

# St John Fisher's Church 24th March 2024

## Palm Sunday

9.30am

## Holy Week

Mass with distribute ion of palms

12.00noon

Adoration

## Monday

**25th March**

Holy Weekday

## Tuesday

**26th March**

9.00am

Mass

7.00pm

Service of Reconciliation

## Wednesday

**27th March**

Holy Weekday

9.00am

Mass

11.00am

Chrism Mass

## Thursday

**28th March**

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm

Mass of the Last Supper  
Washing of feet,  
Recommissioning Eucharistic Ministers Readers

## Friday

**29th March**

Good Friday

10.30am

Stations of the Cross

3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion the Lord

## Saturday

**30th March**

Vigil Easter Sunday

7.00pm

Easter Vigil

## Sunday

**31st March**

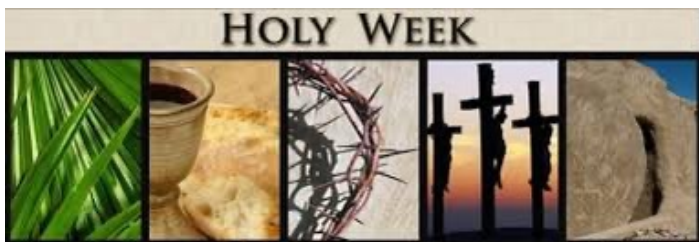
**Easter Sunday**

9.30am

Mass

**Livestream Link:** on YouTube:  
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<Schoenstatt YouthUK>  
<Schoenstatt Family England>



**Final Edition**

**St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
24th March 2024 Palm Sunday**



## Joy Amidst Suffering - The Paradox of Palm Sunday

Today we are in the middle of a paradox. On the one hand, we are filled with joy. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, throngs of people rejoice. The promised Savior has finally come! The Messiah is here! Redemption is at hand! But then, on the other hand, we turn towards the sorrowful narrative of our Lord's rejection, suffering, and death, with his passion. Palm Sunday is also Passion Sunday. It is a solemn, silent moment. How can a day of triumph be filled with both joy and sorrow? Because what seems to



be Christ's defeat is actually his victory, the victory of everlasting love. "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). That's what Jesus taught, and that's what he did in his passion, to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that his love for us has no limits. The angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest" when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and now the people sing, "Hosanna in the Highest" as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Both entrances were motivated by God's love, the same love that led him to be obedient to the Father even to the point of death, so as to reverse the disobedience of Adam, pay the price of our sins, and rescue fallen mankind from hopelessness and injustice. We have solved our paradox. The source of our sorrow is sin, our sins, the cause of Christ's suffering. But the source of our joy is Christ's love, the very reason Jesus was willing to suffer, and the very power that, through his sacrifice on the cross, conquers our sins. And so Christians can always live inside the paradox of Palm Sunday, can always find joy, the joy of Christ's limitless love, even amidst the profoundest sorrows.

**THOUGHT FOR LENT** "Lent is about a relationship, the most important one, with God and our neighbour." Fr. John Lombardi

## Hope Garden

We will shortly be "refreshing " the Hope garden in order to minimise some of the gardening work. This will involve replacing some plants with ones that do not need as much water and also some smaller "sensory plants" If anyone has donated a plant previously to the Hope garden and they would like their plant to be kept could you please speak to Paul Cooper or Stephen Bromley so that they can ensure your plants are not removed, all donated plants will stay in the garden Can you offer your time as a volunteer in the gardens, even for just a couple of hours a week please also speak to Paul Stephen or Jimmy Nicholas., Thank you, the gardening team

## GOOD NEWS *Holding Nothing Back*

Let's thank Jesus for not holding anything back in his love for us. And let's ask him to transform our hearts, so that we can love him and others with that same love.



**Mass Intentions.** We Pray for peace in Eastern Europe, the Holy Land and for the people suffering there and other theatres of war. We pray for world leaders to follow a way to peace and justice. **For all our sick and housebound:** Please pray for Kate Martin, baby John McDonagh, Konrad Ostmeier, Angela Edmundson, Colette Crillen, Muriel & Brian Osborne, Auntie Rosaleen, Jodie Corless, Gerrard Herffernon, Gina Buccinno, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, Irene Wood, Alec Watson, Candy Harris, Elizabeth & John Ward, Anna Abraham, Susan Irvine, Chloe, Brian Mather, Rose McGann, Nora McDonald, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Pauline Millington, Eileen Kehoe, Bob Plover, Ruth Dawson, Pauline Kent, Peter Hughes, Maureen Manion, Lynda Robinson, Ann Kirby, Paul Grogan, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Hildegard Cornelius, Avril de Mink, Barbara Connors, Maureen Rogers, Sheila Barker, Martin Hotchkiss, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Bernard Dunn, Edith Hamilton, Sheila Brocker, Peter Fenton, Marie Fenton, John Ward, Jane Jordan, Rita Derbyshire, Peter Tracey, Linda Muir, Sharon Simpson, Anne Holland, Bob Cole, Elizabeth De Chazal, Maria Edwards, Agnes McFadden, Eric Derbyshire, John Derbyshire,

Eileen Johnson, Jane Boyle, Pat Jones, Lee Pomfret. **For those, who died recently** George Devlin, Matt O'Sullivan, Harriet O'Neill, Joanne Lansley, Caroline Beechey, Josie Carroll, Kate Barnard, Jean Hughes, Kathleen Caulfield, Linda O'Brien. **On the Anniversary** of Brian Stocks, Mary Grogan, Anne Valler, Josie O'Neill, Allyson Houghton, Alice Massey, D P Pastore, Paul Neary, John Curliss Snr., Nora Robinson. For a precious granddaughter. For Janet Cassidy, Angela Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. For the deceased members of the Kelly Purdy Family. For Fr Anthony Graham, Santhosh Cherian, Arthur Caswell, Brian Madden on their Birthday. In the intention of MacDonald family, Harris family, Arun and Swanti and Holy Souls in purgatory. Easter Mass for Anne Mazza and family, Jim & Vera O'Connell. Remembering Paul Neary on his Birthday

## MARRIAGE MATTERS *Today is all we have*

Today let us reflect on what is really important in our marriages. In this day and age the cost of living can create anxieties and tensions about making ends meet. So today, let's hold hands, look at each other, and celebrate our love, which joins us together as a 'sign' of God's love for everyone.



## Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes for the next financial year (April 2024 – March 2025) are now being distributed. If you do not currently use the envelopes could I please encourage you to give serious consideration to doing so. Everyone can use the envelopes even if they are not a taxpayer but they are particularly important if you are a taxpayer. The government's Gift Aid Scheme enables us to reclaim the tax you will have paid on the amount you donate. This means, in effect, that the value of the donations in your envelopes increases by 25% at no further expense to you. If you want envelopes, please drop a note with your name and contact details into the offertory basket or you can speak to Tom Burke on 01204 578706. If you have any questions about the Gift Aid Scheme I am sure that he will answer them for you.