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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 3pm & 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am, 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wed. 12:45pm – 6:15pm; Sat. 10:30am -12noon

Sun. 4pm - 5:45pm; First Fri. 10:45 – 12noon

CONFESSION: Sat. 10:30am -11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm; Wed. 12:45pm – 1:15pm

First Fri. 10:45am – 12noon (and at call)

ROSARY: 9:40am Monday to Friday

MORNING PRAYER: 9:40am Sat

FATIMA DEVOTION: First Saturday 11am

PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: Sat. 11am

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A 5TH APRIL 2020

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13 Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts,

he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the whole human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh
and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

R. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. **R.**

Second Reading **Philippians 2: 6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he 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 other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **Ph 2: 8-9**

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 **Matthew 27: 11-54**

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied,

✠ It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you:

Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. they said,

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back,

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with

him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

C. The man is calling on Elijah.

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

C. In truth this was a son of God.

N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed

Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself

become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to

Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the

entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C. Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our recollection with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy.
by the working of this sacrifice
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Matt 26:42**

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

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope
for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

CROYDON WALK OF WITNESS

Due to the circumstances of the time our popular Croydon Walk of Witness of Good Friday will not hold. There is a video recording enacting the Passion of Our Lord in the Stations of the Cross at the instance of Bishop Jonathan of Croydon and Bishop Paul Hendricks. The link is as follows:
<https://youtu.be/LUkKMMMtzlo>

HOLY WEEK PARISH EVENTS (STREAMED ONLINE)

- ◆ **PALM SUNDAY MASSES:** Sat 4th April: 7pm Sunday 5th April: 8:00am; 12:15pm & 6:00pm.
Adoration from 1:00pm to 5:45pm
Morning Prayer @ 9:30am
Evening Prayer @ 5:30pm
Night Prayer @ 9:00pm
- ◆ **Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th April:**
Masses at 10am, 12:10pm and 6:45pm.
Adoration from 12:45pm to 6:20pm
Prayers as above!
- ◆ **Wednesday 8th April:** Masses at 10am & 6:45pm NO MIDDAY MASS.
Adoration from 12:45pm to 6:20pm
Prayers as above!
- ◆ **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 9th April
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm
followed by Watching & Night prayer till Midnight.
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 9:30am
Evening Prayer at 6:00pm
- ◆ **GOOD FRIDAY:** 10th April
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9:30am
Stations of the Cross at 12noon
Passion of the Lord at 3:00pm
Night Prayer at 7:30pm
- ◆ **HOLY SATURDAY:** 11th April
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9:30am
Evening Prayer at 6:00pm
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
- ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY:** 12th April
Masses: 8:00am; 12:15pm & 6:00pm
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9:30am
Evening Prayer at 5:30pm

FATHER PATRICK'S MESSAGE FOR THE HOLY WEEK: Dearly beloved in Christ, this year's Holy Week has come to us as a very special gift from God. We are not able to gather physically as family within the beauty of our parish church to celebrate the paschal mysteries of the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. However, we are called by God to celebrate this sacred time in our domestic churches which our individual families are. Thankfully we have the gift of the internet and social media to help to connect with the various liturgies we celebrate in the church daily. So that even as I miss your physical presence here, we are connected together in a bond of love which Baptism has made possible. During this week leading to Easter, I hold you very dear to my heart in prayer and in the sacrifices offered here on your behalf and for your spiritual and material wellbeing. I implore you to make the best of this time of spiritual retreat and rejuvenation to grow in holiness of life, in prayer, meditation on the Word of God and acts of charity. Happy Easter in advance!!!