



### Holy Week: The First Four Days

*The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,*

*'Hosanna to the Son of David!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Matt 21:6-9*



We enter into this week made "holy" forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus - for us all.

All week, we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or "distracted" we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections. He entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a "holy" week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death and resurrection.

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### THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE HOLY LANDS



The Lenten Season, which we are living once again, invites us to go to Jerusalem through the way of the Cross upon which the Son of God accomplished his redemptive mission. On this pilgrimage the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the meaning of the Word of God accompanies us. Besides the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are strengthened by prayer and almsgiving.

It is also an exceptional time to reach out to the others through the works of charity. Knowing that the Lenten journey is not a solitary act, but an itinerary of solidarity by which each one of us is called to pause and like the Good Samaritan, accompany our brethren who for many reasons find it difficult to stand up and continue their journey.

One particular thought at this moment goes to the small Christian Community in the Middle East which continues to sustain the faith among the displaced persons from Iraq and Syria, etc. Most Iraqi Christians and Syrians want to return to their own land where their houses were destroyed, with schools, hospitals and churches devastated. The faces of these persons question us about the meaning of being a Christian. Their strained lives inspire us. Let us show them concretely our closeness, through our constant prayer and through our monetary aid, does not leave them alone.

Let us this year use the traditional "Collection for the Holy Land" held on Good Friday, as a proper occasion for the faithful to be one with our brethren in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Let us provide alms for their current needs and pray for the peace that is God's alone to deliver to his peoples.

All of us also are invited to resume the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, walking on the steps of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the disciples helps us to deepen our faith. Besides, the pilgrimages are a form of sustenance for the survival of thousands of families.

Without the spirit of Christ who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2, 7-8), the outcry of our brothers and sisters remains unheard too and the faces of thousands of less fortunate persons remain unnoticed.

During these days leading to Holy Easter, I fraternally invite you to commit yourselves to overcome hate by praying and working so that peace finds abode in every person's heart, and especially in our brethren's hearts in the Holy Land and the Middle East. **Cardinal Sandri**

*Extracted & edited from the Cardinal's Letter, provided by the Vatican. In which he stresses the human needs of the Middle Eastern Christians struggling to survive in a war torn environment.*

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## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 14th Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord Yr C Ps Wk 2**

**CAR PARK CLOSED after 8 am Mass**  
to allow for the procession of palms at the 9.30  
am Mass (weather permitting). **The late  
morning Mass will begin at 11.30 am.**

**4.00 pm** Stations of the Cross

**7.15 pm** Parish Reconciliation Service

**OUTREACH Victim Support** which is a  
charity providing support to anyone affected by  
crime: victims, their families and friends and  
witnesses. For more information, see  
<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk>

**MONDAY 15th April**

**7.30 pm** Evangelisation Team Howell Rm

**8.00 pm** Understanding Your Bible Wk 8

**ADORATION AND ROSARY WILL CEASE TUESDAY  
16TH AND WILL RESUME MONDAY 29TH APRIL.**

**WEDNESDAY 17th**

**11.30 am** Chrim Mass at St George's  
Cathedral

**11.30 am** Persecuted Church Group - MR3

**12.30 pm** Communion Service.

**1.30 pm** Understanding Your Bible Wk 8  
Hall (repeat of Monday's talk)

**7.00 pm** Stations of the Cross

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**THURSDAY 18th MAUNDY THURSDAY**

No morning Masses

**5.30 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**8.00pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper with  
washing of feet followed by watching at the  
Altar of Repose until midnight.

**FRIDAY 19th GOOD FRIDAY**

No Masses today

**10.45 am** Stations of the Cross led by the  
Confirmandi

**11.30 am** Witness in Tunbridge Wells (see  
notice)

**3.00 pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

**9.00 pm** Prayer round the Cross

**OUTREACH The Good Friday Collection for  
the Holy Places** is used to maintain the 74  
churches and shrines associated with the life  
of Jesus in the Holy Land. It also helps the  
work of the Church in the Holy Land and  
neighbouring countries in the relief of poverty  
and suffering: parishes, schools, orphanages  
and medical centres there rely very much on  
assistance from this collection, especially at  
this difficult time. Gift Aid – please use a spare  
yellow envelope from your pack writing 'Holy  
Places' on the front.

