



Please remove your mask *before* the Sacred Host is placed in your hand

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Mass will be live-streamed from HC

Sat	13 Mar	Lent Feria
	5:30pm HC	Tony Morrish, RIP
Sun	14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
		Mothering Sunday
	10:15am PJ	Derek Beazley, RIP
Mon	15 Mar	Lent Feria
	10:15am PJ	Jo Morrell, RIP
Tue	16 Mar	Lent Feria
	10:15am HC	Annie Clarke, RIP
Wed	17 Mar	St Patrick, Bishop - Patron of Ireland: Feast
	10:15am HC	Holy Hour: Exposition, Benediction & Rosary
	5:30pm PJ	<i>Missa pro Populo</i> (transferred)
Thu	18 Mar	Lent Feria
	10:15am PJ	Catenians and their families who are sick
Fri	19 Mar	St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM - Solemnity
	10:15am HC	Recovery for Angela
Sat	20 Mar	Lent Feria
	10.15am PJ	Barbara Mary Dixon-Spain, RIP
	5:30pm HC	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sun	21 Mar	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	10:15am PJ	Mothering Sunday Candle sponsorship

Lenten activities online and in the physical world

Daily Rosary in Lent - 8am
and Fridays - 6:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross

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ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

North Bedford Churches Together invite you to explore our Lord's Passion in words and music

CAFOD Sponsored Walk

Judy Buchanan is walking 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent to raise money to bring water to the poorest parts of the world. Please sponsor Judy at Just Giving: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/judys-walk-for-water-in-lent>.

EVC Uganda's 'Giving it up for Lent' Campaign

Donations may be made using KindLink on our website: evcuganda.org or by cheque made payable to "EVC Uganda". Send to: EVC Uganda, 1 Church Road, Willington, MK44 3QD



Flowers for Easter

Sponsor the Easter Lilies/Flowers to be placed in the sanctuary. Mass will be offered for the Intentions associated with the Easter Lilies/Flowers and a petition will be added to the Intercessions at each Sunday Mass of Eastertide. To sponsor these flowers, place £2.50 per flower-stem in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" - with the details of the dedication - and place in the container by the exit of either Church. If you are not attending Mass perhaps you could ask someone to do this on your behalf. You may also email dedications to Sheila, the HC Parish Secretary. **The deadline is Sunday, 21st March.**

We assure all mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, Godmothers and all women who exercise a mothering role, of our prayers and loving appreciation as today we celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Candles will be blessed and lit at the 10:15am Mass (for those who requested them) and a special prayer will be offered in our Intercessions.

This Friday, 19th March - *the Solemnity of St Joseph, in the Year of St Joseph* - **Bishop David** will celebrate the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. Please hold Bishop David in your prayers and likewise Bishop Peter, our Bishop Emeritus. Candles for each parish of our **Pastoral Area**, which is dedicated to St Joseph, will be lit at Mass.

Thank you to **Monica Hulatt** for her help with the altar linen over the past few years at Holy Cross. Happy Retirement!

Sheila Allen, HC Parish Secretary, is on annual leave next week, so HC parish office will be closed.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Kerrigan** whose funeral Mass will be on Monday, 22nd March at Holy Cross.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Alvin Henry Irons**, whose funeral Mass, on Monday, 29th March is at St Philip and St James, and for the repose of the soul of **Jill Fitzgibbon**, whose funeral liturgy will be on Tuesday, 30th March at Holy Cross.

Finally, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Claudette Coulson**, whose funeral Mass is on Wednesday, 31st March. **All funerals are by invitation only.**

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Items for the Newsletter to the editor, by the Sunday before publication. Tel: 07986 357320; email: charlie.stallard@gmail.com

Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

Details of the temporary changes regarding the **sacred liturgies of Holy Week** can be found in the Parish Circular.

