

## Walking with Jesus – A Journey of Humility and Love



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we begin the most sacred and grace-filled time in our Christian life - Holy Week -with the celebration of Palm Sunday. We remember the beautiful yet humble entry of Jesus into Jerusalem - not with show or power, not on a grand horse, but on a simple donkey. This is the King who teaches us that true greatness lies in humility, simplicity, and inner strength - not in outward appearance.

The world today gives so much importance to what is seen outside - wealth, status, appearance - but Jesus teaches us that what matters most is what we carry in our hearts: kindness, humility, love, and faith. As we hold our palms today, let it be not just a symbol, but a sign of our own commitment to welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes - to make this Holy Week a time of real encounter with God.

**Tuesday of Holy Week – Recollection and Preparation:** On **Tuesday, 15th April, we will have our Parish Recollection Evening starting at 6:00 PM with Adoration and Candle Light Procession, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 PM.** This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, to prepare our hearts through quiet reflection, prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the Sacred Triduum.

**A Word of Condolence:** As a parish family, we remember and pray for the soul of **Tom Fercombe**, who passed away recently. Tom was a well-loved member in our parish and contributed quietly and generously to St Ann's, especially supporting us with the tarmac works around our church campus.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. May God comfort them and grant Tom eternal peace in the presence of Christ. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

May this Holy Week be a time of grace for all of us - may we walk with Jesus, not only in memory, but in heart and life. Let us drop the stones of judgement, pride, and busyness - and welcome the King of Peace into our hearts.

**With Blessings and prayers, Fr. James Raj ([jamesraj@caos.org.uk](mailto:jamesraj@caos.org.uk))**

## Holy Week – A Journey of Love, Sacrifice, and New Life

Holy Week is the heart of our Christian Faith. It is the most sacred week in the Church's calendar - when we remember and re-live the final days of Jesus' earthly life: His suffering, death, and resurrection. More than just rituals or ceremonies, Holy Week invites us to walk with Jesus and to learn from Him - **humility, love, forgiveness, courage, and hope.**

**Palm Sunday – The Entry of a Humble King:** Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey — a symbol of peace and humility, not power or pride.

**Lesson for us:** God looks not at external appearance but the heart. Jesus teaches us humility and simplicity. **“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” (Mt 21:9)**

**Monday of Holy Week – Cleansing Our Hearts:** Traditionally, Monday recalls Jesus cleansing the Temple - driving out those who turned temple into a place of trade.

**Lesson for us:** This is a day to examine our hearts that blocks our relationship with God? What needs cleansing? **“My house shall be called a house of prayer.” (Mt 21:13)**

**Tuesday of Holy Week – A Day of Quiet Reflection:** 6.00 pm Adoration & Recollection at St. Ann's. We dedicate this day for Recollection and Personal Prayer.

**The church will be open for quiet reflection, watering plants, or family prayer.**

**Lesson for us:** Spend time with God. **“Be still and know that I am God.” (Ps 46:10)**

**Wednesday of Holy Week – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral:** Across the Diocese, priests gather with the Archbishop at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass - where the sacred oils are blessed: Oil of Catechumens (for Baptism), Oil of the Sick (for healing), Sacred Chrism (for Confirmation, Ordination), Priests also renew their vows of service.

**Lesson for us:** Pray for your priests - they are called to serve humbly and faithfully.

**Maundy Thursday – The Night of Love and Service: 7:00 PM Mass**

We remember Jesus washing the feet of His disciples - a symbol of humble service. We also remember the gift of Eucharist “Do this in memory of me.” **After Mass, the church remains silent. We accompany Jesus in His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.**

**Lesson for us:** True greatness is in serving others: **“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)**

**Good Friday – The Day of the Cross:** 2:00 PM Way of the Cross (Outdoor), 3:00 PM Passion Service. This is the day of Jesus' suffering and death. The only day in the year where Mass is not celebrated. We venerate the Cross.

**Lesson for us:** Look at the Cross and see how much you are loved. Jesus gave everything for us. **“By His wounds, we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)**

## Holy Week – A Journey of Love, Sacrifice, and New Life. Cont...

### Holy Saturday – The Night of Waiting and Hope: 7:00 PM Easter Vigil

We wait in silence at the tomb - but not in despair. The darkness of the world will not have the final word. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful liturgy - the light of Christ breaks the darkness. The new fire is blessed. We listen to the history of salvation.

