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**VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE PASTORAL AREA**

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# **East Hendred Catholic Parish**

## **Fifth Week of Lent**

**26<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023**



***Passiontide***



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## Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**ON** 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. Bishop Philip presented us with the challenge to 'to establish or pledge to develop six holy habits':

- to keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass.
- to spend five minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures
- to do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy
- every fortnight to make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
- to go to Confession once a month
- join a small group for formation, prayer, and fellowship



[Bishop's Office: An invitation to join Bishop Philip Egan's online Lent Reflection webinars](#)

You are invited to join Bishop Philip Egan during Lent, on three online Lent Reflections on Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm, each lasting about 40 minutes. In each Reflection, he will share his personal thoughts on one of the three ...

## Reflection – Passiontide

**T**HOUGH Passiontide has apparently disappeared from our Calendar, much of it remains in the liturgy. Crosses and statues are removed or veiled from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and the texts of the Office, and the Preface and Propers at Mass are redolent of the Passion. The name for Palm Sunday is now 'Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord'. In short, Passiontide is still there to be observed, and we do well to make good use not only of Holy Week but of the fortnight of Passiontide. My rule of thumb has always been to try to make the first week a week for 'the head', a time for thinking about doctrine and theology, and the second week a week for 'the heart', a time for living through the emotions of the story.

Doctrine and theology present us with the chance to think about such ideas as atonement, beauty, evil, goodness, humility, love, obedience, sacrifice, satisfaction, service, sonship, suffering, ugliness. These are all matters on which the Christian Faith – and Catholic teaching in particular – has much distinctive to teach. They are also matters about which, from our vantage point, the world at large has no better explanations to offer. The secular view – that these are partly accidents of evolution and partly stratagems devised by natural selection and the survival of the fittest – barely skims the surface of our understanding. That is not to say that Faith provides all the answers. One of the meanings of 'mystery' is 'sacrament' or 'sign': we should not assume that anything which is not understandable makes no sense. The Christian sacraments are not understandable but they are pregnant with meaning. So it is with such questions as 'why did Christ die for our sins?'; 'did he have to die for our sins?'; 'in what way could/did the death of Christ bring about at-one-ment, make us right with God?'. We can go on and ask about the problem of evil and suffering and, moreover, the problem of good. These problems cannot be solved or explained but that does not render everything meaningless. Can beauty, goodness, or love ever be thought meaningless?

Passiontide gives us a week to think about such matters – as they press upon us – and a week to relive the story.

*Fr Andrew*

# GIVING

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## **CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

## **DIDCOT**

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com) or leave suitable food outside her front door.

## **GIVING TO THE PARISH** *(NB some changes here w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January)*

*BY REGULAR STANDING ORDER OR GIFT*

### **BANK DETAILS: CDP East Hendred, St Mary**

**Sort Code: 309304    Account Number: 00877183**

Please note: though the Bank Account Name has changed, the Sort Code and Account Number have not changed. New arrangements need to specify 'CDP East Hendred, St Mary': the prefix PRCDT has been superseded.

**To arrange Gift Aid, contact :** [office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](mailto:office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

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Donations to the parish: [www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

The Donate button links to 'Give as you Live'

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS



## **MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH**

### **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

### **DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Community of Our Lady of the Annunciation & the Martyrs of Japan, Saint-Martin, Jersey
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	The 'Ascent' Movement for the Spirituality of older people
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sisters of St Lucy (Filippini) in the Diocese
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Managers of Church Repositories
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	The Bishops of Clifton and the Bishop Emeritus of Northampton, Priests of Portsmouth Diocese
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wisdom House, Romsey
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Union of Catholic Mothers

### **THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED**

Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol

### **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

RIP Diana France 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

*Week 26<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023:* Claire Vaughan, Kathleen Ballard, Ann Ansell, Hugh O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Elizabeth McElroy, John Doyle, Ted Moore.

# NOTICEBOARD

## **CONFESSIONS**

Extra opportunities before Easter include Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April during Exposition and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm Penitential Service at English Martyrs, Didcot.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

Weather permitting, the Palm Sunday Procession will begin at Champs Chapel at 9.30am, followed by Mass. Notice of inclement weather will appear in the porch at St Mary's. The elderly and infirm may prefer to wait quietly in church.

