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Sunday 9th April 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday

6.15pm (Saturday 8th April)

Elisabeth Davies RIP

8.30am Welfare of Ethelda Williams

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Thanksgiving –

De Bragança family

(Hymn & Plainchant choirs singing)

(NB: This Mass starts in the lower hall)

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

and Benediction

5.00pm Welfare of Elizabeth Power

Fifth Week in Lent:

Monday 10th April

7.30am Maria & Salus Rebello RIP

10.00am Emeliana Diniz RIP

Tuesday 11th April

LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Gennaro Borrelli &

Giovanna Migliardi

25th Wedding Anniversary

Followed by Adoration and the

Sacrament of Confession all day,

closing with Benediction at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 12th April

7.30am Holy souls

9.30am Holy souls

(NB: Earlier time due to Chrism Mass)

Thursday 13th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 14th April

GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion, with Veneration of the Cross

and Holy Communion

8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th April

NB: No 10.00am Mass or Confessions

No 6.15pm Mass

8.30pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(Polyphony Choir singing)

Next Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Valencio Douardo RIP

11.30am People of the parish

NB: NO 5PM MASS

Daily Mass & Prayer:

**(NB: PLEASE SEE THE PARISH
EASTER CARD FOR CHANGES)**

*Mass: Mon – Fri: 7.30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church

Mon - Sat 9.15am

*Adoration & Benediction.

Mon – Sat 9.30am

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10.00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10.30am *Confessions:
Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am;
then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,
and daily at call whenever a priest is available.

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - Page 176

Booklets available for all Triduum services.

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£2297.00**

(£1699.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders.

Our Confirmation Candidates thank you for
helping them to raise the sum of **£260.00** at
their Coffee Morning last Sunday.

**GOOD FRIDAY - Please note that be
the traditional collection for the HOLY
PLACES will be taken. There is not a
special envelope for Gift Aid use.**

**Coffee Morning Today
after the 11.30 Mass ONLY
with our Explorer Scouts**

PARISH EASTER CARD

**Please take home with you today a
copy of our Parish Easter Card. It
contains Easter greetings from all
the clergy, together with details of
all Masses and other services from
today, right through to Easter
Monday, including changes to times.**

EASTER OFFERING

**Your traditional Easter Offering to
your priests may be made using the
Easter envelopes available in the
porch. Alternatively you may just
put your offering straight into the
basket at Easter. Those of you who
Gift Aid their offerings are asked to
use the specially marked blue
envelopes in their boxes. However,
if you give using Gift Aid and you
prefer to use an Easter envelope
instead, kindly just write your
Gift Aid number on it.**



In the coming week:

ALTAR SERVING FOR EASTER

Maundy Thursday Practice

Wednesday April 12th 7.30pm.

Good Friday Practice

Good Friday morning 10.30am

Easter Vigil Practice

Holy Saturday morning 10.30am.

Please also consider serving on Easter
Sunday itself, though please note that
there will NOT be a Mass at 5pm.

LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE

This will take place this coming

Tuesday in Holy Week,

11th April 2017.

Following the 10am Mass, there will
be Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament, with priests available for
Confession all day, closing with
Benediction at 7.30pm.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AT 12 NOON:

**NB: Rehearsal in the church,
Maundy Thursday 13th April - 4pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Please be aware that all 6.15 Masses are
fully booked until June. There are no 11.30
Masses during May. All First Holy
Communion Masses will take place at
12 Noon during May, replacing the 11.30.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER POSTER.

Please take one of these home with you.

The Knights of St Columba suggest a
small donation to the Seminary Fund.

THE PILGRIM Please take your **FREE**
April Edition from the porch.

Parish Office will be closed from Good
Friday to Easter Monday inclusive.

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Bob Foster, Dennis Franklin, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Eugene Shaughnessy, Kathy Spicer, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

The requiem Mass for **George Meyern** will take place here on **Tuesday 18th April at 12 Noon.**

Church Cleaning: Group 2: Barbara Baichu, Jackie Byrne, Mary Duah, Doris Fosua, Helen Igbedion, Mary Odusanya, Victoria Okonko. *Please could you help with cleaning?*

REPOSITORY: All ready for Easter. We also have Cards and gifts for First Holy Communions. Come and see!

