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(This week's notices/times are at the back of this booklet)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sunday 9th April 2017

✠ All Masses begin in the Hall this weekend ✠

As the Priest and servers enter the hall, all sing:

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens. (x2)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Blessing of Palms with Holy Water

Gospel – Matt 21:1-11 – Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Procession

Holding blessed palm crosses, we process into the Church, singing:

Majesty, worship his majesty,

unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.

Majesty, kingdom, authority, flows from his throne,

unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus,

magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died,

now glorified, King of all kings.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Gospel Acclamation: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26:14 - 27:66) *ALL join in the 'C' sections marked in **bold***

N. One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said:

O. What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

N. They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him. Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

C. Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

N. He replied:

✠ Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.'

N. The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

✠ I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

N. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

C. Not I, Lord, surely?

N. He answered:

✠ Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born

N. Judas, who was to betray him; asked in his turn,

O. Not I, Rabbi, surely?

N. Jesus answered:

✠ They are your own words.

N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

✠ Take it and eat; this is my body.

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:

✠ Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✠ You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered, but after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N. At this, Peter said:

O. Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

N. Jesus answered him,

✠ I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

N. Peter said to him,

O. Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N. And all the disciples said the same. Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

✠ Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them:

✠ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:

✠ My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

✠ So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

✠ My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N. And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

✠ You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.

N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large

number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said:

O. The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.

N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said:

O. Greetings, Rabbi,

N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

✠ My friend, do what you are here for.

N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:

✠ Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?

N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:

✠ Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away. The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O. This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'

N. The high priest then stood up and said to him:

O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him:

O. I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

N. Jesus answered:

✠ The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:

O. He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

N. They answered:

C. He deserves to die.

N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him:

C. Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:

O. You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

O. I do not know what you are talking about.

N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:

O. This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

N. And again, with an oath, he denied it,

O. I do not know the man.

N. A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

O. You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

N. Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

O. I do not know the man.

N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O. I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

N. They replied:

C. What is that to us? That is your concern.

N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

C. It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood-money.

N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

✠ It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said:

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C. His blood be on us and on our children.

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified. The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed

with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way. From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

✠ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is:

✠ My God, my God, why have you deserted me?

N. When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. The man is calling on Elijah,

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*At the moment of Christ's death we pause and **KNEEL** for a few moments of silence.*

✠ PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE KNEELERS DOWN ✠

for this moment of prayer.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the

other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C. Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

Homily

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Presentation of the Gifts

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who I am, that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know,
but, O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King;
then *Crucify* is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease and 'gainst him rise

5. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have:
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine,
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Holy Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Mystery of Faith

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
then I am dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.



Recessional Hymn

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?
Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

***We conclude quietly and prayerfully at
the beginning of Holy Week.***

The Hall Café is closed this Sunday as Holy Week begins.

Items ordered from the repository may be collected from the Hall.

St Martin's Parish Notices

Easter offering envelopes may be found at the back of Church. The Easter offering is for your parish priest and is much appreciated.

All are welcome at the reconciliation service at St Joseph's, Gardenia Avenue, this Monday at 7:00pm. There will be seven priests available to hear confessions.

HOLY TUESDAY – FINAL DVD at 7:15pm in the Hall

Michelangelo – *The Artist*

This master of sculpture and painting is not a saint but represents the creative potential encouraged by the Catholic Faith. The Church professes that beauty is a route of access to God, and through humanity's artistry we glimpse the power and glory of the Lord.



Please take a leaflet with the times of all the services in Holy Week.

The times are also on the back of this booklet.

Holy Week Church Cleaning... There will be a major clean of the Church on Wednesday 12th April, at 10:30am. Please come and help if you are free.

Good Friday Walk of Witness... All are invited to come and join in! The procession starts at 10:20am at St Hugh's; it goes on to Dominic Square and arrives here at St Martin's at around 11:45am, followed by tea and hot cross buns.

Friday Lunch Club is taking a break for the next three Fridays, and will return on Friday 5th May. During Lent, the lunch club raised £375 for CAFOD. Congratulations to all.

Anne Mead writes... *"A big **thank you** to all of you who sponsored me on the Keech Hospice walk. In spite of the cold it was well worth it! So far £159 has been raised with more to come. The total will be known after Easter. Thanks again!"*

Counters this week: Team 1 – Anne Mead & Diane Casey

Counters next week: Fr Michael & John Jephcott

Cleaning this week: ALL HELPERS on Wednesday after 10:00am Mass

Cleaning next week: Team 2 – Charismatic Prayer Group

Last Weekend's Offerings: £1001.55 – *Thank you.*

Easter Flowers Collection: £231.33 – *Thank you.*

Holy Week Masses & Services

	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>	
Saturday	6:30pm	Mass: The People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00am	Mass: Albina Prosper, RIP
	11.00am	Mass: Desi Lynch, RIP
Monday	<i>Holy Monday</i>	
	<i>9:30am</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	<u>10:00am</u>	Mass: Jim Fenlon, RIP
	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	Reconciliation Service (at St Joseph's)
Tuesday	<i>Holy Tuesday</i>	
	<u>10:00am</u>	Funeral Mass: Josephine Nagle, RIP
	<i>6:30pm</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	<i>7:15pm</i>	<i>DVD in the Hall: Michelangelo</i>
Wednesday	<i>Spy Wednesday</i>	
	<i>9:30am</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	<u>10:00am</u>	Mass: Aris & Noemi Barrion (25 years)
	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Confessions - <u>last before Easter</u></i>
	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Church Cleaning - all offers of help welcome</i>
<i>PASCHAL TRIDUUM</i>		
Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
	<u>7:30pm</u>	Mass: Patrick Kelly, RIP
		<i>Watching at the Altar of Repose until 12 (Hall)</i>
	<i>11:45pm</i>	<i>Compline</i>
Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>	
	<i>10:20am</i>	<i>Procession starting at St Hugh's</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Procession continues at Dominic Square</i>
	<i>11:45am</i>	<i>Procession concludes at St Martin's</i>
	<u>3:00pm</u>	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	<i>Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection</i>	
	<u>8:30pm</u>	Mass: Calignawan family (in thanksgiving)
<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>		
Sunday	9:00am	Eileen Lana Burford, RIP
	11:00am	Charlotte Seery (birthday)

On **Sunday 23rd April** (Divine Mercy Sunday), from **2:00pm - 3:30pm**, we will hold a Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, with a talk and confessions, enthronement of the image, followed by the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in song - then tea in the Hall.