

**THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B
A HYMN TO THE CREATOR**

25 March 2018 – Mass Book Page 176, Psalter Week 2

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**Morning Glory, Starlit Sky,  
Leaves in Springtime, Swallows flight.  
Autumn winds, Tremendous Seas,  
Sounds, scents of summers night.**

**Soaring music, Towering words,  
Arts perfection, Scholars truth,  
Joy Supreme of human Love,  
Memories Treasure, Grace of Youth.**

**Open Lord, are these thy gifts,  
Gifts of love to mind and sense,  
Hidden in Loves' agony,  
Loves' endeavour, Loves' expense.**

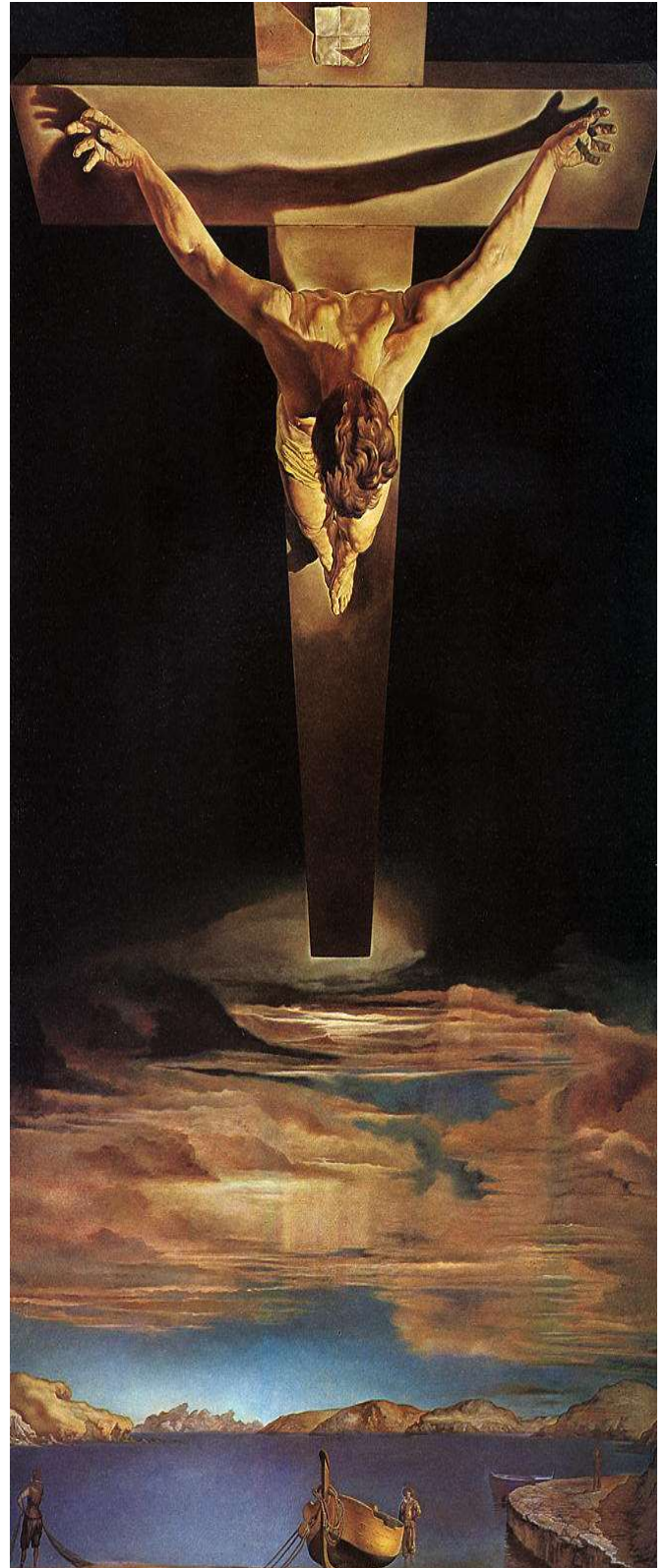
**Love that gives, gives ever more,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
Keeps not, spares not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, it's all expends.**

**Drained is love in making full,  
Bound in setting others free,  
Poor in making many rich,  
Weak in giving power to be.**

