



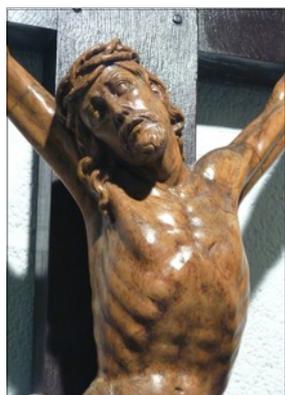
### Holy Week: The First Four Days

*The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,*

*'Hosanna to the Son of David!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Matt 21:6-9*



We enter into this week made "holy" forever by the self surrendering love of Jesus - for us all.

All week, we remember how he loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or "distracted" we might be, we can let the power of this week be in the background of our daily reflections. He entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a "holy" week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death and resurrection.

*Taken from Creighton University's Online Ministries' Praying Lent web site,*

*<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/holyweek1.html> Used with permission.*



### THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE HOLY LANDS

The Lenten Season, which we are living once again, invites us to go to Jerusalem through the way of the Cross upon which the Son of God accomplished his redemptive mission. On this pilgrimage the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the meaning of the Word of God accompanies us. Besides the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are strengthened by prayer and almsgiving.

It is also an exceptional time to reach out to the others through the works of charity. Knowing that the Lenten journey is not a solitary act, but an itinerary of solidarity by which each one of us is called to pause and like the Good Samaritan, accompany our brethren who for many reasons find it difficult to stand up and continue their journey.

One particular thought at this moment goes to the small Christian Community in the Middle East which continues to sustain the faith among the displaced persons from Iraq and Syria, etc. Most Iraqi Christians and Syrians want to return to their own land where their houses were destroyed, with schools, hospitals and churches devastated. The faces of these persons question us about the meaning of being a Christian. Their strained lives inspire us. Let us show them concretely our closeness, through our constant prayer and through our monetary aid, does not leave them alone.

Let us this year use the traditional "Collection for the Holy Land" held on Good Friday, as a proper occasion for the faithful to be one with our brethren in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Let us provide alms for their current needs and pray for the peace that is God's alone to deliver to his peoples.

All of us also are invited to resume the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, walking on the steps of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the disciples, helps us to deepen our faith. Besides, the pilgrimages are a form of sustenance for the survival of thousands of families.

Without the spirit of Christ who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2, 7-8), the outcry of our brothers and sisters remains unheard to and the faces of thousands of less fortunate persons remain unnoticed.

During these days leading to Holy Easter, I fraternally invite you to commit yourselves to overcome hate by praying and working so that peace finds abode in every person's heart, and especially in our brethren's hearts in the Holy Land and the Middle East.

**Cardinal Sandri**

*Extracted & edited from the Cardinal's Letter, provided by the Vatican. In which he stresses the human needs of the Middle Eastern Christians struggling to survive in a war torn environment.*

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## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 25th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord YR B, Ps Wk 2**

**CAR PARK CLOSED after 8 am Mass**

to allow for the procession of palms at the 9.30 am Mass (weather permitting). The late morning Mass will begin at 11.30 am.

**4.00 pm** Stations of the Cross

**7.15 pm** Parish Reconciliation Service

**OUTREACH Demelza House** provides Hospice Care for Children that is all about life; enabling those who may not live a long life to live a full life. We provide care for seriously ill babies, children and young people and support for their families.

**TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 27th**

**12 noon** Tuesday Lunch -Hall

**WEDNESDAY 28th**

**11.15 am** Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral, see back page.

**12.30 pm** Eucharistic Service

**7.00 pm** Stations of the Cross

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th**

*No morning Masses. No votive candles during the Easter Triduum.*

**5.30 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**8.00 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet.

**Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.**

**GOOD FRIDAY 30th (No Mass)**

**11.00 am** Stations of the Cross led by the Confirmandi

**11.30 am** CTTW Good Friday Witness at the Millennium Clock

**3.00 pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

**9.00 pm** Prayer around the Cross

**The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places** is used to maintain the 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus in the Holy Land. It also helps the work of the Church in the Holy Land and neighbouring countries in the relief of poverty and suffering: parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres there rely very much on assistance from this collection, especially at this difficult time. Gift Aid – please use a spare blue envelope from your pack writing 'Holy Places' on the front.