- Palm crosses will be distributed (by people wearing single-use gloves) after Mass on Passion Sunday. **We shall need several volunteers to do this; if you can assist with this important task please let Maria know by email ASAP.**
- There will be no processions which would typically characterise Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.
- The optional rite of the Washing of Feet from Maundy Thursday is not to be observed. In addition, there will be no Stripping of the Altar, no Altar of Repose nor a “Watch” before the Most Blessed Sacrament (the actual Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ).
- The Veneration of the Cross is to be omitted and will be replaced by genuflecting or bowing at the unveiling of the cross and periods of silence.
- The shorter forms of the Passion Gospel are to be used.
- The “crowd” parts in the Passion Gospel are not to be proclaimed by the congregation.
- There will be no fire, blessing of the Paschal Candle, hand candles or the initiation of sacramental candidates at the Easter Vigil.
- The sprinkling of Holy Water is to be omitted and Holy Water stoups are not to be filled.
- The movement of people within a church building is a “risk factor”, therefore at any celebrations of Stations of the Cross on Good Friday people are to remain in their places.
- The inclusion of choirs (with a maximum of three people) and music must not prolong a liturgical celebration and congregational singing is not permitted.

Question: Why are such liturgical changes necessary?

Answer: “The theological meaning found through the celebrations of Holy Week with their richness of sign and symbol have to be tempered by the provision that the...possibilities of virus transmission are still high.”

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales

The Bishops have made mention of the fact that **live-streamed Masses** have allowed for participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice by those people who are unable or have chosen not to come to Church at this time. However, mention is also made that those who are unable to participate in Mass from their own parish should be encouraged to use the live-stream from the diocesan Cathedral as a sign of their unity in faith with the Bishop and thus with the universal Catholic Church. To that end, **Bishop David** will preside at the following Holy Week liturgies in our Cathedral:

- Passion/Palm Sunday – 11:00am
- Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm
- Good Friday – 3:00pm
- Holy Saturday – 7:00pm
- Easter Sunday – 11:00am

Please remember that there is also our own **online** provision this **Sacred Triduum** for those people who are unable or choosing not to physically come to Church at this time. The following are all via Zoom:

- **Maundy Thursday at 7:00pm** - The Passion of Christ in Word and Music
- **Good Friday at 7:00pm** - Stations of the Cross
- **Holy Saturday at 6:00pm** - Music for Holy Week (please see the article below).

Further details regarding the above online liturgical celebrations and how to join the Zoom sessions will be circulated soon.

Music for Holy Week - Saturday, 3rd April (Holy Saturday) on Zoom

Singing, especially during Holy Week, is such an integral part of our expression of praise, penitence and thanksgiving. This is an opportunity to sing some of the hymns together that we closely associate with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil. This is being organised specifically for you, and we want you to choose which hymns we have.

Please email or phone Penny Drewett with your suggestions.

The session will be run on Zoom. Register with Penny and a link will be sent to you. This link will also be in your Parish Newsletter and the Parish Circular. Worship will be in three sections, each with a reading and three hymns. Anyone familiar with Zoom will know that many people singing at the same time isn't possible. What *is* possible is an informal, prayerful time together where one person leads a hymn with their singing while everyone else is on mute so they can sing along in the comfort of their own home. All the words will be on the screen for you.

If you've not been on Zoom before, or are worried about it, please contact Penny who will talk you through it and even have a Zoom trial-run. Once you've used it, you will find it is easier than you think, so don't be put off.

We need volunteers to give a short Reading (sent in advance) and volunteers to lead the singing of one hymn or song. It would be wonderful if every hymn was led by a different parishioner.

Please let Penny have your choice of hymns by Sunday, 21st March. To volunteer to read or lead singing of one of the hymns, please let her know also by 21st March. Readers and lead-singers will be informed a few days after that date. If you want to pre-register for Zoom, email Penny by Sunday, 28th March.

Any queries or questions do please get in touch with Penny.drewett@gmail.com or 0781 309 8408

**It's been a year since we were able to raise our voices in praise in Church,
so take this wonderful opportunity to join in and sing to our Redeemer God.**