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## Mass Times

### Sunday Masses

**Sat** 5.30 pm Vigil Mass

**Sun** 8.00 am

9.30 am Family Mass with Music Group & Children's Liturgy

11.15 am Sung Mass with Traditional Choir

5.45 pm

### Weekday Masses

**Mon, Tues, Thurs:** 7.30 & 10.00 am

**Wed:** 7.30 am, 12.30 pm

7.30 pm Extraordinary Form Mass (1st Wednesday each month)

4.30 pm Burrswood (2nd Wednesday each month)

**Fri:** 7.30, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

**Sat** 8.00 and 10.00am

### Reconciliation

**7.15 pm** Parish Reconciliation Service Sunday 14th April

**NO Confessions Saturday 27th April - only on request**

**Stations of the Cross -**

**Sunday 4.00pm and Wednesday at 7.00pm.**

**Eucharistic Adoration will cease Tuesday 16th and will resume Monday  
29th April. Rosary after Mass will also cease on the same date and will  
resume Monday 29th April.**

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**BAPTISMS** - Over the last few months we have welcomed **Esmee & Cormac, Emma, Kyanmani, Sara, Arthur, Bailey, Savannah, Biancka, Fabrizio, Hugo, Frederick, Evelyn, Alice and Peter** to our parish community. There are leaflets entitled "Your Baby's Baptism at St Augustine's" in the church porch. Contact Jean Dunne, (01892 309062) and Jean will send you a baptism preparation pack.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of **Peggy Earle, Mary Haslam, Pamela Wilkinson, Ursula McGaughey, Katie Quinnell, Georgette Frendo, Elizabeth Murray, Douglas Jenner, Elizabeth de Savigny-Bower, Stefanie Donovan, Betty Mauduit, Andrew Lumsden, Richard Wenham, Lydia Smith, Alf Baker, Peter Wheatley, Alice Mars and Catherine Rogers.**

Please also remember the sick and housebound in your prayers.

### OFFERTORY

Offertory £1,667.11

CAFOD

Cyclone Idai £2,148.88

Mitapeep £27

**Thank you as always for your generosity.**

## CHRISM MASS

On Wednesday of Holy Week (17th April), all our clergy will be going to the CHRISM MASS at St George's Cathedral and bring back the Holy Oils. Some parishioners go up every year. If you would like to go but are a bit unsure re train and location, ask Daniele or Sue in the office, and join a group. Mass as usual at 7.30 am and Matthew Donnelly will celebrate a Communion Service at 12.30 pm on that day.

### Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

July 13th at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with the parish office and provide your names, the anniversary you are celebrating, your home address, email address and telephone, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

### THANK YOU

An enormous THANK YOU everyone for your wonderful generosity in giving over £800 to the Outreach appeal for the Smile Train.

In addition to the extra donations received from many of the Ladies group, and other sources, I have managed to increase the sum to £1000.00. This sum of money will enable six children with the disfigurement of a cleft to have a complete operation. The extra money will undoubtedly buy more surgical necessities for the operating theatres.

The Smile Train celebrated its 500,000th cleft surgery in India this year. That's 500,000 new smiles which changed their lives for ever, also their families faith in human kindness. Thank you is not nearly enough.

With sincere best wishes and all God's blessings. Ann-Pauleen.

### UK CITIZENSHIP

In the current Brexit turmoil members of our parish family who are not British citizens may have concerns on their future status. If they have not already sought guidance then the website 'www.gov.uk' contains much information and can direct them to finding an immigration adviser. The Citizens Advice Bureau is also very helpful (and free).

## The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

by G. K. CHESTERTON



### SACRED HEART SCHOOL WADHURST OPEN MORNINGS

The Sacred Heart School in Wadhurst has two open mornings planned for Friday 26th and Saturday 27th of April with tours of the whole school on Friday and Early Years (Nursery and Reception) on Saturday. If you would like to visit the school, please contact the office on 01892 783 414 or admin@sacredheartwadhurst.org.uk

### Ladies Lunch and Prayer Group. April 15th 2019

St Augustine's Church Hall  
12.15pm for 12.30pm start

We pray for peace and harmony in our homes, good health to our families, friends and all those we love.

We remember all those who are lonely, who have no family; those who are ill, who feel rejected and unloved.

We welcome anyone who is new to the Parish. Come and meet our friendly group and enjoy a sandwich and a cup of tea.

