

1. THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

THE RESPONSORY

R. As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. *Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest. **V.** When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. *Waving their branches.

2. THE SIMPLE ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: *Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. *Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied,

he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be ashamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 21

Response:

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

1. 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 if this is his friend." (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. "You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons." (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he 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 other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being.

Thomas Merton

10 APRIL 2022

Sunday Message

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 2

JESUS' FINAL TEST

(LUKE 22:14-23:56)



At the beginning of Luke's Gospel narrative, we saw Jesus tested as to how he understands being the Son of God. Luke ended his account with the ominous words that "the devil left him, to return at the appointed time".

During the Last Supper, he tells us that "Satan entered into Judas" and was also seeking to challenge Simon Peter. So the scene is set for the final test of Jesus as the Son of God.

Throughout his account, Luke has presented the disciples in a more positive light than Mark, and this more sympathetic view persists throughout the passion narrative, which we hear read today. The male disciples are not described as fleeing the scene when Jesus is arrested and may well be included among those who witness the crucifixion.

Luke's version is much more gentle and understanding of the complexity facing the characters in the story. Jesus' message of healing and reconciliation continues right up to the end: Pilate and the soldiers do not make fun of Jesus; there is no crown of thorns; the crowd of Jewish people following Jesus on his way to Calvary, not all of whom are disciples, are presenting as "lamenting for him". Jesus speaks sympathetically to the "Daughters of Jerusalem". He prays for forgiveness for those responsible for his being executed on political charges, perhaps not only those who actually carry out the dreadful deed, but also those who engineered it, the chief priest and scribes who did not realise what they were actually doing. ■

REFLECT

Many people find Luke's Gospel version the one they prefer. One of the reasons may be that the Third Evangelist shows Jesus and his teaching as most understanding of human nature and the issues which confront us. The passion narrative brings many of these themes together. We have noted how we can see that Jesus continues to reconcile people who have been at odds with one another. He urges those bewailing his fate to think of themselves and their families. At the very

end, he comforts the criminal (who is not described as a "thief", let alone a "good thief"), who turns to him and asks him to remember him. Finally, his last words are of confidence, entrusting his spirit, himself, to the mercy of God.

Some years ago, there was a film entitled *The Last Temptation of Christ*. This presentation focused on the passion of Jesus and, perhaps unwittingly, the title captured the true meaning of this episode. It we understand "temptation"

LEARN

"The Agony in the Garden" is more accurately expressed as "Jesus' Struggle in Gethsemane".

Luke describes the individuals sentenced to death with Jesus as "criminals", not "thieves".

Each evangelist tells the story of Jesus from his own understanding and point of view.

This is why Jesus' final words on the cross are different: Luke has "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit", whereas Mark has "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

DO

Take your palm cross in your hand: think about these points from this year's reading from the passion according to Luke.

**SAY**

Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit and myself.

(see Luke 23:46)

as "test", then we can see that Jesus is being challenged to avoid what is in store for him, to take the easier way and to escape while there is still time. That is why it is better to understand "The Agony in the Garden" as "The Struggle in Gethsemane": Jesus is once again confronted with what it means to be the Son of God. Eventually, this is expressed in the cross. Will Jesus accept this or take the alternative way? Luke gives us the answer. ■

We Welcome Old and New Parishioners and Visitors to our Masses and Community as we celebrate

THE PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 9th/10th April 2022

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Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
Sunday 11.00 am
Monday - Friday 11.00 am

Baptisms, Confessions and Marriages by appointment. Please contact the office for arrangements: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVERY SUNDAY after 11am Mass there is **coffee/tea**. Come and join us for catch up and some coffee/tea.

Food HUB: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-1230pm or by appointment. Enquiries please do email us at: stjosephscommunityfoodbank@gmail.com Donations greatly appreciated!

Pray the Rosary - Mondays at 10am in the church.

Funeral Mass - Monday, 11 April at 12noon. **NO** 11am Mass today.

Zero Waste Fridge - In our Community Centre Thursday 11-1230pm **THIS WEEK on Friday, however, if you would like to come and collect some fresh produce, please phone 07749 273889 and we will have available for you.** Please help us to stop and cut Food Waste! All Welcome!

EVERY Thursday, 11.30am-12.30pm Serenity, The North Wales Postpartum Support Group hosts a coffee/tea at the community centre and the Zero Waste Fridge is open for use! Join us.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY 11AM. Maundy Thursday Mass is at 6.30pm here at St. Joseph's.

