

# REFLECTION

*Christ entered in triumph into His own city to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, die and rise again . . . Let us remember with devotion this entry which began His saving work . . . and let us follow Him with a lively faith.*



These words from the liturgy on Palm Sunday introduce not only the day, but they also provide an excellent summary of the principal themes of Holy Week.

First we are told that “Christ entered His city to suffer, die and rise again.” This draws our attention to the very core of Holy Week, the Paschal Mystery, in which Jesus suffered and died for our sins and then rose again in glory. These are the events that manifested God’s special love for us, events that accomplished our salvation.

These are the events that form the heart of the Christian Faith. Our faith is certainly founded on the great deeds of the past, but those deeds also point us inevitably to the future. The victory of Christ lifts our hearts and minds beyond the limited horizon of the present moment with all of its difficulties and problems, to the future we anticipate as followers of Christ, an ever-so-peaceful future. It seems to me that our troubled world needs that vision, that hope, now as much as ever.

The Palm Sunday introduction then invites us to “remember with devotion” Christ’s entry into Jerusalem, words that apply just as well, it seems to me, to the entire week. In other words, Palm Sunday sets the stage for the drama that would follow.

On Holy Thursday we gather with the Disciples around the Lord’s Table to celebrate the Last Supper and to thank God for the holy gifts He gave us on that occasion – the Eucharist, His own body and blood which would be sacrificed on Calvary the next day; and the Ministerial Priesthood, in which He chooses and consecrates men to be good and holy shepherds, to share in His sacrificial ministry of God’s People.

On Good Friday we enter into the Passion of the Christ who endured rejection, humiliation and intense physical pain for the forgiveness of our sins. We follow Jesus as He carries His cross and with Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, we stand at the foot of the cross to witness the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God. How can we not be moved if we recognize our responsibility for the death of Christ. “It was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured,” The Prophet Isaiah pointedly reminds us.

During the Easter Vigil, in the darkness of the night, we await at the tomb of the Lord for His promised Resurrection. We immerse ourselves in the symbols of the liturgy – the new fire, the word, the water, the holy oils, and the bread and wine – all of which point us to Christ and help us to understand and share in the reality of His death and resurrection.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE HERE DURING THE EASTER TRIDUUM. The Easter Vigil is a very moving liturgy which I encourage you to be present at. You can’t experience the joy of the Resurrection if you have not experienced the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.



**OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
HEALD GREEN  
Saturday 13th. April 2019  
(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm  
Sunday 14th. April 2019**



## Intentions

Sat	13th. Apr	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord.	Vigil Mass 5.30pm Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Pat Shanahan RIP Parishioners Gerry Dwan RIIP
Sun	14th Apr			
Mon	15th Apr	Monday of Holy Week	Confessions 6.30—6.50 pm. Mass 10 am Mass 7 p.m.	Bernadette Wilson RIP Souls in Purgatory
Tue	16th Apr	Tuesday of Holy Week	Confessions 6.30—6.50 pm. Mass 10 am Mass 7 p.m.	Abraham 11th Anniv RIP Anne Carty RIP
Wed	17th Apr	Wednesday of Holy Week	Mass 10 am CHRISM MASS 7 P.M. ST. ANTHONY’S WYTHENSHAW	Gerry Dwan RIP
Thu	18th Apr	Holy Thursday	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10 am Mass of Last Supper 8 p.m. Silent Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until Night Prayer at 11.50 p.m.	Hugh Hillis RIP
Fri	19th Apr	Good Friday	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10 am Children’s Liturgy in Parish Hall at 11 am The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3pm Stations of the Cross 7pm	.
Sat	20th Apr	Holy Saturday	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10 am THE EASTER VIGIL 7 p.m.	Gerard McAndry

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on as shown above in the week. No confessions at weekend. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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**Next Week : EASTER SUNDAY**

**Saturday 20th April 2019 Easter Vigil Mass 7 p.m.  
Sunday 21st. April 2019 Mass at 9am & 11am**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS SUNDAY

Taizé worship for Lent  
Heald Green Methodist church  
Brown Lane 6.30 pm

If wishing to sing with the choir **5.30**

### LADIES CLUB 25th April 2-4pm

Talk by Victor Crawford –Amazing Women Pilots.

