



14th April 2019—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

In Friendship With Christ

Friendship is one of life's gifts, and a grace from God. Through our friends, the Lord refines us and leads us to maturity. Faithful friends, who stand by us in times of difficulty, are also a reflection of the Lord's love; his gentle, consoling presence in our lives.

Friendship is not a fleeting or temporary relationship, but one which is stable, firm and matures with the passage of time. Friendship is so important that Jesus calls himself a friend: "I do not call you servants any longer, but I call you friends." (John 15:15). With the same love Christ pours out on us, we can love him in turn and share his love with others. The disciples heard Jesus calling them to be his friends. It was not an invitation which put pressure on them, but gently appealed to their freedom.



"Come and see" Jesus told them, so "they came and saw where he was staying and they remained with him that day." (John 1:39) After that unexpected and moving encounter, they left everything and followed him.

Friendship with Jesus cannot be broken. He never leaves us. With a friend, we can speak and share our deepest secrets. With Jesus too, we can always have a conversation. Prayer enables us to share with him every aspect of our lives and at the same time it gives us a share in his own life and love.

Pope Francis

Christus Vivit—An apostolic exhortation to young people

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Sunday Mass: 8.30am & 11am. Daily Mass: 9.30am

Confession: Saturday 10am or on request.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps 21).

**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!

**Gospel according to Luke (C)**

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Mass will begin this morning either outside or in the hall with blessing of palms, followed by a procession into the church.

AND FINALLY... A wee reflection from Fr Sean

We have made it to Holy Week. Lent was a journey of faith and now it is healing or holy for us: healing of mind, body and soul. In conflict areas of the world, many people have trouble in keeping body and soul together, but at least we have our health and strength, thanks to the good country we live in. We hear in the Old testament a lot about 'Let us rebuild the walls of Jerusalem'. That really means work for justice, peace and reconciliation at this very moment, not living in the past. That is the healing we can get in Holy Week.

The bulletin is uploaded to the parish website every weekend: [www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk)

## Easter Triduum of Holy Week

(No morning mass)

Thursday—Saturday)

### Holy Thursday 18th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

### Good Friday 19th April

Passion of the Lord 3pm

(followed by confession)

Stations of the Cross 7pm

### Holy Saturday 20th April

Easter Vigil 9pm

### Easter Sunday 21st April

Morning mass 11am

Booklets are available for all services.

Please return them as they are for use every year.

On **Holy Thursday** members of the parish council are invited to come forward and **have their feet washed** after the homily (both sexes—Pope Francis issued a decree permitting it.) Please let Fr Paul know.

Please note that recommissioning of **Eucharistic Ministers** will no longer take place on Holy Thursday. This will now happen on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

The Polish custom of  **blessing of Easter food** will take place on Holy Saturday at 3pm. All welcome.

**Parish Survey:** Please return these to the box in the porch. No need to sign. Blank copies still available for those who didn't get one.



## GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

An ecumenical venture involving all our local churches. Starting at Stenhouse Baptist Church (above Tesco/Greggs) at 6pm and finishing at St Nicholas', taking in St Joseph's on the way.

Do come along, even if only from St Joseph's. Fr Paul will be there—in his habit! **See poster.**

There will be a **retiring collection after mass today for Easter flowers and plants for the Easter Garden.** We want the church looking as beautiful as possible for the celebration of the Resurrection.



The custom of **covering crucifixes and statues with purple** will continue for the final two weeks of Lent. This is a sign of repentance.

A **Christian meditation group** meets in Cathedral House on Fridays at 7pm. If interested, see poster.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION:

£671.91

Thank you for your generosity.



## ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC

**(RCIA):** This course is now over until 3rd October. Please pray for **Gareth Hogg** who is preparing for baptism in St Joseph's this Easter and **Duarte Silva** who is to be confirmed.

**LEGION OF MARY** meets on Sundays after 11am mass. New members are always welcome. If you wish a home visit from the Legion put your name on the clipboard at the back of the church and they will come and pray for your intentions with a statue of Our Lady.

## BIG EASTER

### CLEAN

**Saturday 20th April at 10am.**

It would be useful to have as many volunteers for this as possible. We had a good number for the Christmas clean and in the end it took little over an hour.



## Gathering of Pro-life Chain

outside Sheraton Hotel opp. Usher Hall on **Sat 27 April at 11am.**

Rosary with Archbishop beforehand at 10am in Sacred Heart Church.

*"Where there is life, there is hope."*  
- Pope Francis

## DOUBLE PARKING

Last Sunday, we received a written complaint from a resident of Broomhouse



Square as the driver of a black Peugeot had blocked her car and she was unable to get out. This is not the first time this has happened.

We know that parking is limited around the church, but please try to respect our neighbours. If the issue keeps happening, we will publish the registration number in the bulletin. If you have any questions, ask Fr Paul.

Archbishop Leo invites all married couples, especially those celebrating anniversaries, to join him on **1 May**, the feast of St Joseph the worker, to celebrate the gift of marriage at the cathedral at 7.30pm. No need to book, just turn up.

## Upcoming events:

Sun 28 Apr 3pm—Divine Mercy Devotion

Sun 5 May—Holy Rosary for children (after 11am mass and every Sunday hereafter)

Sun 12 May—Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima 10-10.55am