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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>**

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**TIMES OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Monday:** Mass 12.10 pm  
**Tuesday,** Mass 12.10 pm  
**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Service 12.10 pm

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY** Morning Prayer of the Church 9.00am  
**MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER** 7.30pm  
Watching in prayer until Midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY** Morning Prayer of the Church 9.00am  
**GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY** Kissing the  
**Cross and Holy Communion** 3.00pm  
Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY** Morning Prayer of the Church 9.00am  
**EASTER VIGIL**, First Mass of Easter 7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY** Mass 8.30am  
Mass 10.30am  
Mass 12.15pm

**EASTER MONDAY** Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Kenney  
for us all in Coventry 10.00am

**PLEASE PRAY** for Mrs Molly Gorrell, aged 75 years, of Brightmere Road, who died in Ireland on Friday. Funeral arrangements pending. May she rest in peace.

**A SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken today for the Easter Flowers for the Altar.

**EASTER OFFERING** Please take an envelope today. The Second Collection at the Easter Sunday Masses is traditionally your half yearly offering for the personal support of your priest.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICES** Our local parishes are cooperating to provide Penitential Services in preparation for Easter. At each there will be several priests available to hear confessions: **Monday St. Thomas More's 7.30pm, Wednesday Christ the King, 7pm.**

**THIS IS HOLY WEEK IN THE YEAR 2008** We follow in Our Lord's footsteps this Holy Week. Let it be a very different week for us. **Please try to come to EACH of the special days:**

**HOLY THURSDAY 7.30pm.** We enter into the events of that night: the Last Supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, the gift of the priesthood. We are invited to pray at the Altar of repose.

**GOOD FRIDAY At 3pm** the time when Jesus died for us on the Cross, we gather in St.Osburg's to **hear the Passion** account read by several voices. We **kiss the Cross** as a sign of belief and love, and have the opportunity to **receive Holy Communion**.

**HOLY SATURDAY 7.00pm** The Church celebrates Our Lord's **rising from the dead**. The Easter candle is carried into the darkened Church. The great events of God's love for us are recalled, the water of Baptism is blessed. The first Mass of Easter is celebrated.

**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS** Bishop Kenney is the guest speaker this year. Please assemble in Dresden Square, outside Methodist Central Hall, at 10.45am. There will be a Service in Shelton Square at 11am at which Bishop Kenney will be speaking. The Procession of Witness will then pass through the Precinct to Holy Trinity, finishing at 11.30am.

**EASTER MONDAY MASS 10.00am** Bishop Kenny will be coming to St.Osburg's to celebrate Mass with the people and priests of Coventry and district. This custom originated in Birmingham in the early part of the last century. It is a profession of faith in the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a cup of tea in the Hall afterwards.

**OUR MEETING WITH M.P.'S** Deacon Gerry O'Reilly arranged for representatives of our deanery to meet the three Coventry M.P.s last Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at The House of Commons. We met Bob Ainsworth, Jim Cunningham and Geoffrey Robinson and handed over to them your Petition, calling for amendments to the Bill, and explained to them how crucial these amendments are. In the morning our train down had been cancelled and we had to wait for the next one. As it happened Jim Cunningham joined us in the waiting room, having attended a funeral. In London he led the way through the Underground (and windswept rain) to a less used entrance to the Houses of Parliament. We went through the magnificent Westminster Hall where St Thomas More was tried and condemned to death. A room had been booked for us and at 2pm the two other M.P.'s joined us, and also Dr Eviano Ossueta, Gerry's son-in-law who is a consultant paediatrician. He took us through the biology of cybrids/hybrids to clarify our first area of concern. We also outlined our concerns for the welfare of the child, the need for a representative body to consider the ethics of this area of research, and our view that the M.P.'s should have a free vote on these moral issues. The M.P.'s listened attentively and asked probing questions. They were most gracious to us, and were very complimentary about how effectively the Church is making its views on these issues known. Our meeting lasted an hour. Afterwards Jim showed us the Magna Carta, and the Terrace before bringing us into the Pugin Room in the House of Lords for tea, a rather more elegant end to the day than its beginning!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend: Gift Aid: £118.50, Loose: £625.52 Total: £744.02 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral: £383.10 Thank You.

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**Please pray for ALL THE SICK of the parish:** Betty Clarkin, Tom Noone, Alberta Kelly, Bill Malone, Laurence Gallen, Dave Peadon, Philip Kierans, Tom Mulrennan, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Madeline Philips, Carol Sparks, George Dickin, Frank Tierney, Mary Kelly, Ruth Glithero.

**Please pray for those who have died recently** Molly Gorrell, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Mrs Anne McGuire, Walter Tymmkwiw, Fr Sean Farrell.

**Please pray for all those whose ANNIVERSARIES are about now:** Henry Skillen, Walter O'Toole, Margaret Carpenter, Joseph Kernon, Mary Lynch, Harry Hodgson, Sabrina Walsh, John Healey, Bridget Greene, Mary Monahan, James Walsh, William O'Reilly, Kathleen Turier, James Dunphy, John Jones, William Horan, Florence Spencer, Francis O'Reilly, Hubert Hegarty.