## **JOSEPH KERSHAW IN UGANDA**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped Joseph to raise money for his mission trip to Uganda. He had a fantastic week with his friends helping Mercy for Life and learning from the Church in Africa. A newsletter insert is simply too short to summarise it! However there will be a chance to see the photos and hear the stories on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm, at English Martyrs, Didcot. Joseph and kind volunteers have organised refreshments and a little talk about what the week was like and where the money went. Thanks again for all your prayers and support.

## **ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP**

Starting in the Summer Term! Open to **years 7-13 (11-18yr olds)**, we will meet every **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** from **7.30pm to 9pm** in the **Parish Rooms**. For the Summer Term we welcome those in year 6 who will be moving up to secondary school in September. We invite young people to a space where they can chill out from exams, have a bit of fun with people their own age, and explore their faith.

To kick things off we will have a fun social with snacks, drinks and games, and information for parents on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** in the Parish Rooms.

If you have any questions, please reach out to David or Gemma Guest on [davegem2022@gmail.com](mailto:davegem2022@gmail.com) or 07917417835. Please support our young people and group in your prayers.

## **CHURCH PARKING**

Local residents have raised concerns about Parking in Driveways. Please make sure that you do not park in or block driveways.

## **CHURCH HEATING**

We are doing our best with the Burning Fiery Furnace ('the BFF' see Daniel 3:11) to pre-heat the church before Sunday Mass. We continue to advise people to wrap up warm. Extensive work, led by Chris Harrison, is happening to try to remedy the situation (see the scaffolding on St Mary's Cottage!). Very grateful to Chris.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 36 people looked in on 33 machines. 5 stayed long enough to take part in Mass. 16 of machines were from the UK and 17 from elsewhere in the world.

# The Gospel according to Matthew (x)

**A S FOR** the place where the gospel was composed, a plausible suggestion is that it was Antioch, the capital of the Roman province of Syria. That large and important city had a mixed population of Greek-speaking Gentiles and Jews. The tensions between Jewish and Gentile Christians there in the time of Paul (see Gal 2:1–14) in respect to Christian obligation to observe Mosaic law are partially similar to tensions that can be seen between the two groups in Matthew’s gospel. The church of Matthew, originally strongly Jewish Christian, had become one in which Gentile Christians were predominant. His gospel answers the question how obedience to the will of God is to be expressed by those who live after the “turn of the ages,” the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The principal divisions of the Gospel according to Matthew are the following:

The Infancy Narrative (1:1–2:23)

The Proclamation of the Kingdom (3:1–7:29)

Ministry and Mission in Galilee (8:1–11:1)

Opposition from Israel (11:2–13:53)

Jesus, the Kingdom, and the Church (13:54–18:35)

Ministry in Judea and Jerusalem (19:1–25:46)

The Passion and Resurrection (26:1–28:20)

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Out of the depths I cry *to* you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear *my* voice!  
O let your ears *be* at-ten-tive  
to the sound of my *plea* - dings. **R/**

If you, O Lord, should mark *i-ni-qui-ties*,  
Lord, who *could* stand?  
But with you is *found* for-give-ness,  
that you may be *re-vered*. **R/**

I long for you, O Lord, my soul *longs* for his word.  
My soul hopes in the Lord more than watchmen for *day-break*.  
More than watch-*men* for day-break,  
let Israel hope for *the* Lord. **R/**

For with the Lord *there* is mer-cy,  
in him is plentiful re-*demp-tion*.  
It is he who will re-*deem* Is-ra-el  
from all its in -i -*qui* - ties. **R/**

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:8-11 (RSV)*

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.

## Lent Prose (*in place of the Gospel Acclamation*)

(*see Mass booklet, no. 74*)

Cantor (1st time) Full

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:  
for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

## Gospel

*John 11:1-45 (RSV)*

Now a certain man was ill, Laz'arus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Laz'arus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Laz'arus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that

he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup> Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Laz'arus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Laz'arus is dead; <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; <sup>34</sup> and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you hear me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that you did send me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with

a loud voice, “Laz'arus, come out.”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Preface**

*(De Lazaro)*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life. Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

### **Communion Antiphon**

*Omnis qui vivit (cf Jn 11:26)*

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## **Scripture Reading (Lent Week 5)**

<b>Monday</b>	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	John 8:12-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	John 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56

## **PALM SUNDAY (A)**

*Commemoration of the Entry into Jerusalem:*

**Matthew 21:1-11**

*Mass:*

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**Matthew 26:14 - 27:66**

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