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Newsletter – 25th March 2018– Palm Sunday (B)

Readings: **Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1–15:47**

Responsorial Psalm *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel acclamation: *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.

Next week's Readings: Acts 10: 34. 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20:1-9

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm. Please come along and join fellow Christians in praying the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Lenten Diary:

26 th Monday	7pm. Holy Mass; 7.30. Sacrament of Confession.
28 th Wednesday	11.15am – Chrism Mass at Cathedral.
28 th Wednesday	7.30pm – Ecumenical Station of the Cross.
29 th Thursday	7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper.
30 th Friday	3pm - Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord.
31 st Saturday	8pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
1 st April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Mass at 9am & 11am)

Bible verse to remember: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed [Isaiah 53:5].

The Palm Sunday: The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory and suffering – the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers and the unjust drama of his trial culminating in his crucifixion. Holy Week challenges us to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation, to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God's love for us (expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus), by loving others. The meditation on these Paschal mysteries should enable us to do our own dying to sin and rising with Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.



The New Head Teacher: The Governors of St. William of Perth are pleased to announce that Mr. James Willis, our present Deputy Head teacher will become the New Head teacher of our School following Mrs. Keywood's retirement at the end of this academic year. The Governors wish Mr. Willis every success in his new role and thank Mrs. Keywood for her magnificent leadership over the years. May she enjoy a well-earned retirement secure in the knowledge that Mr. Willis will maintain the high standards she set for St. William of Perth.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

		THIS WEEK	Easter day
Sunday 25th March	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Miss Winifred Luxton - R.I.P. Eileen Enright - R.I.P	People of the Parish Crotty Family No Mass
Monday	7pm	Gordon McCann - R.I.P.	Ger Walsh - R.I.P.
Tuesday	10am	Bridie Busher - R.I.P.	Philip & Mabel Wood - R.I.P.
Wednesday	11.15am 7.30pm	Chrism Mass at Cathedral Ecumenical Stations	Denys Dukes - R.I.P.
Thursday	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Last Supper	No Mass
Friday	3pm	Good Friday Liturgy begins.	10am- Denise Fredericks 80 th Birthday
Saturday	8pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	No intentions received

Sunday – 18th March: Collection: Loose – £166.43; Gift Aided –£179.10 = £345.53

Attendance: 9am - 60, 11am - 76; 6pm – 33 = 169

100 Club: £20 –Nº 65 John Endicott; £10 - Nº. 38 B. McEwan

Feasts: Monday: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Patron of the Universal Church.

There will be a collection on Good Friday 30th March 2018 for the Holy Places.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Teresa Zanussi, aged 82years, whose cremation will be next Tuesday 27th March at 11.15 am in Medway Crematorium.

The Easter Triduum [Pope Paul VI]

Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore the pre-eminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year.

The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

On **Friday** of the Passion of the Lord and, if appropriate, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil the sacred Paschal Fast is everywhere observed.

The Easter Vigil, in the holy night when the Lord rose again, is considered the '**mother of all holy Vigils**', in which the Church, keeping watch, awaits the Resurrection of Christ and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Therefore, the entire celebration of this sacred Vigil must take place at night, so that it both begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn on the Sunday. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar)

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