GIFT AID: New envelopes await your collection. They come into use this weekend, 8th / 9th April 2017, which is the first weekend of the new tax year. Please come along to the Gift Aid Office beside Our Lady's altar to collect your new box or to sign up and/or complete a Standing Order Instruction to your bank. Please note that from this weekend, 8th / 9th April 2017, the contents of any out of date envelopes cannot be included in Gift Aid, and will have to be added to the loose money. If you would like to consider joining the Gift Aid scheme, please ask about how to sign up. If you are a taxpayer, the Church can claim back from HMRC tax you have already paid. All you need to do is sign a simple form! Year End Letters will be made available after the end of this tax year. Please do still collect your envelopes if you give by Standing Order. Standing orders do not cover second collections; Your boxes contain special envelopes for them. This weekend is the FINAL weekend to use your current envelopes. Please dispose of them after that.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Our Uniformed Groups are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain equipment. A big thankyou on behalf of all the groups.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes – All the prizes from Rachel Menezes' Coffee Morning of 5th March and LIFE Coffee Morning of 26th March, may be collected from the Parish Office.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 18TH TO 25TH AUGUST 2017.

Please see the poster in the porch for this pilgrimage.

CAFOD - Famine in East Africa. Please donate at:
<http://cafod.org.uk/Give> (or call 0303 303 3030)

SPUC AND LIFE JOINT PETITION relating to the removal of Marie Stopes Clinics' licence to carry out abortions. You are invited to sign this petition which may be found in the porch.

The **Our Lady of Fatima** National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be coming to St George's Cathedral on Saturday 13th May 2017. Please see poster and: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, this pilgrimage, in preparation for the Feast of Mercy takes place on **Saturday 22nd April 2017.** Full details may be found on the poster in the porch, which includes coach travel from Westminster Cathedral: email – info@divinemercury.org.uk Also, see the web site: www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

A Day With Mary on Saturday 29th April 2017 at Westminster Cathedral, London SW1. Please see poster in the porch.

A THOUGHT FOR PALM SUNDAY

How often has one friend turned away from another because, in being truthful, one has told the other something he or she didn't like hearing; the fact that what was said, was said out of loving concern for the friend's future happiness, is completely overlooked. Today we see such a situation in the making as Jesus, having spent three years teaching about the Love of God, healing souls and bodies and bringing Truth, life and joy, having exposed their hypocrisy has now, in the eyes of the powers that be, had the temerity to object to the abuse of the Temple for base financial gain rather than its being reverently used as a place of Prayer.

On Good Friday we shall hear how, encouraged by those who rejected Christ's Truth, many who had, today, acknowledged Jesus as King, were to call for His Death on the Cross. Our Lord, in chastising those who profaned the Temple, knowing full well the response He would receive, taught us a vital lesson. As Catholics, we are living in an increasingly liberal age, when the Teachings of the Church on, among other things, Marriage and sexual morality are openly attacked and being charitable is, at times, confused with permissiveness. It is that world in which our children are growing up. We must equip them to live the Truth, to be witnesses to God, *"...in season and out of season..."*

We may, perhaps, have to risk resentment and worse, in order to stand up for what is right. Our promotion of the Truth may see us falling in the 'ratings', perhaps even being actively opposed but, in sticking to the truth, we know that God's Will prevails. It is our fidelity to God which will bring us safely into Heaven, not our being prepared to compromise on truth and so be well thought of in the here and now! Remember the saying that, *"Silence gives consent!"*. How might that apply to me?

We can draw courage from Saint Thomas More. As he faced death, the ultimate punishment for his defence of the indissolubility of Marriage and his concern for immortal souls, he declared, *"I die, the King's good servant, but God's first!"*

LOST PROPERTY

A NEW UMI phone, in a distinct red leather case, was left close to the front of the Church at the 10am Mass on Sunday 2nd April. Do you remember seeing it? The owner would very much like to get it back. Please contact the Parish Office.

Please see if anything left on the shelf in the porch belongs to you. Anything left after this weekend will be disposed of.