Crowds welcome Him with palm branches and shouts of praise. They called Him the Son of David, showing they believed He was the promised Messiah. Yet, the week ahead would bring both joy and deep sorrow. It marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is time to walk with Jesus in His final days before His death on the cross. His silence before His accusers showed His trust in God's plan for Him. There is a contrast between the cheers of the crowd and the suffering to come. There are also the choices of the people during His suffering. Some stayed silent, afraid to speak. Others denied Him or followed the crowd. Nobody seems to challenge His unfair treatment. We should ask ourselves how we would have reacted seeing an innocent man suffering after he was cheered before. We hold palm branches to remember that the kingdom of Jesus is built on peace and service. His way is different from the world's idea of power. We must follow Him in humility and love. The first reading from Isaiah speaks of a servant who listens to God's word and obeys even when faced with suffering. God's plan is to bring hope through faithful witness and connects to Jesus being willing to accept His mission and suffering. In the second reading Paul shows Jesus as the perfect example of humility. He lets go of status to serve even to death. Self giving love is the path to glory and a message of unity and joy in Christ. True greatness comes from service and trust in God.</p>			
Mass times		Feast Days	
<p>10 am to 1 pm Big Clean of St Vincent de Paul</p> <p>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Saturday 28th St Tutilo Born about 850 in Germany and educated at Benedictine monastery of Saint Gall in what is now Switzerland. Became a monk there. He was very handsome, a strong large man who was an excellent boxer. He had a variety of considerable skills. Quick witted, eloquent orator, a painter, a poet, a sculptor, architect, metalworker, mathematician and astronomer. His main passion was music and played and taught a variety of instruments as head of the Abbey School. The Holy Roman Emperor King Charles III admired him and thought it a pity that such a genius was secluded in a monastery as Tutilo avoided the limelight and appeared in public reluctantly. He could teach and preach in both Latin and Greek. Few of his music and painting works survive. Died in 915.</p>		
<p>9.30 am Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 29th March</p>	<p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Nora and Michael Hunter RIP</p>
<p>6.30 pm Mass</p>	<p>Monday 30th Blessed Maria Restituta Kafka Born Helene Kafka in 1894 in Czech Republic to poor parents. Her shoemaker father moved to Vienna when she was two years old. Attended local schools. Worked as a housemaid and then a shop salesgirl. Desired to help the sick and began training as a nurse. Hartmann Sisters, a German Order, impressed her at the hospital. After initial opposition from her parents she joined them in 1914 at the start of the First World War. Took the religious name "Maria Restituta". Became a skilled theatre nurse. 1938 Adolf Hitler forbade religious activity in hospitals. When she prayed with the dying and put up crucifixes in the wards, Gestapo arrested her. After a year in prison Martin Bormann had her beheaded as a martyr. Only nun to die by being beheaded in the Third Reich. Beatified 21st June 1998.</p>		
<p>NO MASS Fr Thomas at Chrism Mass in the Cathedral</p>	<p>Tuesday 31st St Benjamin Born in 3rd century Persia, Iran. Made a deacon due to his skill in preaching. Persecuted by King Sapor. His son King Isdegerdes stopped the persecution. 12 years of peace between Christians and pagans. Then Bishop Abdas stupidly burnt down Temple of Fire considered sacred by the pagans. King furious after his work for peace and demanded it be rebuilt by Bishop Abdas who refused. King executed the bishop and burnt down Christian churches. King died a year later. His son King Varanes was a tyrant and tortured people. Soon persecution of Christians reached a new horrific level. Deacon Benjamin imprisoned and tortured for a year. Then Christian Roman Emperor had a group freed on condition that they did not convert pagans. But Deacon Benjamin started preaching again and was arrested. Tortured to death as a martyr.</p>		
<p>1 pm to 3 pm SVP Social 5.30 pm Service of Reconciliation 6.30 pm Mass P V Devassy RIP 40th day of death</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st April St Hugh of Grenoble Born in France in 1053. Prayerful, modest and courteous. Intelligent. Well educated. He was ordained a priest by Pope Gregory. Bishop of Grenoble at 25. For 2 years struggled against moral laxity of clergy. Gave up and became a Benedictine monk. Superiors made him go back as bishop, this time with great success in reforms. An outstanding preacher on good terms with people, clergy, and monks. As well as spiritual reforms improved the diocese infrastructure with road and bridge maintenance and raised taxes to build hospitals. Started a farmer's market. Worked with St Bruno founder of Carthusian monks. Died in monastery aged 79.</p> <p>2nd April Maundy Thursday The Last Supper and Jesus washes his disciples feet under protests from Peter. Treachery of Judas Iscariot is foretold by Jesus. "I tell you most solemnly, one of you will betray me". The institution of the Eucharist in the form of bread and wine. A time of crisis and the scripture prophesy "He let himself be taken as a criminal". After singing psalms they go to the Mount of Olives where Peter's denial of Jesus is foretold. Jesus takes his disciples to a small garden called Gethsemane where Jesus wants to pray. He asks his disciples to stay awake while he prays to the</p>		

