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HOLY WEEK

24th – 30th March 2024

SUNDAY	DOMINICA IN PALMIS – PALM SUNDAY		
24 th Mar.	9.30am	Blessing of Palms, Procession, & Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass	(St. Patrick's)
	6pm	Holy Mass	<i>Cecil Campbell RIP</i>
Monday	<i>Feria ('Fig Monday')</i>		
	<i>(the Annunciation is transferred to the 8th April)</i>		
25 th Mar.		<i>No public Mass</i>	
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>		
26 th Mar.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Alfred Newman Gilbey RIP</i>
Wednesday	<i>Feria ('Spy Wednesday')</i>		
27 th Mar.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Eric Fishwick RIP</i>
Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
28 th Mar.	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
		Watch of the Passion until midnight (Hendred House Chapel)	
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY		
29 th Mar.	12noon	Stations of the Cross	
	3pm	Liturgy of the Passion	
Saturday	HOLY SATURDAY		
30 th Mar.	9-11am	Confessions (in the West Vestry)	
	5-6pm	Confessions	
	9pm	Easter Vigil	

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THE LITANY OF S. JOSEPH

March is the Month of S. Joseph, and to mark this fact, the Litany of S. Joseph will be recited after Mass during the week, These reflections are offered as an aid to devotion.

Solatum Miserorum | Comfort of the Afflicted

To comfort the afflicted is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy, along with instructing the ignorant, counselling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, and praying for living and dead. Doubtless in life S. Joseph practised such works, in the long tradition of holy men like Tobit and Job whose concern was for others more than for themselves. S. Joseph himself knew affliction, in his exile after Herod's Terror, and in the various other hardships of his life. This makes him a sympathetic intercessor for us, when we are in affliction, and also when we ourselves comfort the miserable, as we are called to do.

Spes Ægrotantium | Hope of the Sick

To say that S. Joseph is the 'hope of the sick' should not be understood to take away from the rights and privileges of Almighty God, Who is our hope whatever our state in life. Rather, the title expresses the Church's conviction that S. Joseph is a potent intercessor for those who languish in illness. Partly, this is the fruit of experience, the faithful, having recourse to S. Joseph's prayers, have found them to be of comfort and effect. Theologically, it is so often hope which the sick need most: hope in God's love for them, whether in sickness or in health, in recovery or in dying. S. Joseph, whose prompt obedience to God's directions, as evinced in Sacred Scripture, clearly placed his hope in God, and not in man, and is therefore an excellent intercessor for the sick, that they might hope in God, whatever His Holy Will holds for them.

Patrone Morientium | Patron of the Dying

In the 'Order for Commending a Soul [to God]', the prayer the Church uses to assist the dying, there is a prayer to S. Joseph, 'Patron of the Dying', which commends the departing soul to his protection and intercession, since he was assisted – according to the idea that Joseph must have died before Christ's public ministry began, since we hear no more of him in the Gospels after the finding in the Temple – at his own 'blessed passing' by Jesus and Mary. Thus dying so blessed a death, the Church calls upon Joseph to succour those of her members who may be less

fortunate than he in their assistants, but nevertheless stand in solidarity with him, by virtue of their common humanity, in dying, the last and universal act of man's life on earth.

Terror Dæmonum | Terror of Demons

According to some exorcists, the name of S. Joseph is efficacious in repelling the power of the fallen angels. Of course, demons hate and fear holiness in all its forms and in each and every one of God's saints, but S. Joseph, set by God's will over the holy family, in the place, if your will, of the Almighty, holds a special terror for the demons, whose first characteristic is their *disobedience*, their ejection of the authority of God. In all his virtues,, S. Joseph contradicts the lure of the unclean spirits, and is on that account his prayers are the more powerful in preserving us from their wiles. Fly to Joseph, then, when you are tempted, and ask his prayer to repel the would-be ruinous powers.

Protector Sancte Ecclesiæ | Protector of Holy Church

The image of the Church as our Mother is at the root of this title of S. Joseph: Mary, Mother of God, is the 'type' of the Church, the mystical Body of Christ: as S. Joseph protected Mary, so he is the Protector of the Church. The Church is Christ's mystical Body: as S. Joseph protected the human Body of Jesus in his infancy and childhood, so too he protects, with his prayers, the mystical Body of Jesus, the Church. As the Holy Family was given to him to guard and guide in an earthly way, so too the 'holy family' of Christ's faithful will know his protection for them by his intercession with the Father.

NOTICES

STANDING

✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting. Do join us for refreshments are served in the Parish Rooms after the 9.30 Mass (left at the church gate, first right after the bridge).

✠ **NEXT SUNDAY** is Easter Sunday. Masses are at the usual times, 9.30, 11.15 (S. Patrick's), and 6pm.

✠ **EASTER DUTY** Catholics who have been admitted to Holy Communion are bound to receive Communion around Easter (from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday).

✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for Children's Liturgy. Speak to Veronica or Libby if you can help.

✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are also needed for the Flower Rota – no experience necessary – please speak to Jacqui if you can help.

✠ **Diocesan VACANCIES:**
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

✠ **GIVING TO THE PARISH** by standing order or online:

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Or via the **DONA MACHINE** by the door.

NEWS

✠ **IT'S HOLY WEEK!** The most solemn time of the Church's year. Times for services can be found in the porch, the external noticeboard, and via email to those on the newsletter list.

✠ **THE ŒCUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCH** group concludes this Wednesday at 12.30, with the final short talk on 'Why I am a Catholic/Anglican?' All welcome to S. Mary's Parish Rooms.

✠ **MISSIO RED BOXES** should be returned to Margaret Maytham, either directly or via the Sacristy at S. Mary's. Contact: 07768465518.

✠ **THE VESTMENT DRIVE** continues. So far three sets have been sponsored, or are in the process of being sponsored. Many thanks to the sponsors thus far.

✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener, Roy Kemp, Agnes Hickey.

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** William Carter, Winifred May Goodman, Claire Vaughan, Kathleen Ballard, Ann Ansell, Hugh O'Connor, Mary O'Connor. **R·I·P·**