



# St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 21st March 2021

PASSIONTIDE

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
	9.30am	Mass
	11.30am	Solemn Mass
	5.30pm	Mass

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 22nd \*\*\*** 10am Mass  
Lenten Feria

**Tuesday 23rd** 10am Mass  
Lenten Feria

**Wednesday 24th** 10am Mass  
Lenten Feria

**Thursday 25th** 10am Mass  
**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Feast) \***

**Friday 26th \*\*\*** 10am Mass  
Lenten Feria

**Saturday 20th** 10am Mass  
Lenten Feria

\*\*\* *Live-streamed Mass Only*

## READINGS AT MASS

**Sundays Year B; Weekdays cycle 1**

**This Sun:** Jeremiah 31:31-34;

Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

**M.** Daniel 13:41-62; John 8:1-11

**T.** Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

**W.** Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

**T.** Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews

10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 \*

**F.** Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

**S.** Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

**Next Sun: Procession:** Mark 11:1-10

**Mass:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;  
Mark 14:1-15:47 (abbrev. version)

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (B)

## Shrine Lamp Intentions

These are suspended for the next two weeks whilst our statues are covered during Passiontide. We continue to pray for all those in our family and parish who are in special need of prayer during this time.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT THE START OF PASSIONTIDE

In John's Gospel today, we hear how, following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice.

Although John's Gospel does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest, comparable words are found in today's reading. Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' Baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

*By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*



## GOSPEL REFLECTION Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

by Rev. Fr. Allen Baclor Abulines

"Very truly, I tell you, unless  
a grain of wheat  
falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain,  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

**MASS INTENTIONS: Sun (Sat) 6pm** Mary Fitzpatrick RIP; **9.30** Alfonso & Diana Guillen RIP, **11.30** Maria Francisca Fernandes RIP, **5.30** Birthday Blessings for Mrs Esther Lynch; People of the Parish; **Mon. 10.** Lewis, Jo, Sophie & James; **Tue. 10.** Nancy & Michael Connolly; **Wed. 10.** In Thanksgiving for Francesca Vella's Birthday; For all the Sick of the Parish; **Thurs. 10.** David Gibbons RIP; **Fri. 10.** Martinho Aniceto Fernandes RIP; **Sat. 10.** Reggie Coelho RIP; **Next Sun (Sat) 6pm** Teresa Wright RIP; **9.30** Mrs Rosa Webber RIP; People of the Parish; **11.30** In Thanksgiving for Rowena Wittinbaker, **5.30** Sr Dorina.

For Mass Intentions, please email: [newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk)

NB. Next weekend is the start of Summer Time, when the clocks go forward by an hour.

## \*\*LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S

Although we now have Masses back physically in church, we will still be live-streaming a daily Mass, for those who cannot be in church.

Streamed Masses will be the 10am Mass from Mon - Sat, and the Sun 11.30am Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxlFGQ>

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# PASSIONTIDE



In the liturgical year of the Church, **Passion Sunday** is the fifth Sunday of Lent, marking the beginning of the two-week period called Passiontide. This period is a Christian echo of the Jewish fourteen-day preparation for the Passover. Although short, it is a season in its own right, and older in its observance than Lent. We veil all the images to give the church a more sombre air, and because even the angels and saints hide their faces, as it were, from what is soon to take place. But we veil crucifixes also in reference to Our Lord's response when the Pharisees' tried to stone him: "And Jesus hid himself, and went out of the Temple," (Jn 8:58). At the Incarnation, the Word of God veiled his Divinity; now, in his sufferings, he appears before us "marred... beyond human semblance," (Is. 52:14). It is as if, in his Passion, he veils even his humanity. Moreover, just as on the Cross he "thirsts to be thirsted for," so we, too, begin to thirst for the sight of his holy countenance, being denied it for so long, as we look forward to our deliverance at Easter

## FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Thur 25th March 2021

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.