Friday, 15th April at 10am: Stations of the Cross with the **Knights of St. Columba at Pantasaph, Pantasaph Franciscan Friary, 5 Monastery Rd, Pantasaph, Holywell CH8 8PN, UK** Please do come and join us.

➤ **Calendars!** We are asking that if you are wanting to book the Centre or Presbytery for your group, or use the church, please phone or email the office: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk. We want to ensure that there is no conflict with any other meetings or events.

➤ **Collection for the 2nd/3rd April:** £632.50 Maintenance & Development collection £20. THANK YOU!

➤ **Standing Order and Gift Aid forms** are at the back of the Church.

➤ **If you would like envelopes for visitors** they are **yellow** at the back of the church.

➤ The Food Hub needs **boxed, new SLOW COOKERS** please. Please drop off at the presbytery Monday - Friday between 9.15-2pm. Your support on this is greatly appreciated.

➤ On **Monday, 11th April** no 11am Mass as there is a Funeral Mass at 12noon here at St. Joseph's.

➤ **WANTED: Old Carpentry Hand Tools.** See Father Frank for further details or drop off at the Church. THANK YOU!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 6pm Sr. Mary Dargie
Sunday 9am Teresa Callaghan
Sunday 11am Jacqueline O'Keefe
Monday Noon Anthony Moss-Davies, RD
Tuesday 11am Mary Olive Granfield, RD
Wednesday 11am Brigid Mary Hill, RIP
Thursday 6.30pm For the Parish

RIP

Brigid Mary Hill. Our prayers go out to her husband, David, her family and friends. Her funeral service is Wednesday, 13 April at 230pm here at St. Joseph's. May she rest in peace.



Parish Dinner/Lunch

Sunday, 8 May 2022 at the Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, Rhos-on-Sea. £20/person which includes: Hot

Meats buffet, Desserts and Tea or Coffee.

Names now being taken so please book **as soon** as possible with Quentin (at the organ), or June or Leanne or office at: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk as early as possible. Friends and relatives welcome.

Raffle prize donations greatly appreciated.

Confirmation 2023

A new Confirmation programme will begin on Saturday 30th April in St Joseph's Church. The programme is open to children in year 7 and above. To register your interest or find out more please email us: sacraments@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

The OMI Provincial, Fr. Oliver Barry, OMI, is seeking a report on the management of our various parishes and houses, particularly in respect of human relationships. To this end he has appointed Anne Hollinshead, an independent expert in these matters. She plans on visiting us on Tuesday, 26 April. To facilitate this meeting I invite anyone who wishes to meet her to contact me or the office to arrange an appointment, or she may be contacted by email on HR@oblates.ie. We would like her visit to be a success.

Please do visit the Repository. We have Easter Cards, Mass Intention Cards, Birthday cards and so much more to offer.

Holy Week Masses

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday, 13th April - at the Cathedral in Wrexham - 7pm (all welcome)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

14th April 2022 Thursday - 6.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

15th April 2022 Friday - 3pm

EASTER VIGIL

16th April 2022 Saturday - 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

17th April 2022 Sunday - 9am
17th April 2022 Sunday - 11am



Little Lights Parent and Toddler Group is on Easter Break and will be back on 26 April 2022. For further details please look for them on Facebook or email them at: littlelights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk to book a space.



Bright Lights Youth Group is on Easter Break and will be back 13th of May. Any questions please contact us at: brightlights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk

17th April 10am-1.30pm

St Joseph's Community Centre Colwyn Bay Arts and Crafts Fair

Come along to St Josephs Community Centre 10am-1.30pm to our Arts and Crafts Fair and help us to raise money for our Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration Picnic in the Park. Lots of lovely handmade gifts plus we have some wonderful prizes to be won in our Raffle Free to enter Refreshments available

Hospital Chaplains on Call: **Colwyn Bay Hospital & Glan Clwyd:** Fr. Frank Ryan 01492 532670 | **Glan Clwyd:** Mrs Sheila Johnson 07717 182557 | **Llandudno Hospital:** Fr. Innocent - 860546 | **Ysbyty Gwynedd:** Fr. Adrian Morrin: 01248 3270421 | Parish Council - ppc@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Parish Safe-Guarding Representative: Frank Bond 01492 330017 | Website Administrator: Tom Maclean | Website - www.stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/stjosephsrcc | Twitter: @stjosephsrcc | Community Centre Bookings and Enquiries: office@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Bright Lights Youth Group: brightlights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Little Lights Toddler Group: littlelights@stjosephsrcc.org.uk | Oblates: <https://oblates.ie>

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