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The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A – 13 April 2014

Entrance: *Replaced by the Solemn Entrance, (9:30am), and the Simple Entrance, (11:30am)*

Responsorial psalm: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel: *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. 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. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.*

Communion: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done*



Holy Week

Holy Week, which for Christians is the most important week of the year, gives us the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the central events of the Redemption, to relive the Paschal Mystery, the great Mystery of faith... the solemn liturgical rites will help us to meditate more vividly on the Passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord in the days of the Holy Triduum of Easter, the cornerstone of the entire liturgical year.

May divine grace open our hearts to an understanding of the invaluable gift of salvation, obtained for us by Christ's sacrifice.

How marvellous and at the same time surprising this mystery is! We can never sufficiently meditate on this reality. In spite of being God, Jesus does not want to make his divine prerogative an exclusive possession; he does not want to use his being as God, his glorious dignity and his power, as an instrument of triumph and a sign of remoteness from us. On the contrary, "he empties himself", taking on the wretched and weak human condition. In this regard Paul uses a rather evocative Greek verb to indicate the *kénosis*, this humbling of Jesus'. In Christ the divine form (*morphé*) was hidden beneath the human form, that is, beneath our reality marked by suffering, by poverty, by our human limitations and by death. His radical, true sharing in our nature, a sharing in all things save sin, led him to that boundary which is the sign of our finiteness, death. However, all this was not the fruit of an obscure mechanism or blind fatality: rather, it was his own free choice, through generous adherence to the Father's saving plan. And the death he went to meet, Paul adds, was that of crucifixion, the most humiliating and degrading death imaginable. The Lord of the universe did all this out of love for us: out of love he chose "to empty himself" and make himself our brother; out of love he shared our condition, that of every man and every woman. Theodoret of Cyrus, a great witness of the Oriental tradition, wrote on this subject: "*being God and God by nature and having equality with God he did not consider this something great, as do those who have received some honour greater than that which they deserve but, concealing his merits, he chose the most profound humility and took the form of a human being*"

The prelude to the Easter Triduum ... is the solemn Chrism Mass, which the Bishop celebrates with his priests in the morning, and during which the priestly promises pronounced on the day of Ordination are renewed. This is a gesture of great value, an especially favourable opportunity in which priests reaffirm their personal fidelity to Christ who has chosen them as his ministers. Again, during the Chrism Mass the oil of the sick and that of the catechumens will be blessed and the Chrism consecrated. These are rites that symbolically signify the fullness of Christ's Priesthood and the ecclesial communion that must inspire the Christian people gathered for the Eucharistic sacrifice and enlivened in unity by the gift of the Holy Spirit. **(Taken from the Angelus Message of Pope Benedict XVI on Palm Sunday, 2009)**

Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

The numbers drawn for week 44 were 43, 44, 23 & 11 – no winner
Tote sales will resume today
Prize money for week 1 is £145.00 and five numbers to be drawn

Second collection: not today

Funeral Arrangements: the funeral service of Mrs Ellen Sloane will take place at 11:00 am on Tuesday. Please remember Mrs Sloane and her family in your prayers - *Requiescat in pace*

Tuesday Devotions: the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary afterwards

Wednesday: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am and 9:30am; Confession is available from 7:00pm till 8:00pm; Lenten talk at 8:00pm – *The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus* by Dr Scott Hahn

Churches Together Walk of Witness: on Good Friday, begins at 10.30 a.m. from Hereford Cathedral

W Kościele Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: poświęcenie pokarmów Wielkanocnych odbędzie się 19.04.2014 o godzinie 13:00. Informacja dla kierowców – prośba o nieparkowanie pojazdów na parkingu FARMFOOD, ponieważ jest to parking tylko dla klientów

Thank you: to all involved in making last Tuesday such a success. The Archbishop was most impressed. To all the ladies who worked behind the scenes – we salute you!

