



# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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## FIFTH WEEK OF LENT – (A Psalter 1)

### ALL CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In PENZANCE I offer a Private Mass each morning at 8.30 a.m.

#### Mass intentions this week

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>

Tue 31<sup>st</sup>

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

*Reginald Woodrow RIP*

*Colin Baines (49) RIP*

*Keith Pearce RIP*

*Tony Bawden RIP*

*Lorna Sullivan RIP*

*Eric Reeves RIP*

*Janet Daniels RIP*

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 11 a.m

*Thomas O'Neil Kelly & Michael O'Neil Kelly RIP*

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

Tue 7<sup>th</sup>

*Bishop Peter Smith RIP*

*Jessie O'Brien RIP*

It is a great privilege for a priest to be able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily, and you can all seek the fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass through a spiritual communion, using the prayer below This reminds us that Jesus does not abandon His people, but draws near, indeed comes into the heart of each one, if we turn to him.

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

I know many of you look at our website, full of up-to-date information, and where you can stream Mass from various venues. When you are watching, or joining me at home each morning at 8.30 a.m. do use the prayer above at the time of communion.'

**Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary this Sunday at 12 noon and** which will take place in Walsingham, all Catholic Cathedrals, every parish and in as many homes as possible. Do go onto websites, esp. Walsingham to join in. I shall be in church at 12 noon to dedicate our parish.

**Weekly Offering Envelopes** for the new tax year will be available once the lockdown is lifted. Those of you who give via the collection plate each week, would you consider making a payment via cheque to the Presbytery, or you might now like to set up a Standing Order / Direct Debit to our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity, as you will all appreciate that even in these times, regular giving is vital for the bills that will continue to come in!

The **Green Envelopes** are for non- tax payers who want to secure a regular income. Please take a box as and when. Reminder the tax yearend on 31 March, so if possible complete payments before then.

#### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:**

**Freedom from Addiction.** That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**All our parishioners:** For evangelisation in the parish .For all across the world caught up in natural disaster and Corona virus, and all NHS & all other emergency workers For all on our Sacramental programmes of Journey in Faith: First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, & Confirmation.

Our own sick, housebound & those in Hospitals or Hospice: Ray & Christine Blaker, Lynda Cripps, Christine Bunt, Tom Dauncey Jnr, Jackie Corsi, Sue Rowies, Hugo (3), Tony Noonan, Caroline Schofield, Grace Bailey, Fr. Richard Finn O.P. Kathy & Bob Carr, Roy Mulholland, Patsy & John Stevens, John Chamberlain, Christine Knowles, Audrey Evans, Anna Andrews, Sheila Devey. Elliot Slade, Lisa Thomas, Barbara Drew, Eileen Carson, Tony King, Daniel McWilliams & Len Hall, and all lonely in the present crisis.

For those who have died, Eric Reeves & all who mourn.

**Bishop Mark writes:** I know that this is not the kind of Lent any of us expected. It almost seems like we've moved straight into a very long Good Friday, and even that we are moving into a hushed Holy Saturday, where sacraments, apart from the dying, are not celebrated, at least with the people. Let us try to live these days in that vein, knowing that this experience, too, is a participation in the Paschal Mystery. Who knows what grace the Lord will bring down upon us all through the sacrifices we are all having to make these days.

With my prayer, and seeking yours too,

**+Mark Bishop of Plymouth.**

## **Guidance from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales on various matters that concern us.**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

In addition to the earlier guidance it is to be noted that confessions cannot be heard over the telephone. Requests for individual confession may be difficult to meet, given the demands of social distancing and the closure of our churches. Further guidance on this Sacrament is given below in the context of Easter Duties.

### **Dispensation from Easter Duties**

In their letter of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the President and the Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said "*in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.*"

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and by custom, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says *each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year.* The requirement for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion (CIC 916).

As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, and into the future, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that he continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for his children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

### **An Act of Contrition**

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

### **Guidance for the celebration of Holy Week**

Decrees from the Vatican lay down the requirements of how the major ceremonies of Holy Week are to be celebrated, without a congregation. They have been adopted as our own guidelines, by the Bishop Conference of England and Wales, too. Given that they come from the Holy See, they have the highest authority in the Church. They must, therefore, be received with all seriousness by all of us, who are under the authority of the Holy See.

### **Chrism Mass**

The Bishops of England and Wales regard the link to Holy Week as central and so we have agreed not to transfer this to another time of year. We have agreed to a scaled-down celebration of the Chrism Mass, without concelebrants and a congregation. This will take place in this Diocese, in the Cathedral at 12 noon, on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. I will, in due course, circulate a text for clergy to be able to make a personal renewal of their priestly promises. I would be grateful if we could all be present, virtually, whilst that Mass is celebrated. I realise it will be strange to do so, and it will be especially poignant to make a personal renewal of promises where we are. As we do this together, I am sure that you will have uppermost in your minds, the people of the parish.

### **Maundy Thursday**

Mass from the Cathedral will be online. It is proposed that St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham be a focus for national coverage of the streaming of the Watching on Holy Thursday.

### **Good Friday**

Special intentions in the Universal Prayer are being drafted for England and Wales and will be circulated once completed. I will celebrate it in the Cathedral, and it will be online, also.

### **Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**

I will celebrate it in the Cathedral, and also a Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning. Both will be online. All the above are from Plymouth Cathedral with Bishop Mark.

### **All this parish celebrations will be private, but at the normal times for the Mass of the Triduum.**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 11 a.m.**

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8.30 a.m. and Watch the Chrism Mass at 12 noon**

#### **Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 pm**

The Watch of the Passion from St Chad's Birmingham

#### **Good Friday I will read the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. The Solemn Liturgy 3 p.m. (obviously no walks of witness)**

#### **Holy Saturday I will read the office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.**

#### **The Great Easter Vigil at 9.p.m. and Easter Day offer Mass at 11 a.m.**

If you are not watching elsewhere, you are welcome join me at the given times in your own homes, (not in church)

As a priest over 70 the Bishop will not allow us to make any visits. If someone needs the Last Rites, ring me, and one of the younger priests will come to you.

#### **God bless us all and keep us safe and well.**

#### **Hope a few smile lines may help along with prayers.**

**Doggerel:** The caller hesitated by the garden gate, apprehensive about a rather vicious looking dog. "Don't be afraid of him", the owner said reassuringly. "You know the old proverb – a barking dog never bites." "Yes" replied the caller. "You know the proverb and I know the proverb, but does the dog know the proverb?"

**Daring Students.** "I'm tired of this routine existence," said one university student to his friend. "Let's do something extraordinary, startling, magnificent; something that will make our brains whirl and our hearts leap." "Okay," said his friend. And so they studied.