The feast of the Annunciation began to be celebrated on this day during the fourth and fifth centuries, soon after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalised throughout the Church. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many of the Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love God has for us. Some of the Church fathers who wrote on this were St. Athanasius, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Augustine.



## SACRAMENTAL UPDATE

**BAPTISMS** - These are suspended at present. We hope to start taking applications after Easter.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** - Applications are now closed. Those who have applied will be emailed this week with the timetable and more info.

**CONFIRMATION 2021** - This programme is well under way and for any updates please check your emails.

## PALM SUNDAY, TRIDUUM & EASTER 2021

Last year all these services, Masses & Celebrations had to take place in an empty church, with the first lockdown in full force.

This year we are blessed to be able to hold all these services in an open church, with the current restrictions and safety measures still in place of course. The Bookings will be open shortly, and, as at Christmas, our kind stewards will be at hand to check bookings and ensure all goes smoothly.

For a full timetable of Holy Week please see the Bumper Easter bulletin next week, but below is a quick view:

Sat 27 / Sun 28 March

Mon 29 - Wed 31st March

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

**PALM SUNDAY - normal weekend Mass times (no outdoor procession)**

10am Mass (Monday live-streamed only)

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

8pm Vigil Mass

9.30am & 11.30am Masses only



## LENT 2021

For Lenten services and retreats, visit our website [here](#). There is also a **Stations of the Cross** from St Joseph's on our [Youtube page](#) for you to access any time at your convenience.

*This year we continue to support last year's Lenten Charities: **The Bournemouth Oratory Homeless Charity** and **Akanani & Lerato**, two ecumenical projects in Pretoria, South Africa. There are baskets at the back of church. Please give generously.*

### Video reflections on Stations of the Cross – [www.richardchalloner.com/prayerfulpause](http://www.richardchalloner.com/prayerfulpause)

The students and staff of our Chaplaincy Team are creating short (2 or 3 minute) video reflections for each Station of the Cross. They are being posted online twice a week, and should be complete by Holy Week. Each reflection has either been chosen by a student from resources online, or were written by the member of the community.

## PATHWAYS TO CHRIST'S PASSION

*3 webinars exploring the accounts of the Passion & Resurrection of Jesus, hosted by Holy Innocents Parish, Orpington*

To prepare for Holy Week Fr. Henry Wansbrough, a Benedictine monk based at Ampleforth Abbey, will lead participants through different narratives of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus in order to gain a deeper understanding of these powerful events. The series offers an opportunity to increase personal insights into the historical context and profound theology expressed in these accounts, with a view to understanding what the Resurrection means for the mission of the Church and for our spirituality.

**Remaining date: Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm**

**The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus according to the writings of Paul**

To find out more / join the webinars, visit [Eventbrite](#).

## THE SVP IS HERE FOR YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) at St. Joseph's is part of an international Catholic organisation working through small groups in parishes across the world. We aim to provide practical help and friendship wherever it is needed for people of all faiths and none. The COVID virus has made life harder for everyone, especially for those living alone. When you don't know who to turn to, SVP members can provide help in various ways, such as:

Shopping for the housebound or those who need to isolate; Telephone befriending – regular calls to have a chat; Telephone reading service – your favourite books or poetry read to you over the phone;

Transport for hospital appointments; Delivering the church newsletter to your home

If you or someone you know in New Malden would welcome some assistance from the SVP, please let us know by telephoning **07507 241518** or via St Joseph's Parish office: 1 Montem Road New Malden KT3 3QW Tel. **07488 241753** or **020 8942 2602**. (We can also be reached by email to [svpnewmalden@gmail.com](mailto:svpnewmalden@gmail.com))

All our members have been police checked and help is provided to people of all faiths and none.



If you do not wish to receive information to your home from St. Joseph's Church please advise the parish office.

## POPE FRANCIS DECLARES YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special 'Year of St Joseph' which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extends to the feast in 2021. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Father wrote '*Patris Corde*' against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Please click on this link for more: and [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html). \*\*



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