Archbishop George: has recorded a series of short video reflections for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. They will be made available on the archdiocesan website, our Facebook page, Twitter, YouTube and Vimeo. Each will be released on the appropriate day

Divine Mercy Sunday: the annual afternoon devotions to Divine Mercy will be celebrated here on 27th April, starting at 1:30 pm – please see poster above the newsletter pile for details

Curry and Quiz Night: Saturday, 17th May - tickets on sale after Mass, cost £4.00 per person, children under 12 free. Teams of 4-6

Hereford Food Bank: many thanks for continuing to support the Food Bank so generously. Unfortunately we are as busy as ever. We need all sorts of tinned and packaged food, but in particular we desperately need more baby food, disposable nappies, long life fruit juices, tins of hot meat and packets of rice. More information from the Food Bank (01432 353347) or Phil King (01432 276365)

The 'Life Pregnancy Care Service' based in Hereford, has reopened its Charity Shop at 42 Eign Gate, opposite 'Poundstretchers' to help with donations and selling clothes, CDs, DVDs, books, toys, bric-a-brac, baby clothes and nursery equipment. We are desperate for volunteers to help in the shop, either on the retail floor or helpers in the sorting room, with incoming donations & ironing/steaming for retail; either one or two days a week, or help with 2 hours or up to 4 hours plus. Please let us know if you can help us keep the vital work of 'Life' going in Hereford, Contact: Carmyle Cross, shop manager 842800 or Felicity Davies 269161. As always donations are very welcome, collection service provided on request

Into Africa: the collection at last Sunday's mission appeal raised **£537.04** for the White Fathers. Thank you!

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm; watching at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 pm

Good Friday: (Day of Fast and Abstinence), Solemn Stations of the Cross 11:00 am; Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm; Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Easter Saturday: Easter Vigil 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday: Mass at 9:30 am and 11:30 am – N.B. there will be no evening Mass

Holy Week

Psalter: Week II and Sacred Triduum

Today:

9:30 am Stanley Addison
11:30 am Anthony Bunclark
6:30 pm

Monday 14 April 9:30 am Mass – David Thomas
Lent

Tuesday 15 April 7:00 pm Mass – Ellen Sloane
Lent

Wednesday, 16 April 7:00 am Mass – Int Katie Richardson
Lent
9:30 am Mass – *see Fr Roman*

Thursday, 17 April 7:00 pm Mass – Parish Clergy Int
Maundy Thursday

Friday, 18 April *See opposite page for details*
Good Friday

Saturday, 19 April 9:00 pm Mass – Shirley Walters
Holy Saturday

Sunday, 20 April (Easter Sunday)

9:30 am Leo & Margaret Diggins
11:30 am Paul & Denise Lissaman Intention
No Evening Mass

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Natalie Chadwick, Sylvia Jones, Joe and Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, John O'Donahue, Joe Carroll, Dorothy Dzioba, Joan Sheeran, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Ian O'Donahue, Dr Mike O'Kane, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Sheila Seamarks, Judith Carter, Katie Richardson and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Sr. Marie Clare of the Assumption, Rosemary Turnbull-Tarn, Elsie Vlahos and Ellen Sloane

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of April, including: Emily Rees, Margaret Cook, Thomas Slane, Hewitt Lane, Karol Sliwka, Sally Kaye, Alexander Taylor, Vera Ashcroft, Joyce Lynes, Norah Webb, Mary Bagley, Barbara McAtear, Raymond Preedy, Mary Logan, John Doyle, John Young, Amaryllis Davies, Jock Warzynski, Bernard Rourke, Anne Mead, Zofia Heathcock, Fernando Gianessi, Julie Powell, Thomas Reilly, Sharon Kostorz-Pinwell, Phyllis Lyons, Josef Priebe, Francis Meigh, Charles Bagley, John McEwan, Frederick Whalen and Edward da Silva

An old priest was dying. He sent a message for a doctor and lawyer, both members of his parish, to come to his home. As they entered the room, he held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of his bed. Then he grasped their hands. For a long time no one said anything. Both were touched that the old man wanted them with him during his final moments, but he had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them, so finally the doctor asked, "Father, why did you ask us to come and see you at this time?" The old priest smiled and said, "Jesus died between two thieves and that's how I wanted to go."

Rota Schedule for 18 to 24 April 2014

Flower Arrangers: All hands on deck
Cleaners: Volunteers
Ushers: 9:30am A Rollings & volunteer
11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield
6:30pm *No Mass this week*

Readers:
9:30am T Bray
11:30am V Thomas
6:30pm *No Mass this week*

Eucharistic Ministers:

9:30am A Hepworth, H Fishlock, (volunteer)
11:30pm H Meenaghan, M Davies, C Balestra
6:30pm *No Mass this week*

Altar Linen: M Lynch

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 27 kwietnia godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 6th April came to **£436.38** – thank you



"You're in a rut, Reverend. Every time I come here, you preach about the Resurrection."