**Therefore, He who Thee reveals,  
Hangs, O Father, on that tree,  
Helpless, and the nails and thorns  
(Tell of human cruelty, tell more)  
of what Thy Love must be.**

**Thou art God, no monarch Thou  
Enthroned in easy state to reign.  
Thou are God, whose arms of Love  
Aching, Spent, the world sustain.**

*(William Vanstone. Loves Endeavour, Loves Expense)*



## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### **PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B**

|           |                  |                |                                                   |                                |
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| Saturday  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass                                              | Parish Intentions              |
| Sunday    | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass                                              | Jozef Marchlewski, RIP         |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                              | Patrick and Ellen Quaid        |
| Monday    | 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                                   |                                |
| Tuesday   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | <b>NO MASS</b> | <b>(Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, Portsmouth)</b> |                                |
| Wednesday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition                                        |                                |
|           |                  | 12.10pm        | Mass                                              | Ministers of Sick & Housebound |

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

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| Thursday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm | Mass | Solemn Renewal of Commitment for Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Ministers of the Word |
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### **GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of the LORD'S PASSION**

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| Friday | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 3.00pm | Service |  |
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### **HOLY SATURDAY**

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| Saturday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 7.30pm | Vigil | Adam, Harish and James 'Elect' being received into the Church |
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### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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| Sunday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass |  |
|        |                 | 10.30am | Mass |  |

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Tuesday to Thursday During Lent: 11.00am Exposition; **Thursday:** After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help, 10.15 am Mother's Prayers; **Saturday:** 9.30am Rosary, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.
Confessions: every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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DID YOU KNOW...?

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – **NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays**, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – Tuesday 3 April to Friday 6 April 2018 inclusive.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Maurice Timms, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Tuesday 3 April 2018** at 10.00am, followed by a burial at 11.45am at All Saints Church, Stubbs Hill, Binfield, RG42 5NS. Please pray for his beloved wife Jo and all his family.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



LENT : Live Lent and let your light shine! “Give” rather than “Give Up”. Give the gift of your time by joining one of the below ministries which are so important for the life of our church and parishioners. We need **YOU**.

WELCOMING MINISTRY – Warm and friendly greeting to our parishioners and visitors before the weekend Mass that you attend. A chance to meet other parishioners and help those in need with their visit to Mass.

OFFERING COLLECTIONS – During the Mass and 2nd offerings at the end of Mass, teams are needed for each of the weekend Masses.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST, MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTRIES – Support and guiding those going forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

SOUP & ROLL FRIDAYS – YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED – Can you spare a couple of hours on a Friday mid-morning, either setting up/ cooking/serving or clearing away. Great fun and camaraderie with our parishioners and the school children who join us after Mass. No experience needed other than a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate an easy online course, the cost reimbursed by the parish.

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAMS - We would love to welcome anyone who would like to join the team! No prior experience is necessary, just a desire to make our church look beautiful. If you think you would like to help with arranging flowers in church.

BRASS CLEANING TEAM – We need two more teams of 2/3 persons per team to clean the Tabernacle, candle sticks and bells. The teams can meet either after Saturday morning or weekday Masses. All equipment provided.

Please contact the Parish Office with your details and which ministry you would like to join.



PART-TIME CLEANER REQUIRED - A lady with mobility problems is looking for a cleaner maybe a couple of times a month. Please contact the parish office if you are interested to help this lady.

RESERVATIONS

BOOKING OF PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.

BEWARE: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Please ensure your children do not play around the candle trays, in the sand or with the lighted candles. Care must be taken reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injury.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MARCH – 25th Palm Sunday; 29th Maundy Thursday; 30th Good Friday; 31st Holy Saturday.
APRIL – 1st Easter Sunday; 9th The Annunciation of the Lord; 11th St Stanislaus; 23rd St George; 25th St Mark;
28th St Louis Grignon de Montfort;

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – Sunday 8 April 2018 2.30pm at St Joseph's

PRAYER GROUPS – Evening Group: 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm Hall. Day Group: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome.

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time in the hall.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY - Every 3rd Saturday 2pm in the Hall.