Father but they fall asleep three times. Agony in the Garden. Jesus then says "Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already". The arrest of Jesus has a factor which is not always emphasised. St James the Less, son of Alpheus, whose mother was Mary Cleophas, sister of the Virgin Mary, as the cousin of Jesus had a very similar appearance. Consequently, at the arrest, Judas had to pick out Jesus so that they do not take James who was so similar in appearance. Peter, typical to character, drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of the high priest's servants. Jesus appears before Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. Jesus is brought before the high priest and Sanhedrin, 71 judges of chief priests, scribes and elders. In the courtyard Peter denies he is associated with Jesus three times as Jesus had forecast.

7.30 pm Mass

3rd April Good Friday First thing in the morning the whole Sanhedrin had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pontius Pilate. Pilate asked Jesus "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered "It is you who say it". Then the Sanhedrin brought many accusations against him. Pilate discovers Jesus has come from Galilee and is under Herod the Great's jurisdiction. Herod ! was appointed by the Romans as king of Judea and was delighted to eventually see Jesus. Herod questioned Jesus without reply. Showing him contempt he dresses him in a rich purple cloak. Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate and the two, who had been enemies, were reconciled. Pilate asks the crowd to choose between Jesus and Barabbas and Barabbas is released. To placate the crowd Pilate sentences Jesus to be scourged and crucified. Judas returns the 30 pieces of silver and then went and hanged himself. Jesus is mocked by being given a crown of thorns to go with his purple cloak. The way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) and the enlisting of the help of Simon of Cyrene. The crucifixion on a hill outside the walls of Jerusalem called Golgotha, "the place of the skull". Jesus is crucified with two robbers (St Dismas the good thief) and mocked by the crowd. Above him on the cross is written "This is Jesus the king of the Jews". The death of Jesus who cried out in a loud voice "Father , into your hands I commit my spirit". The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle and darkness fell as the sun was eclipsed. Joseph, a disciple from Arimathaea, asks Pilate for the body of Jesus. He wraps Jesus in a shroud and puts him in a new tomb which was hewn out of a rock face. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance watched by the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdala

**2.30: Stations of the Cross
3pm: Good Friday Service**

4th April Black Saturday Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath and a day of rest. However the chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate and said to him "Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was alive, "After three days I shall rise again". Therefore please give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day for fear of his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people "He has risen from the dead". This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before. Pilate replied "You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how". So they made the sepulchre secure putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard

8pm Easter Vigil Mass

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Ann Drumgoole Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Pat Sweeney Phil Boulton

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Special Second Collection last weekend for Flowers for Easter.

Many thanks to all who donated last weekend. The Total was £210.55 including £20.75 of gift aid

Big Clean in St Vincent de Paul on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 1pm in preparation of Easter

Volunteers are required to help with the Spring Clean of St Vincent de Paul starting at 10am on Saturday 28th March.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 1st April – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you.

I have just heard that it seems that Phil Boulton has been in hospital after a bad fall

Please remember Phil and his wife Ludy in your prayers for a swift recovery

Appeal for Easter Eggs for Stella Marist to give to seafarers at Easter

The centre has two lay chaplains and a group of volunteers that visit ships when they dock in Southampton, Hythe and other ports on the south coast. These days ships are in port for only a short time and the ordinary crew have little chance of visiting a church. It is hoped to help the seafarers, most of whom are Catholics from the Philippines, Kerala and Goa, to celebrate Easter by visiting the ships with faith materials such as rosaries as usual, but make it a special event to take them Easter Eggs and chocolates. So, as in previous years, we are collecting Easter Eggs for Stella Marist. There is a container in the church porch. Hopefully we have a good response as in previous years.

Parish collection for last weekend 21st and 22nd March

						Flowers for Easter		
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Baptism	Gift Aid	Loose
£77	£19.25	£184.85	£242.54	£51.98	£575.62	£50	£83	£106.80