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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	12 th	5.15 pm	Rosary for Peace & Justice in the Holy Land
		6.00 pm	Eileen Spinks (ill)
Sunday	13 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP
Monday	14 th	9.30 am	Anthony Iago RIP
Tuesday	15 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	16 th	9.30 am	Janice O'Brien RIP



Holy Thursday	17 th April	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Maria Petter RIP & Family</i>
Good Friday	18 th April	10.00 am	Family Stations of the Cross, especially for children followed by Children's Confessions
		3.00 pm	THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
		7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions
Holy Saturday	19 th April	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter <i>The Parish</i>
Easter Sunday	20 th April	8.15 am	Mass <i>Intention of Mike & Mary Aherne</i>
		10.30 am	Mass <i>Gary & Theresa Bevans (50th Wedding Anniversary)</i>

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43; Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9.

COLLECTIONS: Church: £517 DONA: £151 Flowers for this church £544 Thank you for your generosity

This Weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal –

Special Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both porches. Please see Note 6

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be the usual collection for the Holy Places

THE COLLECTIONS AT THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES ARE YOUR PERSONAL GIFTS TO FATHER LIAM (GIFT AIDED)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Elaine C, Pope Francis, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Michelle Diett, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: MIKE CHATFIELD and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Herbert Hasney, Gerry Donnelly, William McGlynn, Patricia Jones, Mary La Roche, John Clarke, Margaret McCarthy, Vincent Devereux, John Russell, Joseph Liston. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. TWELVE VOLUNTEERS for the Washing of the Feet ceremony on Holy Thursday are required. Please put your name on one of the lists in either Porch

4. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO' will take place on Saturday 26th April at 7.00 pm in the Barn for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. There will be a 'Delicious Supper' and Raffle. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets will be on sale this weekend price £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children or from Teresa 01903 529260.

5. CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake.

6. YOUR OFFERINGS AT THE EASTER MASSES are your personal gift to Father Liam. (Gift Aid applies) If you are not Gift Aiding, special Easter Offering envelopes are in the Porch. If you will be away for Easter you might like to use these envelopes to make your gift either beforehand or afterwards.

7. HAND-MADE EASTER CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga

8. THE EASTER 'BIG CHURCH CLEAN' will happen on Maundy Thursday – 17th April – at 10.00 am. All are welcome to come and help to make the church look especially clean for Easter. Tea/Coffee and Hot Cross Buns to celebrate!

9. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese

10. FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners for £410.00 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help. Please continue to remember our work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

11. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated

12. TURNING TIDES: SPRING INTO ACTION WISHLIST – Coffee, Sugar, Carton juice - large and small, Brown sauce, Cereals (not porridge oats), Breakfast bars Cooking oil, Combined shampoo and conditioner, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Washing up liquid, Cleaning wipes and all-purpose sprays, Washing powder, Small bottled water, Snack pots, pot noodles, Pasta-n-sauce Spreads: peanut butter, Marmite, chocolate, Tinned ham, corned beef, tinned fish, Custard Rice pudding. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated.

Father Liam says: A Spanish pilgrim, Named Egeria, to Jerusalem in the early 4th century AD has left an account - much of which was missing when the manuscript was found – on how Lent and Easter was celebrated. During Lent the candidates for Baptism were prepared for the sacraments, which they received at the Easter celebrations. She described a fast that was quite severe but she emphasized that there was no general rule. How a person chose to fast was not adversely criticized. In addition to the daily Eucharist there were solemn services each day in Holy Week – 'the Great Week', beginning with Palm Sunday.

Till midday on Thursday the usual services took place. It was usual to hold a service at 3 o'clock in the afternoon but on Thursday they assembled at 2.00 pm. Then a service began, which lasted till dawn on the next day with a single break for an evening meal. The betrayal of Jesus by Judas was recalled. Later there was a service on the theme of the Last Supper after which the Eucharist was celebrated and all the faithful communicated. Finally the people went home to have a meal before going up the Mount of Olives for the night services. They say psalms from about 7.00 – 11.00 am with scripture readings and prayers, commemorating the arrest and trial of Jesus. The congregation then went down the hill by torch light to Gethsemane where they read about the arrest. They finally went up into the city and the gospel about Jesus' trial by Pilate was read in the courtyard.

By this time it was Friday morning and the bishop himself sent the people home for a short rest. At seven o'clock the people went back to Golgotha. They queued up till they individually came forward to venerate the cross. This lasted until it was noon. 'The bishop is seated at a table. The deacons stand round and a gold and silver box containing the holy Wood of the cross is opened and the wood of the Cross and the Title – the inscription – are placed on the table. As long as the holy Wood is on the table the bishop sits with his hands resting on either end of it and holds it down and the deacons round him keep watch over it. They guard it like this as the people come up one by one to the table, stoop down over it, kiss the Wood and move on. On one occasion someone broke off a piece of the Wood and stole it away so a close watch is kept in case anyone dares to do the same again. The people touch the holy Wood first with their forehead and then with their eyes and then kiss it but no one puts out their hand to touch it. All this takes place where on the previous day, Thursday, they made the Offering' – celebrated the Eucharist.

At midday they go before the Cross into the very spacious courtyard. The whole time between midday and three o'clock is taken up with readings about the suffering of Jesus – from the Psalms, the Epistles and the Gospels. They read the prophecies about what the Lord would suffer: 'It is impressive to see how the people are moved by these readings and how they mourn. You could hardly believe how every single one of them weeps during the three hours, old and young alike, because of the manner in which the Lord suffered for us'. Then when three o'clock comes they have the reading from St John's Gospel about Jesus giving up the ghost. Then there is a prayer and the dismissal. After the dismissal before the Cross, they go directly into the Great Church. The gospel about Joseph asking Pilate for the Lord's body and placing in the new tomb is read. There is a prayer, a blessing for the catechumens and then the faithful and the dismissal. 'Obviously they are tired but, none the less, it is custom to watch there and all who wish – I should have said all who can – keep the vigil there. Some cannot watch until morning and they do not stay, but the vigil is kept by the clergy or at any rate the ones young enough to have the energy. All the night through they sing hymns and antiphons till morning comes. Most of the people watch but some only come later on and some at midnight, doing whatever they can manage. The following day is the Saturday and they have the normal service at nine o'clock and midday. But at three o'clock they stop keeping Saturday because they are preparing for the Paschal vigil in the Great church, the Martyrium' – on the site of Christ's tomb.