**Lesson for us:** Even in darkness, hope is alive.

### Easter Sunday – The Day of Resurrection: 10:30 AM Mass


Christ is risen! Life triumphs over death. Love triumphs over sin. **After Mass at St. Ann's, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for children - a symbol of joy and new life.**

**Lesson for us:** Let us live as Easter people - with joy, courage, and faith. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Psalm 118:24)

### Foodbank Collection Drive – An Act of Solidarity during Lent



We are launching a Food Collection Drive at Sunday Masses to support **the Kingston Foodbank, which serves over 50 families each week,** including the homeless, refugees, and struggling families in our local area. Collection baskets are placed at Mary's Chapel. Let this be a Lenten act of compassion and solidarity. Most needed items include:

Tinned meat, vegetables, pasta, rice, milk, cereal, tea/coffee, toiletries, Rice and tinned tomatoes, Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate, Cereal and porridge oats Cooking oil and sugar, Tinned fruit and custard, Instant noodles and packet soup, Peanut butter and jam.  For the full list of items, scan the QR code given

### PALM PROCESSION HYMN

1. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Keep me praising 'til the end of day

**Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King of kings  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King**

2. Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, Keep me resting 'til the end of day...**R**

3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, Keep me serving 'til the end of day...**R**

4. Give me light in my heart, keep me shining, Give me light in my heart, I pray  
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining, Keep me shining 'til the end of day ...**R**

**PALM SUNDAY - LITURGICAL COLOUR: RED. YEAR: C(I).**

**Penitential Act:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**The Liturgy of the Word****First reading****Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

**The word of the Lord. All reply: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a**

**R My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me; they curl their lips, they toss their heads: 'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him; let him release him, for in him he delights.' R

For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of my bones. R

They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe. But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! R

I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly; 'You who fear the LORD, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' R

**Second reading****Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **The word of the Lord. All reply: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ****Luke 22:14-23:56**

**(Please use the Passion Reading Booklet provided for the Passion Reading now. After the mass, kindly leave the booklet in the church so that it can be used for future celebrations. Thank you for your care and cooperation.)**

**The Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Holy, Holy, Holy** Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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**The Mystery of Faith:** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free..

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Jesus Lamb of God**, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (4)  
Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**Lord, I am not worthy** that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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



## Easter Offering Envelopes for Priests

Easter envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Your offering is a personal gift to the priest, as priests do not receive a regular salary but have a basic monthly stipend (£144). In addition, priests may receive: Mass stipends (£10 per intensioned Mass), Stole fees for sacraments such as baptisms or funerals, when offered. Your generosity at Easter and Christmas helps support the priest's pastoral ministry throughout the year. Thank you for your continued kindness and care.



**Take Palms to Your Home:** We invite all parishioners to take blessed palms to your homes after the Mass today. Palms are a beautiful sign of welcoming Jesus as King into our homes and hearts. Please preserve them carefully — they remind us throughout the year of God's presence and protection in our lives. You are welcome to take more than one palm — for your family members, friends, or for other homes who may not be able to attend. Let us make our homes places of peace, love, and prayer.



*"Where flowers bloom, so does Hope"*

**LET'S JOIN AS FAMILY. YOU ARE INVITED**



## PARISH PLANTING DAY & BLESSING OF THE FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOUNTAIN

**Organised by Sunday Catechism Children & Church Maintenance Team**

Joined by all parishioners, neighbours, well wishers, school staff and children to  
join in planting a variety of plants across the church grounds.

APRIL  
SUNDAY **27** AFTER 10.30 AM MASS  
2025

**ST ANN'S PILGRIMS CHURCH  
KINGSTON HILL - KT2 7LX**





**Thank You – For Your Generous Help and Service**

A heartfelt thank you to all those who have lovingly contributed their time and effort in preparing and beautifying our church and grounds during this special season.

With gratitude to:

- **Liam, Rosie, Dylan, Jose, Lousiyana, Mariyana, Sister Ursula, James:** for helping with the sprinkler and drip irrigation system, and for watering the plants around our church grounds.
  - **Jack & Martin:** for their dedicated work in building the new fountain in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, creating a beautiful space for reflection and peace.
  - **Katherine:** for her creative and thoughtful work in decorating the church for Palm Sunday, helping to create a prayerful and welcoming atmosphere for all.
- May God bless each of you abundantly for your kindness and dedication.





## ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	13 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April
1st Reading	Anne Fercombe	Chris Flint	Rona Mcleod
Psalm	Caterina Keyrouz	Samantha Keegan	Koffi Rodrigue
2nd Reading	Mathew Athakattu	Aaron Yusuf	Andrew Keegan
Bidding Prayer	Romola Cardoza	Jonathan	Joseph Rajmohan
Offertory	James & Tiffany	Elisa & Eve	Almina & Luciana

## ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 13/04	10.30 am	Tom Fercombe RIP	Palm Sunday
Monday 14/04	10 am	Mary McCormack RIP	Holy Week
Tuesday 15/04	7.00 pm	Maria Mendoza RIP	Holy Week - Recollection
Wednesday 16/04	10 am	Max Cockings RIP	Holy Week
Thursday 17/04	7 pm	Leonio Bre	Maundy Thursday
Friday 18/04	2 pm	Way of the Cross	Good Friday
	3 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday 19/04	7 pm	Tom Fercombe RIP	Easter Vigil
Sunday 20/04	10.30 am	Carman Emilia Anaya RIP	Easter Sunday

Easter Raffle Collection until now: £ 1345.00

Sunday Loose Collection: £ 251.53



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### FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

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Account Number: 79124429

Sort Code: 60-50-01, Bank: NatWest

Contactless Card Payment: £ 195.00

Thank you for being part of our St. Ann's family.  
Let's pray for one another and for the growth of our parish family.