

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

5th Sunday of Lent

21 March 2021 (Year B)

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Please let Kathryn have your email for the bulletin, and search for our private Facebook group

Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 20	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Jean de Groot RIP</i>
Sunday 21	5th Sunday of Lent
10:00am	Mass: <i>David Peter Harmer RIP</i>
Monday 22	The Passing of St Benedict, abbot, Solemnity
Tuesday 23	Feria
Wednesday 24	Feria
09:30am	Mass: <i>Fr Charles McCauley RIP</i>
Thursday 25	The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity
	Mass: <i>Fr Leo Chamberlain RIP</i>
Friday 26	Feria
11:00am	Mass: <i>EBC</i>
Saturday 27	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Tony Kelly</i>
CLOCKS GO FORWARD	
Sunday 28	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
10:00am	Mass: <i>Parish</i>

Abbot Robert's Blessing

This Monday (the 22nd), Abbot Robert will have his Abbatial Blessing in the Abbey Church. The Bishop will perform the blessing, and the Abbot President and Mgr Hogan will be present, along with the monastic Community. Because of COVID restrictions there will sadly be no other guests, but I am sure you will want to pray for the new Abbot on this very important day for him and for us all; he is facing many challenges of course, but with God's great help he will be able to rise to them all, being deeply aware of how entirely the future belongs to God. May he be richly blessed in his Abbacy! Fr James.

Holy Week Services

This is just an initial note to you all to let you know that all the services will be taking place this year, as indeed they did last year, but this time of course there can be a congregation! We are still restricted as to the number of people who can attend, so it will be important to book a place as usual – we really must not go over the permitted number!

The times of the services should be the same as two years ago (see below), but there will of necessity be some changes which the bishops have decreed; for example, on Palm Sunday the service cannot begin outside but must all take place in the church (I know, I know!!), and the congregation is asked to take their palms as they *leave* Mass; on Maundy Thursday there is to be no washing of the feet, nor can we have an altar of repose: instead, the Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for some time after Mass.

On Good Friday the Veneration of the Cross will have to be different this year, as will the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, in that there can be no blessing of the New Fire; there will be fewer readings than usual and there is to be no sprinkling of the people with Holy Water.

These changes – these diminutions – are of course a response to the pandemic; we must all look forward to resuming the services once again in all their power in the future. Nonetheless, the essentials are all there and we can be certain that God will bless us fully if we celebrate the liturgies devoutly and with faith; far from losing out, we may find ourselves even more richly blessed because of our response in love to the demands the virus has placed upon us.

The times of services will be as follows:

Palm Sunday (28 March):	As normal
Maundy Thursday (1 April):	7pm
Good Friday (2 April):	3pm
Easter Vigil (3 April):	8.30pm
Easter Sunday (4 April):	10am

God bless you all, and thank you!

Fr James.

Please note the following changes in Mass Times

- Friday 26 March Mass will be at **11am**
- Palm Sunday 28 March – clocks will have gone forward.

Thought for the Week

...a guilty suffering spirit is more open to grace than an apathetic or smug soul. Therefore, an age without a sense of sin, in which people are not even sorry for not being sorry for their sins, is in a serious predicament.

Edna Hatlestad Hong, American writer

Mass Intention Requests to Fr James

If you would like a Mass said please write the intention on an envelope with the offering inside. With advanced notice we can try for a specific date, otherwise we will use the next available slot.

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

First Communions, Confirmations and Baptisms

We hope that we will be able to go ahead this year, so it would be very helpful if families could confirm names of children who they would like to receive these sacraments. **Please do this even if you believe we already have their names, just so no one gets overlooked.**

Mass Cards to keep – first come, first served!

As not everyone has a Missal, parishioners may make a small donation to have a Mass Card to keep – it would be inscribed with your name in permanent ink so even if it were left behind we would know to whom it belonged. They are in the Hall, along with the permanent marker pen.

Bulletin availability: hard copy from box at kitchen door

Please help yourself, or let Kathryn have your email if you would like a soft copy.

Charities and Other Information

- Osiligi Charity Projects: Child Sponsors Required. See www.osiligi.org.
- CAFOD Volunteer Team: contact Carol Cross for more details ccross@cafod.org.uk.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Sign up sheets to book in are in the Hall. Please also let us know if you would be prepared to Steward

Streaming: Live Catholic Mass Online

- Please see our website for a list of on-line resources.
- the Diocese (middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk) has a simple database to provide links to those churches broadcasting live Catholic Mass online.

Campaigns in support of Life

- Right To Life (righttolife.org.uk) have set up an easy-to-use tool to contact your MP on the following issues:
 - the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. Please ask your MP to attend this event.
 - the motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain.
- Due to the extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions, Lord Alton is championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. You can email your MP using a tool at: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

Attendance at Mass

Please note that the seating plans for Mass are now fixed, and Sunday Mass is fully booked. We can accept new bookings for Saturday, but please let us know by Friday.

Thank you to those who help out by stewarding at all Masses. Next weekend's stewards are Lucy and Alex Walton (27th), and Anita Rush (28th)

Catholic Papers

- Catholic Universe and Catholic Times: can be delivered to you weekly: 3 months for £25.00 or 12 months for £99.00. 0161 820 5722 or www.thecatholicuniverse.com
- For editions of all the catholic papers you can also go on www.ChurchPaper.co.uk.

Home Library and Information Service

This is a free service for people of all ages who live in North Yorkshire and are unable to get to the library or carry books themselves. It's a personalised service, which offers full access to books, large print, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and information. Library staff and volunteers choose books to suit the clients' tastes, and our teams of friendly volunteers deliver the books to their home once a fortnight. Items can be kept for as long as they are needed, there are no fines or overdue charges, and requests are free. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.

Eggs: Free until further notice

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box.

Parish Contacts

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVP): Pauline Willcox 823675
- Catholic Women's League (CWL): Susan Harrand 823219

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- Thank you for last week's offertory collections: £278.10
- CAFOD family fast day: please feel free to donate using one of their envelopes, and add it to the collection plate at any time over the next couple of weeks.
- We have raised £93.51 through Easyfundraising over the last quarter: thank you to those who are using the scheme. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.

Lost Property in Hall

There are various items that have been left behind, some of them are from before COVID. Please have a look on the table in the Hall and take anything that belongs to you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Col Crossland, Paul Gallagher, Murray Grant, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Pauline Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Derrick Johnson, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Vincent O'Donnell, Marie Podgorski, Teresa Catherine Powers, Stephen Sangster, Anne Waggott, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams;

those who have died recently: Teresa Beales, Jérôme Bérard, Frank Coogans (104 yrs), Tony Kelly (Gerry's brother), Richard Lumley; *and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Edgar Roe, Ann Stephenson.