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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 2nd April 2017

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord Year A.

HOLY WEEK : 9th – 15th April 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

<u>Saturday 8th April: Lenten Feria (First Saturday)</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>
10:00 am: Mass; Sick of the Parish	<i>1st / 2nd April 2017</i>
10:45 am: Confessions	
<u>Saturday 8th April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u>	Envelopes:
5:00 pm: Confessions	Loose Plate:
5:30 pm: Mass; Tom Mernagh RIP	Standing Orders:
<u>Sunday 9th April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	Chad:
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction	Intercare:
<u>Monday 10th April: Monday of Holy Week</u>	SVP:
9:00 am: Mass; Anne Armitage RIP (Wilson)	Sick & Retired Priests:
<u>Tuesday 11th April: Tuesday of Holy Week</u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>
12:30 pm: Confessions	<u>SECOND COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND</u> for the Easter Flowers.
1:00 pm: Mass Donors Intention	
<u>Wednesday 12th April: Wednesday of Holy Week</u>	<u>*Good Friday Event</u>
11:30 am: Chrism Mass; St Barnabas' Cathedral	Walk of Witness with other local churches in NG9 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, starting at Broadgate Park and through to Beeston Square. All welcome to come along and join in.
<u>THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, David Fox, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Julie Mortimer, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.
<u>Thursday 13th April: Maundy Thursday</u>	
7:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper; Private Intention followed by Watching in the Chapel until Midnight.	
<u>Friday 14th April: Good Friday</u>	
*11:00 am: Good Friday Walk of Witness	
3:00 pm: The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord	
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday	
<u>Saturday 15th April: Holy Saturday</u>	
8:30 pm: Easter Vigil; Audrey McCoy RIP (Wilson)	
<u>Sunday 16th April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & Volunteer
Readers:	A Simmons	R Marlow
Next Week:	N/A	S Grant
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M Sharp & Volunteer	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	M Caladine & L Wittam	Next Week: J Powell & M Caladine
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: N/A
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS (LENT)	Next Week: EASTER FLOWERS
Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Josephine “Audrey” Mc Coy*, who died on **31st March 2017**. Her Requiem Mass will take place here at The Assumption Church on **Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 11:00 am** followed by Burial at Chilwell Cemetery. We pray for her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Thank you to all those parents who have returned the enrolment forms for First Confession and First Holy Communion. There will be an initial meeting for all parents after Mass and Coffee **THIS SUNDAY, 9th April 2017** in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: Our last in the series of talks on Prayer is on **Wednesday** evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish. This week’s sixth session is entitled, **“Give Us This Day.”** Everyone welcome.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their grateful thanks for the donations received from our Parish and they pray for our Parish every day. The next visit will be **24th April 2017**. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade sale, any profits made from the sale of fairly traded goods goes to Mary’s Meals which is a charity supporting Third World schoolchildren. Further details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church. The next sale will be **29th/30th April 2017**. Fair Trade easter eggs ordered last weekend will be available during Holy Week. (Mary’s Meals website: www.marysmeals.org.uk.) – *Diane Wilson*.

CHOCOLATE HAMPER: Raffle Tickets will be on sale again this weekend for two magnificent Chocolate Hampers. Tickets cost £1 per strip. The winning tickets will be drawn after Mass on Easter Sunday. All proceeds go to Parish funds. Many thanks – *The Bazaar Committee*.

DATE FOR THE DIARY/SAVE THE DATE: Parish Barn Dance on Saturday 24th June 2017 at 7:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale shortly. – *Social Committee*

POCKET GOSPELS: Bishop Patrick has asked me to inform you that a Pocket Gospels (£4.99) and Gift Edition (£12.99) are being published by the Bible Society. The Society recognised that there was no edition of the Four Gospels available alone and set about changing this and making available to the Catholic Community these two volumes which are available for you to buy. In 2014 Pope Francis said: “Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the Word of God.” These editions of the Gospels are a great size to carry around. It includes an extra colour section on the background and meaning of the Gospels to help readers into the Scriptures. If you would like a copy please let me know, as we may get a discount for larger orders.

PALM SUNDAY - Which Victory Are We Celebrating?

Today we hold in our hands palm branches. In the ancient world, palm branches were the symbol of victory. For the Israelites in the Old Testament, the elegance, strength, and simplicity of this tree became a symbol of the just man or woman, the one in whom God’s Law triumphed. It also symbolized victory for the Romans. Palm trees were not native to Italy. And so, when the Romans started conquering other nations in the Mediterranean, the generals brought palm trees back to Rome as souvenirs of their victories. So, the crowds waving palm branches as Jesus entered Jerusalem were declaring His victory. Today, we echo them, we join them, and we declare and celebrate Christ’s victory. But what victory is it? And how did Christ win it? It is the victory over Original Sin. Original Sin was mankind’s disobedience to God and obedience to the devil. It shattered God’s plan, let loose the scourge of evil, and gave the devil a certain power over earthly society. Jesus, through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, reversed the disobedience of Original Sin by obeying His Father’s will in spite of all the devil’s attempts to thwart Him: The betrayal of Judas, the abandonment of His apostles, the false accusations, the condemnation, the humiliation, the scourging and crowing with thorns, the torture of crucifixion – all of these sufferings were the devil’s attempts to get Jesus to say “no” to His Father, just as He had gotten Adam and Eve to say “no.” But Jesus defeated the devil. He continued to love, forgive, and obey through it all. His obedience establishes a foothold in this world that is under the devil’s sway: Jesus’ Passion is D – Day for the devil, and liberation for us. Today and throughout this week we should give thanks to God for the great things He has done, reflect on His saving love, and renew our commitment to follow Him. But above all this week, we should stay united to Christ our Saviour. We need His strength to come into our lives so we can have the courage to live as He wants us to live. We need to let all the graces He wants to give us this week flow freely into our souls and renew us, bringing a spiritual springtime into our hearts. There are two things we can do to stay united to Christ. First there is prayer. We should spend more time in prayer this week, both in quantity and in quality. Come and sit before Jesus here in the Tabernacle. Spend some time reading the Gospels and meditating on them. Second there is obedience. Jesus is always instructing us about how to live, how to be responsible in our life’s duties, and selfless in our relationships. This week, let us pay special attention. Whatever He asks of us, let us say “yes”. Today is Palm Sunday, Victory Day. As Christ comes among us once more, let us renew our faith in the victory He won for us, and claim it once again as our own.