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PALM SUNDAY

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Is 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9.17-20.23-24
Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Lk 22:14-23:56



PALM SUNDAY: When does Lent end? That depends on how you measure it. Forty days of fasting (excluding Sundays) takes us to Holy Saturday (NOT 'Easter Saturday'!!!) and the Easter Vigil. However, the last two weeks of Lent (Passiontide) can be considered as a separate season. Holy Week or 'the Great Week' and the *Triduum Sacrum* (the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) can also be considered separately so you may read that Lent finishes before Thursday! In his pastoral letter last Sunday the Bishop reflected on the significance of each day of Holy Week and several times made the comment 'He [Jesus] will be there, will you?' Many people come only to the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion but miss out on the Maundy (from *Mandatum novum* – 'a new commandment') or washing of feet as a reminder that for all of the mutual service of love must be central to our discipleship, and the opportunity to reflect on the institution of the Eucharist and spend some time with the Lord in prayer as we remember his time in the Garden of Gethsemane. Although we always have good crowds on Easter Day it would be wonderful to have more – and especially older children – at the Easter Vigil. It is long – two hours – but for those who have not experienced it an opportunity to celebrate the meaning of Easter at greater depth. Liturgy can be exciting without the need for gimmicks even with the limited resources of a small parish!

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **John Oliver, Catherine Upson, Michael Matrejek, Edith Waite, Sr. Mary Celestine, Eileen Murphy** and **Timmy Brown** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS AT TIPTREE: This year, in place of a walk of witness there will be a static display at the Centre. Passers by will be given a daffodil in bud to place in a cross covered with wire and to say a prayer. The idea being that these will have opened out into a blaze of gold on Easter Sunday. This will take place between 9.45 and 11.45 a.m. A small number of people are needed to cover this period and hand out leaflets with service times as well as daffodils. Those helping are asked to bring with them a bunch of daffodils in bud to hand out. If anyone would like to represent the Catholic community during this time please let me know – we need to ensure that there is cover for the whole period.

MASS FOR THE DEAF: Sister Margaret writes: *"Dear Fr Gordon, Thank you very much for your warm welcome yesterday. The people were so responsive and flexible. The music group had worked hard to accommodate us and, in spite of some of their nerves, all went well. Fr Frank signed beautifully as usual. Some of your people were asking if we could come every month and when we come again can we teach them to sign some of the hymns before hand. The refreshments were most welcome and I am only sorry that so few of our deaf community managed to join us."*

POPE FRANCIS' COAT OF ARMS AND MOTTO: These are the same as when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires – apart from the special mitre and crossed keys. A gold star and sprig of spikenard, symbolising Our Lady and St Joseph, figure on a blue (azure) background beneath the emblem of the Society of Jesus (the first three letters of the Name of Jesus – in Greek- with the cross and nails on a golden sun). The motto is *Miserando et eligendo*. This is from Venerable Bede's sermon on Matthew 9 - on the call of St Matthew. The Lord came to show mercy. "Jesus, therefore, saw the publican, and because he saw by having mercy and by choosing, He said to him, 'Follow me'". We ask, when reading about what Christ did, "How did Jesus come to pick Matthew?" He called Matthew a) by having compassion and b) by making a decision. So the then new Bishop Bergoglio chose a motto to describe how he would go



about being a bishop: he would be a bishop by showing compassion and by making decisions... *miserando atque eligendo*. He was probably thinking about how he felt himself to have been selected by God to follow Him: because God was merciful to Him and because God selected Him. Thus, as a bishop, He would do the same: show mercy and make choices. Perhaps the best translation is: "By showing compassion and by choosing". This homily "has a particular meaning in life and the spiritual journey of the Pope," the Vatican said. "In fact on the Feast of St. Matthew [September 21] in the year 1953, the young Jorge Mario Bergoglio experienced at the age of 17 years, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life. Following a confession, he felt his heart touched and sensed the descent of the mercy of God, who with a look of tender love, called him to the religious life, following the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In these few, spare words, we are told of an experience which transformed the life of young Jorge. He felt his heart "touched" and he "sensed" the "descent of the mercy of God." He felt, "in a very special way," the "loving presence of God in his life." He felt, we are told, as if God were gazing upon him, "with a look of tender love." These are all the elements of a personal experience of Christ (for Christ is God, and Christ is God's mercy). These are the elements of a mystical, life-transforming experience of God's actual presence. These are the elements of an experience of meeting God, face to face. This is the secret of Pope Francis: that he experienced personally, in a powerful way, the goodness and mercy of God, and found the experience so powerful, that it changed his entire life, led him to become a priest, a Jesuit, and now the Bishop of Rome and head of the Church."

LENTEN SERVICE: St John Payne School's Lenten Service is a presentation of our Lord's journey to the cross entitled: "Born for This" *music by Rolinson, Boyce and Stanley*. It will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Upper School Hall. Friends of the school are very welcome to attend this spiritual preparation for Easter.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 17th March - £992.17.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 24th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Deceased members Bradley, Moran & Kilbane Families <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 25th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
TUESDAY 26th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Mary Purcell (anniversary) <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 27th March	Kelvedon <i>Cathedral</i>	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	James Sheldrake RIP <i>Mass of Chrism</i>
THURSDAY 28th March <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet (Maundy) and procession to altar of repose. Watching in prayer until midnight</i>
FRIDAY 29th March <i>Good Friday</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with veneration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SATURDAY 30th March <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree Kelvedon	9.30-10.00 a.m. 10.30-11.00 a.m. 11.30-12.00 noon 8.00 p.m.	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>Easter Vigil Mass with blessing of new fire and the Paschal candle, the Prophecies, blessing of font and renewal of baptismal promises</i>
SUNDAY 31st March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Liam O'Connor RIP Private Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday SEE ABOVE