

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (B) Mark 11: 1-10; Is. 50: 4-7; Ps. 21; Phil. 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15, 47	
Saturday 23rd March 2024 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Maureen Saunders RIP (Jim Saunders)	Sunday 24th March 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: Nina Smith RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK Monday 25th March 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls 7:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Tuesday 26th March 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Denis Paul RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Angela Wootton RIP (LSU)
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Wednesday 27th March 2024 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 8:30am: Bridie Moran (K. Jones) followed by Stations of the Cross 11am: <u>NO HOLY MASS AT SHALOM</u> 11:30am: Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral 7:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions	MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday 28th March 2024 8:00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church followed by Confessions 8pm: Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper Kyne Family (B. Haylett) 9:30-11:45pm: Watching with Jesus at the Altar of Repose 11:45pm: Night Prayer/Compline
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) Friday 29th March 2024 8:00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church followed by Confessions 3:00pm: The Celebration of the Passion 6pm: Stations of the Cross	HOLY SATURDAY Saturday 30th March 2024 8:00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church followed by Confessions 11am: <u>NO HOLY MASS AT SHALOM</u>
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B) Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Ps. 117; Col. 3: 1-4 (1. Cor. 5: 6-8) ; John 20: 1-9	
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT Saturday 30th March 2024 7pm: Easter Vigil Abraham Thomas	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Sunday 31st March 2024 7am: Ecumenical Service St. Paulinus Garden of Remembrance 8:00: Holy Rosary 8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP and Regina Bernard RIP 10:30am: People of the Parish



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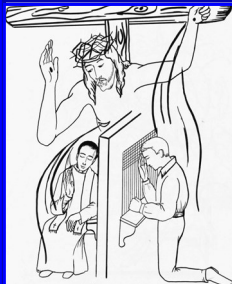
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**“TAKE IT;
THIS IS MY BODY.”**



**“THIS IS MY BLOOD, THE
BLOOD OF THE COVENANT,
which is to be poured out
for many.
I tell you solemnly,
I shall not drink any more
wine until the day I drink
the new wine in
the kingdom of God.”**



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 16TH/17TH MARCH 2024

Gift Aid: £234.50; Card: £45; Loose Plate: £297.53 ATTENDANCE: 175
Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £103.00; Card: £5.00; Loose Plate: £106.28
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Friday 29th March: Good Friday: for the **Papal collection for THE HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE.**

The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centre of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

Next weekend: for the **EASTER OFFERING.**

Your personal gift to your Parish Priest.

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door.

PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.

Thank you for your care and support. *Fr. David.*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church year. It highlights the peak moments of Christ's love for us, gives us an opportunity to look at our lives and accept responsibility for our sins. The passion story spells out the last events of the life of Jesus and makes clear the price He paid for our sins. He was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter and abandoned by all. In loneliness He reached out for companionship and support to the Father but there was nothing to comfort Him: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" His death on the Cross reminds us that there is a God towards whom we journey and whose friendship we seek. Every Christian becomes aware that in his own life he has to meet the same fate as Jesus. He must join in Christ's suffering and death in order to share his glory. The road to eternal life will not bypass the hill of Calvary. Our victory, like Christ's, comes only through the Cross.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

George Clements, George Stickings, William Hand, Maureen McGrath, Grace Foley, Joan Baillie, Geraldine Mary Collins, Claire Carter, Mary O'Halloran, Margaret Murphy, Jane Finch, Michael Kelly, Desmond Barnes, Ernie Callahan, Sister Finbarr Mary Egan, Catherine Boyd, James Boyd, Bernadette Connolly, Robert Rawlings, Beatrice Sinclair, Michael Claridge, Elizabeth Doyle, Arthur Whitaker, Albert Coley, Peter O'Grady, Kathleen Twomey, Kathleen Riley, Anne Frances Shaw.

JESUS IS KING!

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to His passion and death. Yet Jesus is King and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of His resurrection.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Thank you to all those who supported the **St. Patrick's Day lunch.** Special thanks to **Martin** and **Terry** who prepared and cooked the lunch and to **Anne-Marie** for serving a busy bar.

It was made special by being able to welcome **Fr. John Ryan** to the club after a 10 year absence. Fr. John was instrumental in getting the club up and running again after its closure.

PLEASE NOTE THE CLUB IS CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SATURDAY THE 29TH AND 30TH MARCH BUT OPEN 12NOON TO 4PM ON EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH.

Join us for the next **Bingo** session on Sunday 7th April eyes down at 12.15pm.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024/25

The new Gift Aid Boxes will be available to collect after all Masses this weekend **23RD/24TH MARCH.**

Please can all members of the Gift Aid Scheme who pay by standing order and offering envelope please see either Michael Whitaker or Alex Rees in **the Reception Area** to collect their boxes.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY

The collection at the Easter Vigil Mass and on Easter Sunday are by custom given for the support of Priests in parish ministries.

With the Christmas offering it forms the main source of income of parish clergy in the Archdiocese who do not receive a wage throughout the year. Envelopes are available in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST. ANSELM'S, DARTFORD

The 9 day Divine Mercy Devotion will begin at St. Anselm's Dartford on Good Friday, 29th March. The prayers are said before every Holy Mass as well as at 3 o'clock devotions every day and night prayer at 9pm. These prayers can be seen online **www.churchservices.tv/dartford** and we commend these Devotions to you especially for the next two weeks.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Preparation for **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY RETREAT** at **AYLESFORD PRIORY, AYLESFORD, Kent** on **Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10am to 4:30pm.** The Retreat includes teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on **07957 594 646** for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Jackie Santo, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Mick Murphy, Pat Goodwin, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?