

5 April 2020 : Palm Sunday : Divine Office Week 3

Masses

Please see the calendar for Mass intentions and Mass times this week.

If you want Mass said for a particular intention, then [email it to me](#) and I'll publish the intentions in the calendar. Fr Darren Carden is saying daily Mass, without a congregation, every day at Hornby at 9:00 am.

Your Prayers are asked for:

Lately dead:

Anne Lavis, Malcolm Bradshaw and Elizabeth Steel.

Those Whose Anniversaries are at this time:

Josephine O'Donnell, Arnold Roscoe, Theresa Aindow, Joe Stephenson, Eileen Darcy, Hubert Barry, Charlotte Wolstenholme, William Rogerson and Joan Elliot.

The Sick of the Parishes:

Brian Byrne, Sarah Adam, Veronica Law, Dennis Brown, Graham Jubb, Paul Shuttleworth, Keith and Alexa Wightman, Sarah Mason, Cynthia McPherson, Kevin Casey, Esther Castle, Chris Broadhurst, Joan Randall, Hazel Waring, Eric and Nina Ireland, Frances McKenzie, Sandie Hardy, Elizabeth Ackerley, Pepe Casanova, Karen Parkinson, Margaret Aspin, Bruce Kay, Colette Calveley, Lucy Ball, Maggie Trimble, Pauline O'Toole, Roberta Whiteside, Alan White.

Blessed Palms

As there's no public Mass on Palm Sunday, there'll be no distribution of palms. Fr Darren, however, is leaving a supply of blessed palms at each of the 3 churches for collection during your daily walk. They'll be in plastic bags to avoid any possibility of contamination.

Online Masses

Mike & Maire Gara are enjoying this one: www.catholic-chaplaincy.org.uk/live-stream-of-masses 6:00 pm daily.

Spiritual Communion

Please see our Prayers and Liturgy page for the Act of Spiritual Communion.

Holy Week at Home

Fr Andrew from St Clare's in Preston has done a helpful video for holy week with also some resources.

<https://www.saintclares.co.uk/index.php/news/1017-holy-week-at-home>

From Deacon Paul Broadbent:

I have provided this short series of daily reflections as an aid to personal meditation and prayer, in addition to the various media and online resources being provided.

It has just been released as a Kindle ebook and text publication

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B086MFD3B?ref=pe_3052080_397514860

Dispensation

At this time, the bishop has dispensed all Catholics in the diocese from the requirement to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, until further notice. He has also suspended the requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays (except Good Friday which should be a special day of prayer and fasting, subject to the usual fasting rules with regard to age, etc), and says that this year we are dispensed from our Easter Duties because of the health emergency.

All the bishops of England and Wales have suggested that at this time we make an Act of Perfect Contrition, as we cannot currently celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our bishop says, "I urge all the faithful in my diocese to make a perfect act of contrition at this time, noting that perfect contrition 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".

Act of Contrition

The following or similar formula should be used: 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.

Holy Week Services

The Holy See has issued the following instructions for Holy Week (edited): "Given that the date of Easter cannot be transferred, in the countries which have been struck by the disease and where restrictions around the assembly and movement of people have been imposed, bishops and priests may celebrate the rites of Holy Week **without the presence of the people**. The faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the celebrations ([see calendar](#)) so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. They can also watch live services on television or the internet.

- 1 - **Palm Sunday**. The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated.
- 2 - **Holy Thursday**. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession is also omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle.
- 3 – **Good Friday**. In the Universal Prayer, Bishops will arrange to have a special intention prepared for those who find themselves in distress, the sick, the dead. There is no public adoration of the Cross.
- 4 – **The Easter Vigil** is to be celebrated in parish churches.

Zoom the Rosary

Tuesdays, 5:45 for 6:00 pm – if you look in the calendar on the website, you'll see the details. Open up the event, and there's a [link you can click](#) to get to the group. It was lovely to see people last week, and to know they were OK. Don't be scared of the technology – it's actually very simple, but none of us really knows what we're doing, so you won't look silly if you don't quite get the hang of it first time!

PCC Meeting

The AGM of the PCC was scheduled for the 27th April, but obviously that can't happen as normal. Further news to follow.

God bless, stay home, stay well