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**Palm Sunday Year A – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish	<i>Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11 Matt 26: 14 – 27: 66</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Tony O'Neill	
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mon in Holy Week	St M	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (KJ)	<i>Is 42: 1-7, John 12: 1-11</i>
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tues in Holy Week	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Is 49: 1-6, John 13: 21-38</i>
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Weds in Holy Week	St O	9.30am	Peter Devlin (PD)	<i>Is 50: 4-9, Matt 26: 14-25</i>
<b>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</b>						
<b>Thu</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Passion</b>	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b>	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	James Bryan & Bryan Ruddick	<i>Acts 10: 34-43, Col 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish	

**SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY:** Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - *and available on request*  
(Rosary at St Oswin's (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in April:** Barbara Hunter, David Knight, Lynda Knight, Fred Stimpson, Sara Hyslop, Marlove Hannigan, Eithne Doyle, Rachel Charlton, Margalise O'Callaghan, June Barnsley, Monica Flynn, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Barbara Hunter, Betty Briggs.

**Anniversaries:** Harriet Butler, Hannah Pickering, Ronald Banks, Arthur Boyle, Joseph Mastaglio, Margaret Lewis, David Cranmer, Kenneth Kay, Kenneth Miller, George Dunleavy, Martinho de Freitas Alves, Gillian Henderson.

**We are supporting the Masasi Community** in Central Africa by purchasing our palms from them this year.

**Retiring Collection TODAY** helps to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land, which is experiencing great hardships at this time. (Holy Places).

**The Easter Triduum:** This comprises three services that form **one continuous liturgy** from Holy Thursday through to Holy Saturday. The Church asks that parishioners participate in **all three parts** of the one service. Why not come along and share in the experience of the *Triduum* this year?

**Watching at the Altar of Repose** in St Oswin's will take place after Mass on **Holy Thursday evening until 10.00pm.**

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at **10.00am** at St Oswin's on Good Friday.

**Lenten Alms Appeal 2017:** once more we are asked to contribute to helping the work of St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

**The Diocesan Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Holy Thursday at St Mary's Cathedral, at 11am. All welcome.

**Forward Together in Hope Prayer:**

God of all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.

As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another, to serve the world and to live in harmony with the whole of creation. All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Young People and Moving Forward Together in Hope** All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on **Sat 13 May**, called 'The Way We See It: A Response'. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) Details also on the YMT website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org)

## Procession Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

At the heart of this account is the quotation from the prophet Zechariah: the royalty of Christ is that of a gentle and peaceful king, bringer of peace and salvation. In faith we acclaim him as the one sent by God.

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethpage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Master needs them and will send them back directly.' This took place to fulfil the prophecy: *Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden*. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'. And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

### Reflection

When momentous events happen, often only a few people are able to grasp their full significance. On Palm Sunday there were only a few in the crowd who had any idea of what the real picture was. The crowd cheered and sang; the children were enjoying every moment of Jesus's entry on a donkey into Jerusalem. It was a colourful pageant and a welcome diversion from the religious duties of the festival period. But only a few knew that the man on the donkey was no mere rabbi, politician or rebel leader. He was, in fact, God's Son. He was the Messiah sent by God to bring good news to his people and to reveal the sort of God that they had. Only a few people could see that the cheering crowd would turn before the week was over and, bored once more, would demand a public spectacle again... this time an execution. In this they were representative of the people at large who rejected the message of Jesus. Most people would have expected him to argue his case and try to defend himself against the charges of treason in order to save his skin. But a few people were convinced that he would remain absolutely faithful to the will of his Father. That's because he knew that his mission depended on this. And while the vast majority of the crowd thought that the whole thing was something of a damp squib and the fun was over after his death, a few understood that his life and death had a purpose. Though he was innocent he gave his life in order to reveal the gift of the resurrection. Some people knew that, but not many. On Palm Sunday we are invited to be among those in the crowd who join in the celebration because we know the love that Christ Jesus has shared with us and we wish to proclaim this still.



### Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?**