MASS OFFERINGS: £1373.89 **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

Please make cheques payable to (full name) “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”. **Gift Aid envelopes and banker's/standing order forms available in the porch.**

SECOND OFFERINGS - MARCH: 30th (Good Friday) For the Holy Places

We pray for those in our parish community who are sick, housebound or in hospital and for those who care for them.

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Emma Flavelle, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Adrian Sweeney, Derek Alexander, Brenda Lynch, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Denise Rinzivillo, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tim Roberts, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski.

PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

Evie and Ruby Shallom, two little girls of our parish who are very much in need of our special prayers.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

VOLUNTEER TO OVERSEE BUILDING WORK - The Parish is expecting to start some substantial building works on the church soon. We are looking for a volunteer to move the work forward and to oversee the project for about 9 months. If you have the relevant experience and can help, please contact the Parish Office.

Offering Envelopes



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Now available in the porch for the tax year from 6 April 2018. **Please take your box of envelopes for use from weekend 1 April 2018.** If you would like to use the envelope system next year, along with Gift Aid, please contact the parish office.

Envelope No 125 – We need to contact the user of No 125, please contact the parish office as soon as possible, thank you.



NEW THEATRE ROYAL, PORTSMOUTH – Saturday 5 May 2018, 9.30am to 5.00pm, Diocesan Day in Preparation for Eucharistic Congress! Workshops with Keynote speakers. **A day for all to come and Adore!** Free event, booking essential via congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780 221686



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip has invited you to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. A wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please visit the Cathedral website and complete the on-line form, <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries> Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – Bishop Philip invites our young people to join him and 20 students and FOCUS missionaries from the USA on a pilgrimage retreat to Lourdes from **12 to 16 July 2018**. Costs £550; full-board and flights from Southampton. For more information please contact Father P J Smith at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

MINISTERS FOR EASTER MASSES – The Easter Mass lists are now available on the porch noticeboard for **Ministers of the Holy Eucharist** and **Ministers of the Word**. Please write your name on the list to be a Minister at your preferred Mass.



JOURNEY INTO A CONTEMPLATIVE HEART – “FALLING INTO SILENCE” A MASTER CLASS BY DR JAMES FINLEY A series of 6 beautiful contemplative reflections by Dr James Finley, every **Thursday** in the hall, **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. Dr James Finley is a brilliant master of the contemplative life, a wonderful opportunity to 'rest and reflect in God and the Holy Spirit', preparing for the holy season of Easter.

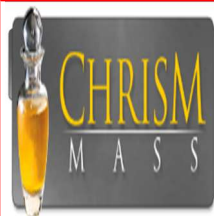


PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD – Masses:

Saturday 24 March 2018 - Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 25 March 2018 – 8.30am and 10.30am

Please note: Clocks go forward 1 hour this weekend



CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 11.00am at the Cathedral. We have a “mobility impaired” accessible coach for both able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this most beautiful Mass. **Please be at the church no later than 7.45am as the coach will depart from St Joseph's Church promptly at 8.00am, returning approx 4.00pm**, please contact the parish office to be included on the coach list. **The coach is expensive this year, we would really appreciate a donation towards the cost of the coach.** Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on **27 March 2018**, no Exposition or 12.10pm Mass that day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY : THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – **Thursday 29 March 2018** at **7.30pm**. All **Ministers of the Eucharist** and **Ministers of the Word** are to be formerly Commissioned during this Mass and will receive their Faculty, please contact the parish office to confirm your attendance at this Mass so we can prepare your Faculty in advance.



“ONE FRIDAY” BRACKNELL CHURCHES TOGETHER – PRAYER WALK – Friday 30 March 2018

- Bringing hope together. A solemn prayer walk with the cross, **9.45am** departing from Holy Trinity Church through the town centre, returning at **10.45am**. **Please see the details on the porch noticeboard.** Lots of activities for children, especially dressing up as Roman Soldiers!



GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Friday 30 March 2018, 3.00pm
Day of fasting and abstinence.



HOLY SATURDAY : This beautiful Easter Vigil Service is on Saturday 31 March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Adam Smith, Harish Chander and James Daley are being received into the Church during this service. Please pray for Adam, Harish and James and their families for their journey in our faith.

Also, the Polish Blessing of the Festive Foods 1.00pm in the church.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday 1 April 2018

Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am