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Sunday 5th April 2020

PALM SUNDAY . . . Since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.



Spiritual Communion – (Prayer of St Alphonsus) . . My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Masses with no Congregation

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5	Sunday		People of our Parish
6	Monday		Michael Nertney
7	Tuesday		
8	Wednesday		
9	Holy Thursday Mass or the Lord's Supper		
10	Good Friday		
11	Holy Saturday		Fred & Bessie Cain

EASTER SUNDAY

12	Easter Sunday		People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Dennis Lindo	
Recently Deceased:		Pat McNertney ~ May she rest in peace. Amen	
		Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Audrey Bentley	

LIVE STREAMED MASS

Details are available on the Diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk, including a link to St. Mary's Cathedral, where daily Mass will be live-streamed.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied

A number of St Patrick's Palms were donated to Holme House Prison.

Thank you, the men really appreciated receiving them. Please keep prisoners in your prayers at this difficult time. God Bless, keep safe, Deacon Mick.



HOLY WEEK . . . Veneration of the Cross – Christ Jesus, you hung upon a cross and died for us so that we might live for you. You were faithful unto death so that we might be faithful unto life. Your last command was that we might love one another, one family together.

Waters of Baptism – We bless you for the waters of Jesus' baptism, in them he was anointed as Christ by the Holy Spirit that He might make the whole creation new and open to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life. We give you thanks for the gift of baptism. In this water we became one with Jesus Christ and were incorporated into Christ's body, the Church. Amen.

Two Stations of the Cross are being said everyday throughout Holy Week from St John Henry Newman through the Hozana Prayer Platform. (Hozana.org)

You are invited to join us at the Shrine in praying the Novena in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham in thanksgiving for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary and for the Lord's protection for all affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Novena will be prayed at the end of each Shrine Mass. There is also live Adoration at the Walsingham Shrine. (Walsingham.org.uk)

Message from Ushaw . . . A counter-infection of joy and hope for Easter ... Easter Sunday 2020 will be an Easter Sunday like no other before it. We cannot sing the great Easter hymns inside our churches, but we can sing them in this way: **At 10am on Easter Sunday April 12th** we call on all who want to celebrate the Resurrection to go outside and sing '*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*' and '*Thine be the Glory.*' **Please share Sing Resurrection with as many people as possible by social media.**

CAFOD . . . As we in CAFOD adjust, we have looked first and foremost to how we can sustain and serve the sense of connection that binds us as a Catholic community across England and Wales and between communities here and around the world. For so many, it is a tremendous loss to no longer be able to attend Mass and to gather as church communities. **We are hosting a live online Children's Liturgy for families, on Sundays at 10am.** Please do let families in your parish know about it - it has proved very popular with families over the last two Sundays. Please visit cafod.org.uk.

Papal Blessing, "God turns everything to our good": On Friday 27th March eleven million people tuned in to be joined in universal communion with Pope Francis. In this unique act Pope Francis performed the extra-ordinary papal blessing "*Urbi et orbi*" granting a plenary indulgence to the faithful and reminding us all that Christ is our anchor and hope. Watch the video of this beautiful, sacred and solemn moment in the midst of the pandemic (courtesy of [Vatican News Facebook Page](#)).

Pope Francis – Prayer to Mary for Protection during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. (Diocesan Web Site)

Northern Cross . . . The SVP usually distributes the Northern Cross around Stockton parishes. They have received a phone call from the editor. The April issue is free, complimentary on-line. If you would like further issues, you can subscribe on-line WWW.northerncross.org.uk

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Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through the mystery of your death and resurrection. Make us one in you. Transform us into people of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst. We ask this, as a people reconciled to God through the blood of your cross. Amen.