With all God's blessings  
Ann 01892 529911

There will be no Charismatic Prayer Group meeting on Tuesday 23rd April

### Diary continued

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> HOLY SATURDAY  
NO MASS AND NO RECONCILIATION TODAY  
9.00 am Blessing of Easter Food Baskets  
Swiecenie pokarmow  
Wielkanocnych godz 9.00**

**8.30 pm THE EASTER VIGIL  
Car park will be closed**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**The 11.15 am Mass will begin at 11.30am  
7.00 pm Confessions in Polish  
7.30 pm Mass in Polish  
MSZA SWIETA 19.30hrs  
NO OUTREACH TODAY  
Collections at Easter Vigil and all Masses  
on Easter Sunday are for our priests.**

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**12.00 noon Funeral: Peter McKenna**

**EASTER WEEK**

**No early morning Mass (Monday 22nd to  
Saturday 27th). During Easter Week  
there will be Mass at 10 am only, apart  
from Wednesday when it will be at 12.30  
pm.**

**NO CONFESSIONS Saturday 27th  
The office and the church will only be  
open for a short while after 10.00am Mass  
during Easter Week.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Rosary restarts Monday 29th April.**

**NORMAL MASS TIMES WILL RESUME  
AFTER 10AM MASS SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Please note** - The Christian  
Meditation Group will NOT meet  
on 16th or 23rd April.

### Witness in Tunbridge Wells

Join with other Christians on Good Friday  
(19 April) at the Millennium Clock at  
11.30am for a short act of witness..

Procession of Witness around Rusthall Village  
on Good Friday 19th April at 9.45 am starting  
at St. Paul's Church Centre, Rusthall High St.  
Usually 3 or 4 Catholics take part but it would  
be good to encourage more.

### Wintershall Passion of Jesus Christ

Good Friday 19 April in Trafalgar Sq. 12 noon  
and again at 3.15pm. Please arrive 45  
minutes early to ensure you get  
a good position.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Whoever wishes to be my  
follower must deny his very  
self, take up his cross each day,  
and follow in my steps.

Luke 9:23

## Catholic Social Teaching - Community & Participation

*“Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.”*

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

In the midst of the creation myth in Genesis, God says “it is not right that man should be alone”. We don’t flourish as people by being isolated and living by ourselves, but by engaging as full members of our community. We have an obligation to help and support those around us while at the same time allowing ourselves to be supported. The place most of us first experience a community in our lives is in the family, and so it is here that the themes of Community and Participation have their roots, and in the context of the family that these principles have developed.

Beyond the family we’re called to participate fully in the life of wider society. For most of us this means an obligation to participate fully in civil society and the political and economic life of the community. This could include involvement in movements for justice, volunteering with local community groups or active membership of work associations or trade unions.

Within the theme of Participation, Catholic Social Teaching advocates political involvement, but this has always been critical of, and set apart from political ideologies like communism and neo-liberalism. Because of the vastly different circumstances of culture and situation Catholic Social Teaching also tends not to get into a lot of very specific policy details, but rather focuses on the themes in such a way that allows people to understand them in their own cultural and political context. What Catholic Social Teaching does say in this area is around the principle of subsidiarity; that responsibility for social and political decisions should be held that lowest and most appropriate local level so to allow everyone in communities to be involved in decision-making.

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### PLAYING OUR PART

In our Parish, we have many groups working hard to make a difference in our local community and in the wider society. Over the coming months, we will be featuring some of these groups in the newsletter, starting with the SVP today.

We are blessed with opportunities of all kinds to put into practice the precepts of Catholic Social Teaching. Some of us may be able to volunteer significant amounts of time, some may offer support through prayer or donations - there is a role for all of us and the chance to use our talents and influence for a better society.

In the Tunbridge Wells area, there are also many community groups and societies where people work together for the Common Good – e.g. Food Banks, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Friends Groups of local parks, Charity Shops, Hospital Transport and many others.

As Catholics, we are strongly encouraged to participate in these groups. For example, the Macular Society Support Group recently requested a sighted volunteer to help read notices at their monthly meetings and a parishioner of St. Augustine’s has taken on this role, inspired by their faith to help others.

We are also enjoined to get involved in local politics, not from the perspective of a particular party, but to influence policy in line with Catholic Social Teaching and help elect representatives committed to a just society.

### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GROUPS

*What is the name of your group?*

St. Augustine’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

*What is the purpose of the group?*

To extend the hand of friendship and practical support locally to those suffering poverty in all its many guises and to assist financially when possible our twinned conferences in India.

*When and where do you meet?*

Every fortnight on Tuesday at 19.45 in room 3.

*What type of people join your group?*

We hope and pray that inspired by Christ we are good listeners and non-judgemental and have strong empathy and humility.

*Are you looking for new members?*

Yes.

*How much time is involved in being a member?*

From 2 to 3 hours per fortnight to several multiples of that depending on the number of people we choose to visit and their support needs.

*Special events or activities?*

No.

*How would you measure the success of your group?*

The number of people our conference is visiting and the thoroughness of our support to them are important to us, but as what we do is inspired by Christ its success cannot be judged by the measures of this world.

*If you are interested in joining the SVP contact David on 0777 168 2589*