### SEATS AVAILABLE FOR LADIES CLUB OUTING

to Oswaldtwistle Mill and the Ribble Valley on the 9th May. Cost £15 contact Joy Ellis 07779 974 154 or Collette McAndry 07775 676 371

### DAY OF DIVINE MERCY.

#### Sunday 28th April.

This special celebration will be held at Holy Angels Church in Hale Barns. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1.30pm and Confessions from 2pm.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. Novena Prayer leaflets are available at the back of church.

**THE CELEBRATE NORTH WEST FAMILY** conference April 27-28 All Hallows College Macclesfield. For further information, please phone Chris and Martina on 01706 640 359, or email them at [north-west@celebrateconference.org](mailto:north-west@celebrateconference.org) or go to [www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/northwest/](http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/northwest/)

## Children's Liturgy



## of the Word

### **CHILDREN IN CHURCH**

#### **PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT OF CHURCH WITH YOUR CHILDREN.**

As a church family we love seeing the children in church. We want to encourage parents to bring their children (families) to the front of church. The children can see better what is happening and it means there is no overcrowding in the church foyer. It is also easier for mums and dads if the children need to be taken out for the toilet etc. Do not worry if your child has difficulty sitting still or being quiet it is more important that they get accustomed to coming and being made welcome.

### **PARISH PRIZE DRAWER WINNERS**

#### **March:**

1st Prize Mary Satchell  
2nd Prize Pauline Crowther

#### **April**

1st Prize Susan Loader  
2nd Prize Celine Connolly  
Your winnings can be collected from the Parish Office

### **Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes**

The envelopes for the 2019/20 tax year are now available for collection in the porch. They should be used from 7th April. If you would like to give regularly by envelope or standing order, please contact the office and fill in the appropriate forms.

### **VACANCIES**

#### **ST AMBROSE COLLEGE HALE BARNs**

Teachers required  
[www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)

#### **SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER. ST.PAULS**

Wythenshawe

#### **CHEADLE CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL**

are recruiting for a permanent head teacher. Full application details can be found at [www.chedale-jun.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.chedale-jun.stockport.sch.uk) There is a poster in the porch. Closing date 13th May

**CARITAS 2 X PART TIME** (21hrs & 28hrs term time only) EARLY HELP SUPPORT WORKERS SCP21 - £19,742 pro rata P/T and TTO Funded until March 2021 Plus, essential car allowance Wirral based SHREWSBURY DIOCESE  
**Deputy Director of Schools**  
**an application form please visit <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>**

**FOR ALL SEE NOTICE BOARD IN THE PORCH**

### **Nurses required for Chester Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The Chester Across Group has vacancies for two nurses to travel to Lourdes overland by Jumbulance on Thu 29th Aug to Sat 7th Sept.

The cost for nurses is £375 but help is available if this cannot be afforded.

There are still a small number of vacancies for helpers and sick or disabled people, and there are alternative dates for local pilgrimages.

The pilgrimage is organised by our charity Across. See our website [www.across.org.uk](http://www.across.org.uk) or Facebook page Liverpool & Chester Across.

To find out more, please contact Group Leader Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk)

### **EASTER CARDS AND FIRST COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS**

Are available at the Piety Stall in the porch

### **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Andrea Lomas will be available on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm for anyone wishing to discuss arrangements.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome the families and friends of **FELICITY MAY MELLOR** who is to be baptised this weekend. Please pray for her and her family

**LENT**— is moving on—so what have you done and what have you planned?

#### **Why not :**

- Attend an extra weekday mass
- Follow the way of Jesus in Stations of the Cross each Friday
- Make sure you fast on Wednesdays & Fridays
- Spend 5 minutes each day quietly praying to God
- Attend the Lent course on Tuesdays

### **WEEKDAY EVENING MASS DURING LENT**

St Chad's—Tuesdays 7.30pm  
St Ann's Wednesdays 7.30pm

### **MARIE L WHITE requiem 25TH APRIL 10am**

**EASTER ROTAS FOR ALL MINISTERS ARE IN A TRAY IN THE PORCH— PLEASE TAKE ONE IF YOU ARE LISTED.**

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to contribute to the flowers at Easter, please use the envelopes or box in the porch.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration

**ROSARY** Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** is prayed prior to 10 am weekday Mass or Service of the Word & Communion.