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Sunday 25th March 2018 - Year B Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Psalter 2 & Proper of Season)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.15pm Saturday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, & 5.30pm

CONFESSIONS

No Confessions on Holy Saturday

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 25th March	6.15pm(Sat)	Doherty Family	
	8.00am	Nigel Cabral (Thanksgiving)	
	9.30am	Braulio & Soares Family (Good Health)	
	11.00am	Jozef Ratajczak	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Mon 26th March	8.00am	Francisco Xavier & Martina Rodrigues (RIP)	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>
Tue 27th March	8.00am	Mr & Mrs Joquim Fernandes & Anton Maria Fernandes RIP	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>
	12.30pm	Caterina Gemoli (RIP)	<i>Funeral Service</i>
Wed 28th March		NO MASS - NO CONFESSIONS	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
Thu 29th March	7.00pm	Swieber Fernandes (Thanksgiving)	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
Fri 30th March	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy	<i>Good Friday - Day of Fast & Abstinence</i>
Sat 31st March	10.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
	8.00pm	People of the Parish	<i>Easter Vigil</i>

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 117; Col 3: 1-4 Mark 16:1-7

As we enter into Holy Week with great procession we will listen to Mark's account of the passion. It appears so stark and bleak and we should notice the contrast from how Jesus stands at the beginning of the gospel. Do you notice that now Jesus is alone? All the crowds that flocked around him have vanished and even his own disciples have fled. Jesus, the Son of God, is left abandoned and alone, broken and bruised. But the centurion is the one to point out *who* Jesus is: he is the Son of God, the innocent one, rejected and crushed, taking upon himself our faults. The cross has been on the horizon from the start of Jesus' ministry and it has to be a feature in the life of the disciple. Our *Year of Mission* allows us to see our own discipleship as that same outreach of love towards our world. It is God's love we proclaim revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed One of God. This is how we live mission and how we live discipleship, in the giving of ourselves for the life of the world. Loving to the gift of everything.

NOTICES:

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: was loose **£2198.06**. Green envelopes **£233.50**. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY Collection is for Holy Places & Christians in the Holy Land.

CHRISM MASS at Clifton Cathedral this Wednesday 28th March. The coach will be departing Holy Rood at 8.50am, cost is £8 per person. Please sign up on the form in the porch.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be a break over the Easter period. Eucharistic Adoration will close at 10.00pm on Tuesday 27th March and will resume on Monday 9th April at 7.00 am.

NEXT BOOKSTALL: Weekend 7/8 April **My Day by Day for Easter** available from Julia.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Rescheduled for Friday 6th April at 10am in the Quaker Meeting House, 79, Eastcott Hill.

REMINDER: NO FLOWERS in church during Lent.

HOLY ROOD CARE GROUP is a group of men & women visiting elderly people, lonely people & hospital visiting. If you think that this is for you please see one of the members at the newspaper table.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We urgently need new volunteers for the Children's Liturgy at the 9.30am Mass, which runs during school term times. Volunteers can either lead a session or support a session leader. No previous experience is required; just enthusiasm. If we do not get more volunteers then we will have to stop the Children's Liturgy. If you want more information and/or want to try it out before committing, please contact Peter Norris on peter-anorris@hotmail.com or 07889-263851.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 8th April. There will be a Divine Mercy Service at the Sacred Heart Church in Wootton Bassett commencing at 2pm. Refreshments will be provided.

APRIL EVENTS AT PRINKASH ABBEY: All welcome: Saturday 7th April: Gospel of Luke 10.30am to 12noon; Exploring the connection between the Bible and Tradition 2-4pm; **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 8th April: 2pm to 4pm at Prinknash abbey chapel.

ROSARY ON THE COAST: This is a day of Pilgrimage and Prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a culture of Life and for true Peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples & Nations. <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>. Please take time to follow the link & see if you are able to participate in this amazing opportunity to pray for our Nation. More info on the notice board.

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Saturday 31/03 – 8.00pm
Easter Sunday 01/04 – 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 5.30pm
Easter Monday 02/04 – 10.00am

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION 2018: are you free on Sunday afternoons or Monday evenings for a couple of hours? Do you feel called to help with preparing our young people for the sacrament of Confirmation. Contact us on the youth ministry email address.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: please keep in your prayers the 15 couples doing the 'Preparing Together' course this weekend. Have you got married recently? Would you like to help with refreshments and welcome on these days? Please leave your details with Anna in the office.

JUSTICE & PEACE

SWINDON FOODBANK and HARBOUR

COLLECTIONS: Will take place later than usual on the weekend of 7th /8th April.

PRAYER

DIVINE OFFICE: PRAYER OF THE CHURCH IN

HOLY WEEK: Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday at 8.30am; Wednesday & Thursday at 8am. Evening Prayer: Monday to Wednesday 5pm: Night Prayer Thursday at 10.50pm: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer: Saturday 10am.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP: Will resume on the 9th April.

MOTHERS PRAYERS: Will resume on the 12th April.

GROWING IN FAITH – ALL WELCOME

LECTIO DIVINA: Will not take place on Good Friday. We will meet as usual on Friday 6th April 8.45 – 9.30am

THE WOMAN AT THE HOUSE OF SIMON THE PHARISEE DVD after Evening Mass Saturday 7th April in the parish room.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ALL THE SICK, AND ESPECIALLY: Ann Burnett, Martha Dixon, Michael Fisher, Merlyn Wise, Franco Amoroso, Anthony Dearman, Pauline Huff, John Wheeler, Pat Short, Teresa Frame, Cyril Freeman, Rosina Anello, Regina Rodrigues, Filomena Fernandes, Paul Dearman, Mandy Reagan, Isabella Horta, Clotty Raj, Edwin Lopes, Paddy Hatcher, Deana Hunt, Vida Freeman, Isabela DeSousa, Zarina Lopes, Blanca Gracias, Francesco Vitale, Damian Norris, James Armstrong, Mairead Emery & Margaret Charman.