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Beach.

Easter Church cleaning: We will be continuing our spring cleaning in the Church on Tuesday morning after 10.00am Mass in readiness for the Easter Triduum, so please let Gill know if you are able to come along to help: 07813368484/01634312171.

Wed 17th of April –
7:00pm Ecumenical
Stations of the cross.

18th April – Holy
Thursday 8 pm

19th April – Good
Friday 3 pm

20th April – Easter Vigil
8 pm

21st April – Easter
Sunday

9 am & 11 am, **NO**
evening Mass

EASTER OFFERINGS: The collection taken during all Easter Masses is traditionally your personal gift to your parish priest. A priest's income is normally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings). The Easter collection forms an important part of his income for the year and enables him to meet personal expenses. If you can gift aid your offering, the parish can benefit from the tax refund. To do so indicate your gift aid number on the envelopes available in the church foyer. Gift aided offerings made by cheque must be made payable to "St. John Fisher Catholic Church". Please indicate on the gift aid envelopes "Easter Donations" if using them. If you are away at Easter, you can always hand in your offering before you go. Thank you.

Traidcraft will be for sale in the Hall after 9am and 11am Mass today. Please come along and give your support.

Our Parish walk will be on the 4th Sunday this month, incorporating litter picking at Upnor beach, followed by lunch at the King's Head, Upnor. The walk will start after 11am Mass, meeting in the Hall for refreshments, driving to Frindsbury Church and then walking to Upnor

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Newsletter – 14th April 2019 Palm/Passion Sunday (C)

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-7; Luke 19: 28-40

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

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! 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. Alleluia!*

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

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday after 10 am
Mass, and Adoration.
Sunday 10.30 – 10.45 am
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.

**Jesus, thank you for
your sacrifice!**

I celebrated Palm Sunday, early on Friday morning at the prison. Having never celebrated Palm Sunday in prison before I was quite apprehensive as to who will help me with the passion readings and the liturgy. The Lord knows how I worry about having a good liturgy, and even before I asked, he provided the help I needed. I was first cheered up by a familiar face, a parishioner at my previous parish who came to say hello. It was wonderful to see him, because I know his family well and I was privileged to celebrate his wedding. Then as I got things ready, one of the prisoners came forward to help with the readings, along with a lay chaplain. Some would say, that there is nothing remarkable about a group of men gathering to celebrate liturgy in glum surroundings. But it captured the Gospel so well, as to how our Lord the King of the universe rides on a humble donkey with praises from the people. And in HMP Rochester eight men sang "All glory, laud and honour to thee redeemer King", with great devotion. It wasn't perfect, but was beautiful in so many



ways. Yes, the Lord was with these men in a special way as the passion readings were read and all joined in. The Lord came for the most wretched to lift them up to the heights of heaven. Let the passion of our Lord move us to love him and be ever faithful to him. Have a wonderful Holy Week. Fr Neil.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

	14 th April 2019	Feast Days	
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	Gratiane Delyfer Nancy O'Brien – R.I.P. People of the Parish	Palm Sunday
Monday	10am	John O'Connor – R.I.P.	Purple
Tuesday	10am	Jeremy Ravindran – R.I.P.	Purple
Wednesday	7pm	No Mass Ecumenical Stations of the Cross & Compline	Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral
Thursday	8pm	For Prayers Answered	The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	3pm	Solemn Liturgy	Friday of the Passion of The Lord
Saturday	8pm	Patrick McLaughlin – R.I.P.	Holy Saturday
Sunday	9am 11am	Wolfred Chandler People of the Parish	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 7th April:

Collection: Loose – £262.71; Gift Aid - £215.50= £478.21

Collection, Building Fund. £153.97

Attendance: 9am -92 ; 11am – 76, 6pm –52 = 220

100 Club: £20– No 101 J Naughton, £10– N° 22 Catherine Brown

Good Friday there is a collection for the Holy places.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for April: We pray with Pope Francis for “doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives, to save the lives of others”. For more information please see www.clicktopray.org.

Invitation to the Triduum: The celebration of the three great days of the church's year, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil\Easter Sunday should be taken as one solemn celebration. So, may I urge families to please set aside time to come to commemorate our Lord's passion and resurrection. Let us also encourage those who may not be practicing in our families to come along. Please keep an eye out for the Holy Week program which is available today.

New Hymn Books: We have new hymn books for our parish as the current ones are a bit dated. The new ones are called “Laudate” and are used in quite a few of the parishes in our diocese. A book is priced at £6.25, if you would like to help with the costs or want to sponsor a book(s), please put the donation and details of the dedication, in the “New Hymn Book” envelopes, on the desk in Porch, and give it to Gill or Fr Neil please.

March for Life: This pro-life march will take place between 2- 4 pm on Saturday 11th May, starting from the back entrance of Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, SW10 3BN. It will conclude with Christian Prayer and speeches. The march will be preceded by an indoor festival called 'Lifest19' between 9.30 am - 1.30 pm and will take place over two central London venues in the Westminster area. Tickets cost £3- £5 for adults and £1 for children (under 6 years are free). The festival will include education stalls, children's activities, live music, prayers and a range of speakers. For more details visit: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/lifest-19/>

The Justice and Peace Commission for the Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark are holding a Spring Assembly on Saturday 18th May at Our Lady of Reparation (St Mary's) parish, West Croydon. The day is entitled ‘**Tackling Poverty in the Archdiocese of Southwark**’. An initial notification of the day is pinned on our noticeboard. All are invited to participate. More information will follow over the coming weeks. justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

When you repent, you make a mental ‘U’ turn. You turn from guilt to forgiveness.