

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord - 14 April

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Sat 13 6:00 pm Martha Rattos RIP

Sun 14 10:00 am Jack Févre RIP

Mon 15 of HOLY WEEK

10:00 am Int. of Anne Hill

Tues 16 of HOLY WEEK

10:00 am Blessings on the Barun Family

11:00 am Chrism Mass in the Cathedral

Wed 17 of HOLY WEEK (Spy Wednesday)

10:00 am Tony Hill RIP

EASTER TRIDUUM

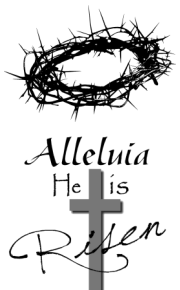
Celebrated in the Church

Thur 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 pm For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

Fri 19 GOOD FRIDAY of the Lord's Passion
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sat 20 HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil
8:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sun 21 EASTER SUNDAY
10.00 am For the People of the Parish



EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is the proper name for the three days that precede Easter Sunday. Starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday, continuing through the Good Friday liturgy, and concluding with the start of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter Triduum marks the most significant events of Holy Week.

"Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal Mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year."

The Season of Lent has always been an important time in the life of the Christian. The special things that we participate in during Lent . . . personal sacrifice, communal prayer, fasting and abstinence, almsgiving . . . all remind us that this is no ordinary time for the Church. But Lent is not an isolated season. It doesn't exist just to give us something to do toward the end of winter and early spring. It is a time of focus, a time of preparation and a time of remembrance. It points to that which is central to the life of the Christian, and culminates in the celebration of **Easter Triduum**. These "Three Days" are at the heart of the Paschal Mystery; they remind us of death and rebirth and are the most important days of celebration in the Catholic Church. We walk in joyful celebration along the road from betrayal and suffering, to death and resurrection with Jesus Christ who walked that way first - for us. Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for the Easter Triduum. In the afternoon of Holy Thursday, Lent quietly comes to an end, almost unnoticed. The Triduum liturgies are rich with experiences that we have at no other time during the Church year: such as the washing of feet and the veneration of the cross. During these three days, we focus on one event - the Passover of the Lord, our Easter. We gather in one place, as the people of God, to remember the saving act of Jesus, the miracle of his resurrection and to celebrate our faith and identity as his disciples; because Christ was faithful to the end and was raised from the dead, death is no longer the end of life for us. It is the beginning of a new life in Him.

Please make every effort to attend these three Liturgies - or rather, one Liturgy spread over three days.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Triduum is actually one service.
Please try and come to all

Maundy Thursday

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from conclusion of Mass until 10 pm

Good Friday

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday

EASTER VIGIL 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

MASS 10:00 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Joan Coleman, Jean Williams, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen,
Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore,
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Timothy Walsh

THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

The Fraternity of blessed Charles de Foucauld in our parish, get together once a month for couple of hours. We start with the exposition of the blessed sacrament in the convent. We also read the Sunday's gospel reading and contemplate on the reading and share our views. We also discuss the life and writings of blessed Charles de Foucauld. The next meeting is in **Monday 15th April at 2.15 pm**, in the Convent.

GOOD FRIDAY - SPECIAL COLLECTION - HOLY PLACES

Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. Please support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, 'Gift Aiding' your donations wherever possible by using printed envelopes.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

16th SEPTEMBER - 26th SEPTEMBER 2019
Exciting News - The Parish of St Swithuns Southsea is having its annual Pilgrimage to ITALY. During the pilgrimage time they will visit the various sites where the Eucharistic Miracles have taken place. We will also visit other places of interest where our blessed saints are buried. You can find all the details (with short videos and short extracts about the places we will visit) on our website here: <http://stswithuns.org.uk/pilgrimage-sep-2019>. There are still some places available if you are interested.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

If you would like to participate in the Washing of Feet at the Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, then please sign the list in the Church Porch. Both men and women are invited to take part.

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING

All Catholics aged 18-60 are urged to abstain on this significant day. To fast is to reduce the amount of food we eat. To abstain is to give up a particular kind of food, drink or form of pleasure.

WALK OF WITNESS

There is a Walk of Witness on Good Friday at 12 noon starting at St John's CofE Church. All are welcome.

EASTER WEEK POSTERS

Posters are available free from the table at the back of the church advertising Holy Week. These have been made available by our local Knights of St Columba.