**Calling all Altar Servers**

 There will be a rehearsal for all the altar servers on **Tuesday 16th April at 6.30pm**

 to go over the Easter Triduum. This is the biggest and most important celebration

 in the Christian Calendar so please make every effort to be there

 **Preparation of the church for Easter**

 On **Saturday 20th April at 1.00pm** we are looking for volunteers to come and help prepare the

 church for Easter. If you can spare some time, please come along and help to decorate the church

 and get it ready for the great celebration of our Lord’s resurrection.

 **Easter Offering**

 Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to use for your Easter Offering. The

 collection taken at Easter is traditionally for the parish priest. You can put the envelope

 into any collection.

 **Gift Aid**

 There are still a number of new Gift Aid boxes waiting to be collected in the church porch.

 **If you are a UK tax payer, please consider Gift Aid- you increase your donation by 25p**

 **for every £1 with no extra cost to you!**

 **Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

 Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion play an important part in the life of our parish.

 They not only assist with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Holy Mass

 but they also ensure that Holy Communion can be taken to the sick, the housebound; and

 those in hospital. Extra-Ordinary Ministers are commissioned by the parish priest on behalf

 of the Archbishop for a period of one year. This re-commissioning will take place at St Joseph’s

 on Maundy Thursday 18th April, 7.30pm. I would encourage all extra-ordinary ministers to be

 present to renew their commitment to this very important ministry. I’d also be grateful if they

 could have a word with myself or Deacon Kevin beforehand.

 **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

 There will be a Lenten service of reconciliation at St Georges on **Monday 15th April at**

 **7.00pm.** Please avail yourself of this great sacrament of forgiveness and healing as part of your

 Lenten preparations.

 **Apologies**

 I would like to offer my sincere apologies to Phyllis Ball and her family for incorrectly stating

 that she had passed away and that Mass was being offered for the repose of her soul.

 This was a mistake and I am sorry for any distress this may have caused.

Spiritual Matters

*Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus broken for you. He offered His body, He poured out His soul, Jesus was broken that we might be whole. This is My body given for you, eat it remembering I died for you. This is my blood I shed for you, for your forgiveness, making you new.*

Every Passion Sunday I always wonder how our lord was feeling as the branches were waving, announcing His entrance into Jerusalem. Was He pleased by this outward show of affection, or was He distressed about He what was going face? Jesus, of course, knew that going there meant certain death for Him. He knew He was about to be betrayed, and He also knew that the friends that He loved would abandon Him. Had He been human He would probably feel anxious and bitterly disappointed, but Jesus is the Son of God and He knew that it was all necessary. Indeed, the events of Holy Week were absolutely essential for His life’s mission, the saving of the world. We all know the horror and cruelty of our Saviour’s Passion, but do we always see the love there? Jesus died because He love us! It is that simple. Christ’s Passion results in Our Lord’s triumph over Satan and original sin. This will change each of us, and indeed the world, forever. As we wave our palms today and remember Jesus’ pain, let us feel His overwhelming love. May we close our eyes and know that we are worthy of eternal life, purely because of our dear Saviour’s sacrifice. Then let us thank Him and take His love out into our everyday lives.

Louise Bowen (Janet Lunt).



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| **Saturday****April 13th.** | 12.30p.m. | St George's | Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday  |
| 5.15-5.45p.m. | St.Joseph’s | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 6.00p.m. | St.Joseph’s | Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday *Stan and Sadie Smith RIP* Reader: Tunei Sinjo EMHC: Anne K |
| **Sunday****April 14th.****Palm Sunday** | 9.00a.m. | St.George’s | Mass |
| 10.00a.m. | St.Joseph’s | Mass *Charles, Florence, John Rosser RIP Anniversary* Reader: Marion J EMHC: Angela C |
| 11.00a.m. | OLQP | Mass |
| 6.00p.m. | St.George’s | Mass |
| **Monday****April 15th.** | 9.15a.m.7.00p.m. | St.Joseph’sSt,George’s | Mass *Phyllis Ball S.P.*Service of Reconciliation  |
| **Tuesday****April 16th.** | 9.15 a.m. | St Joseph's | Mass *Holy Souls* |
| **Wednesday****April 17th.** |  | St.Joseph’s | No Mass at St.Joseph’s |
| **Thursday****April 18th.****Maundy****Thursday** | 7.30 p.m  | St.Joseph’s | Mass of the Lord’s Supper and washing of feet; *We need 12 volunteers for the washing-please speak to Fr. Andrew or Deacon Kevin*Watching at the altar of repose until 10.00p.m. |
| **Friday****April 19th.****Good Friday** | 10.00a.m. | St.Joseph’s | Ecumenical walk of witness; Please gather outside the church |
| 3.00p.m. | St.Joseph’s | Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion |
| **Saturday****April 20th.** | 1.00p.m. | St.Joseph’s | Preparing the church for Easter |
| 8.30p.m. | St.George’sSt Joseph’s | Easter Vigil *For those being received into the Church* |
| **Sunday****April 21st.****Easter Sunday** | 9.00a.m. | St,Goerge’s | Mass |
| 10.00a.m. | St.Joseph’s | Mass *Charles,Florence,John Rosser RIP Anniversary* |
| 11.00 a.m. | OLQP | 11.00 a.m |  | Mass |

Please prayfor all the sick of our parish and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital.

We also pray for the lately dead, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace