

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY
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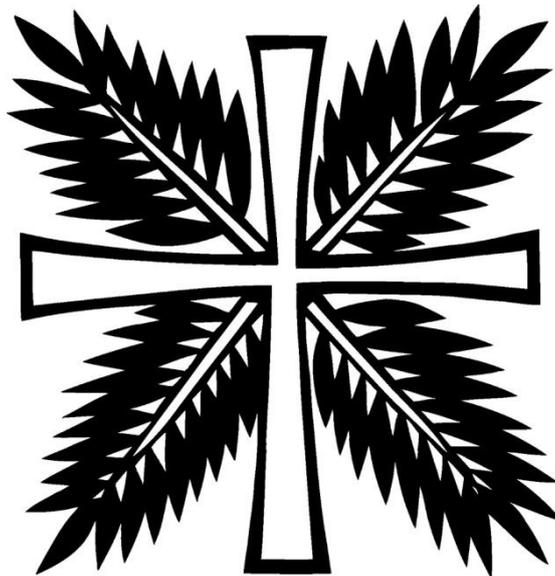
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SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021
PALM SUNDAY



Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Gospel (Mark 15: 33 – 39)

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.



And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

Reflection

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will.

Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial. He predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers.

After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

Diocesan Prayer Link:

St Gerard Majella, Knowle, Christ the King, Knowle West

Churches Together Prayer Rota:

St Bartholomew, Nympsfield

Parish Prayer Rota:

The children of our parishes

Cam and Dursley Churches Together: United Lent services 2021 via Zoom

Sunday 28 March at 6pm

'Father into your hands...' Luke 23.46

Led by Phil Greenow

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday

Saturday 27 March: Mass 5.30 pm at St Joseph's

Sunday 28 March: Mass 10.30 am at St Dominic's

(note that there will be no mass at St Dominic's on Wednesday 31 March)

Chrism Mass: Wednesday 31 March, 11 am at Clifton Cathedral

Lay people wishing to attend in person are invited to reserve a place on eventbright.co.uk which will go live from 4th week of Lent. There will be a link on the Cathedral website which can be found at cliftoncathedral.org. Places will be limited to 250 people to ensure that social distancing can be maintained.

The Easter Triduum

We look forward to welcoming as many people as possible to our celebrations at St Dominic's and St Joseph's

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00 pm at St Dominic's

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3.00 pm at St Dominic's

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8.30 pm at St Dominic's

Easter Sunday: Mass 9.00 am at St Joseph's

Mass 10.30 am at St Dominic's

To ensure the safety of all who participate in these services:

- The services will be shorter than the usual ones; the Bishops' Conference has authorised the omission of certain parts of the liturgy
- Face coverings must be worn
- Use of sanitiser on entry and exit is essential
- No interaction is allowed indoors between people from different households

Numbers will also be limited to ensure social distancing. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT YOU BOOK A PLACE BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE ON [542039](tel:542039) OR BY EMAILING dursley.stdominic@cliftondiocese.com

If are you not able to attend these services, they will all be livestreamed from Clifton Cathedral

Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God



In place of our usual Lent Study Group, this year we invite you to take time during Lent to make a journey through the Bible with David McLoughlin. A short introduction to this week's material is below – there is a link to the whole meditation on the Parish website. You might like to make these reflections part of a longer time of prayer and meditation – you might even like to link up with someone else to share your thoughts

Week 7: Paul and the Letters

The New Testament Letters, mainly of Paul, show how the renewal of heart has happily started and how salvation happens, in different places, with different people being freed from the particular realities that bind them. They speak of how the power of “the God’s” Spirit has been poured out on the world from the first Pentecost onwards, and is active still. These Scriptures help us to discern whether what is happening now is in the same Spirit. They reveal what lives lived in the form of Jesus Christ look like.

For further study... the Bible reading, some background information and a reflection are available on the Parish website dursleynympsfieldrcparish.co.uk

First Communion

We hope to hold classes for Holy Communion during May and June and to celebrate the Sacrament the weekend 3rd/4th July. Classes will be held at St. Joseph's School, Nympsfield and in the Parish Hall at St. Dominic's, Dursley. These classes are for those children who started the course last Spring.

We shall set up a new programme for children currently in Y3 and Y4 in the Autumn.

Details will follow as soon as possible. This will all depend on Covid restrictions and whether we can find suitable dates and times. We are sorry that we cannot be more precise at this time.

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Missio Red Boxes

Please will anyone with a red box try to hand it in for emptying by Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday). Boxes can be left with Father Philip at the Presbytery or you can contact me on 01453 547834 to make arrangements for it to be collected from you. Thank you all very much. Mary Cryan

Holiday Activities and Food Project: Volunteers Needed

#teamwiggly need over 200 volunteers to help prepare Family Meal Kits for those who need a little extra help with food over Easter. Would you like to volunteer? Join us for half a day ... or more!

Contact haf.wigglyworm@gmail.com for more details