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10 APRIL 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the King of Glory! Who is his king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah: 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. Rv.2: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians: 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Gospel: The passion of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: 22:14-23:56

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

EASTER OFFERING

Easter is traditionally one of only two Sundays in the year (plus Christmas) when the Offertory collection is your personal offering to the parish priest. It’s an opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to Fr Roy and show your appreciation for his commitment to our parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

At all four Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection to raise money for an Easter Garden in the sanctuary and Easter flowers.

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| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
| Sat 9th | 6.30pm | Mary Charman, RIP |
| Sun 10th | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 10th | 10.00am | Mr Saminathar, RIP |
| Sun 10th | 6.30pm | Weronika Lawicka, RIP |
| Mon 11th | 10.00am | Noreen Steadman, RIP |
| Tues 12th | 10.00am | Celia Robinson, RIP |
| Wed 13th | 10.00am | Holy Souls |
| Thurs 14th | 10.00am | No Mass |
| Thurs 14th | 8.00pm | Pro Populo |
| Fri 15th | 10.00am | No Mass |
| Sat 16th | 6.30pm | Pro Populo |
| Sun 17th | 8.00am | Michael Jones, RIP |
| Sun 17th | 10.00am | Father Denis Paul, RIP |
| Sun 17th | 6.30pm | No Mass |

*Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am).*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Monday 11th 10am Mass followed by Confessions.

Tuesday 12th 10am Mass followed by Confessions.

Wednesday 13th 10am Mass

Maundy Thursday 14th no morning Mass; 8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Washing of the Feet and recommissioning of Eucharistic ministers followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament till midnight.

Good Friday (15th) no morning Mass; 10am Churches Together service at St John’s CoE church (Upper Selsdon Rd), followed by procession of witness to Selsdon Baptist Church; 1.30pm Confessions; 3pm The Passion of Our Lord; 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Easter Saturday (16th) no morning Mass; 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday (17th) 8am Mass & 10am Mass; no evening Mass.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR | |
| Sat 9th | Weekday of Lent |
| Sun 10th | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| Mon 11th | Monday of Holy Week |
| Tues 12th | Tuesday of Holy Week |
| Wed 13h | Wednesday of Holy Week |
| Thurs 14th | [Maundy Thursday](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/Triduum.shtml#Thursday) |
| Fri 15th | [Good Friday](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sunday/Triduum.shtml#Friday) |
| Sat 16th | Holy Saturday |
| Sun 17th | Easter Sunday |

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Martin Ford, Chris Jones, Julie Vincent, Clifford Flynn, Albert Khayyat, Vera de Souza, Teresa Trumper, Michael Edwards, Michael Watson, Lourdes Fernandes, Leslie Jeyadeva, Nicola Gingell, Judy Freegard, Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at four residential homes visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

COLLECT YOUR GIFT AID BOX

New ones with envelopes for 2022-23 are now available for collection in the lady chapel. Don’t take one if you haven’t previously signed a Gift Aid declaration – speak to organizer, Mervyn Ramos (or email him on [mervynm.ramos@gmail.com](mailto:mervynm.ramos@gmail.com)) if you have any queries or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Grateful thanks to all those who have donated so far. A further Coloma Aid run is planned and the following items are needed: chocolate eggs (small/creme); shower gel/soap; shoes (children’s/women’s/men’s); razors; rucksacks; chargers; nappies; incontinence pads; yoga/camping mats; men’s socks (sizes 9-12); t-shirts (M–XL); dog collars.

EASYFUNDRAISING – FREE MONEY!

So far 30 parishioners have signed up and, simply by shopping online at any one of 6,000 retail outlets and at no cost to them, St Columba’s has benefitted to the tune of more than £200. To find out more logon to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

SPRING CLEAN

Volunteers, men and women, are invited to sign up for a spring clean of the church on Maundy Thursday (April 14), any time between 10.30am and 7pm. It’s so that our church is looking its best for Easter. There is a list of tasks on the church noticeboard. Do please sign up, even if only for 20 minutes.

COLOMA REUNION

Calling all Coloma’s ex-students (and teachers): booking for this year’s reunion (at Coloma on April 23) is now open. The day will include a prosecco and canapé reception, lunch and afternoon tea. There will be Mass at 11.15am. More details: 020 8776 0186 or [www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/community/coga](http://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/community/coga)

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

You are invited (with your parents) to a rally at Aylesford Priory on the May 2 Bank Holiday. There will be a Mass, presided over by our Abp John and St Columba’s has been invited to provide altar servers. Bring a picnic and enjoy some sports in the Priory’s lovely grounds. More details from MC John Fennell.

FANCY A COUNTRY RAMBLE?

There is one being organised for Saturday the 23rd by Churches Together in Selsdon & Addington. All are invited. The route, five miles long, runs through woodland and parkland; no stiles; two short steep ascents. Lunch will be at the Surprise pub where they are holding a traditional East End Day to mark St George’s Day. Meet at St Mary’s church, Addington Village at 10.30am. More details: 07799 108 720.

UCM CHARITY FAYRE

Our May charity fayre is back and will take place after 10am Mass on the 1st. We need lots of donations of bottles, jewellery, books, bric’a’brac, cosmetics and, on the day, plants and cakes. No jumble or DVDS. There is a box in the porch for items donated.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April 3: a total of £650.06 was given of which £327 was covered by gift aid. Thank you everyone.

HELP THE VINE FOOD BANK

Particularly needed are cereal, squash, tinned meat (e.g., pies and corned beef), long-life milk and jam; also, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shower cream, shampoo, conditioner. No pasta or porridge, thank you. Collection boxes are under the table in the porch of the church. See the church noticeboard or parish website for a rota of deliveries to the food bank.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Any concerns about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults? Contact, in complete confidence:

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Claire Tucker (E: [selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) T:07774 659 966)

Richard Mills (E: [selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:selsdonsg3@saegurdrcaos.org.uk) T:07956 531 540). All are safeguarding coordinators.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Join Bp Paul Hendricks and Anglican Bp Jonathan Clarke on a pilgrimage taking in the famous Passion Play as well as sightseeing in Austria. Dates: May 27-June 3. More details: [toni.suffolk@btinternet.com](mailto:toni.suffolk@btinternet.com) or phone 020 8654 9035.

EASTER CANDLE WARNING

Parents with children: please be careful with lighted candles at services over Easter, especially at the 8.30pm vigil service on Saturday evening