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## Mass Times

### Sunday Masses

**Sat** 5.30 pm Vigil Mass

**Sun** 8.00 am

9.30 am Family Mass with Music Group & Children's Liturgy

11.15 am Sung Mass with Traditional Choir

5.45 pm

### Weekday Masses

**Mon, Tues, Thurs:** 7.30 & 10.00 am

**Wed:** 7.30 am, 12.30 pm

7.30 pm Extraordinary Form Mass (1st Wednesday each month)

4.30 pm Burrswood (2nd Wednesday each month)

**Fri:** 7.30, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

**Sat** 8.00 and 10.00am

### Reconciliation

**Sat** 10.30 -11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm. Also by appointment.

**NO CONFESSIONS Saturday 7th April only on request**

### Stations of the Cross -

**Sundays 4.00pm and Wednesdays at 7.00pm throughout Lent.**

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Adoration has ceased and will resume Monday 9th April**

**Monday- Friday** the church is usually open from 6.30 am until at least 8.00 pm

**Rosary** has ceased and will resume Monday 9th April

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**BAPTISMS** - We are pleased to welcome **Theodore** and **Ryan** to our parish community. There are leaflets entitled "Your Baby's Baptism at St Augustine's" in the church porch. Contact Jean Dunne, (01892 309062) and Jean will send you a baptism preparation pack.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of **Sylvia Maria Barnes, Hugh Jackson, Michael Doyle, Maureen Jerney and Rose Pavey.**

Please also remember the sick and housebound in your prayers.

## CHRISM MASS at St. Georges' Cathedral

On Wednesday 28th March all your priests will be attending the CHRISM MASS. Parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass which begins at 11.15 a.m., although you need to be there much earlier if you want a seat! On that day there will be Mass at 7.30 am as usual and a Eucharistic Service will be conducted here at St. Augustine's at the usual time of 12.30 pm by one of our Extraordinary Ministers.

### Mass in Celebration of The Sacrament of Marriage St George's Cathedral 16th June 2018

If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please give your names as soon as possible to the office.

### Oberammergau Passion Play

The next Passion Play will be in 2020, but if you are interested we need to know now as booking places go very quickly.

If you are interested, please let Deacon Kevin know, more details with dates and prices available later.

### DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Preparation for  
The Feast of Divine Mercy  
Saturday 7th April 2018  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
led by Rt Rev Paul Hendricks  
and Marian Fathers at the  
Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,  
The Friars, Aylesford Priory.  
ME20 7BX  
See poster or details.

### Rosary on the Coast - Surrounding our land in prayer 3.00 pm on Sunday 29th April 2018

Through the advocacy of Our Lady, the Mother of God, and with the encouragement and support of Cardinal Nichols and the Bishops of the United Kingdom, this is a day of Pilgrimage and Prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith in the hearts of all peoples and Nations, and particularly throughout the British Isles. Coming together as parish we will journey to the coast to join others around the nation to pray the rosary, enveloping the country in prayer in an act of strong simple Faith. Details of the location and travel arrangements will be announced shortly in conjunction with a list in the narthex to sign-up to.

Details of this national campaign can be found on the website

### Concert in aid of Hospice in the Weald 14 April at 7.30pm at Burrowswood Chapel

A concert of piano/violin music in memory of Barbara Hazelden who was a parishioner of St. Augustine's and will be known to many from her membership of the Traditional Choir and work as a classroom assistant at St. Augustines school. For tickets (£10 adults, children free), Julia Blake 01892 616 765.

### To all Altar Servers

We need to know if you are coming to the Easter Services.  
Maundy Thursday Mass at 8 pm. Good Friday Service at 3 pm, Vigil of Easter on Saturday Mass at 8.30 pm.

A practice for these services is 10 am each day, Thursday, Friday Saturday. Please let Deacon Kevin know you will be involved



### LILIES FOR EASTER

We will again be offering lilies for Easter in memory of loved ones. If you would like to commemorate someone in this way.

Please leave £3 in the Parish Office.

### DICKENS EVENT

7.15pm on 6th April

A brilliant show not to be missed that brings to life the characters of Dickens with humour, audience participation  
**LAST FEW TICKETS - BUY NOW!!**  
and a little touch of magic.  
Come & have fun with your fellow parishioners & friends.  
See narthex notice for details.  
Tickets are available from the Office only until Thu 29-Mar.

## Diary continued

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> HOLY SATURDAY  
NO MASS AND NO RECONCILIATION  
TODAY**

**9.00am** Blessing of Easter Baskets  
Swiecenie pokarmow  
Wielkanocnych godz 9.00

**8.30 pm THE EASTER VIGIL**  
Car park will be closed

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY OF  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
Mass at 8am, 9.30am, 11.30am & 5.45pm  
Note - 11.15am Mass at 11.30 today

**7.00 pm** Confessions in Polish  
**7.30 pm** Mass in Polish  
MSZA SW godz 19.30

**NO OUTREACH TODAY** Collections at  
Easter Vigil and all Masses on Easter  
Sunday are for our priests.

### EASTER WEEK

No early morning Mass (Monday 2nd to Saturday 7th) during Easter Week there will be Mass at 10 am only, apart from Wednesday when it will be at 12.30 pm.  
No 7pm Mass Wednesday 4th  
No 7.30pm Mass Friday 6th  
NO CONFESSIONS Saturday 7th

The office and the church will only be open for a short while after 10.00am Mass during Easter Week.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary restarts Monday 9th April.

**NORMAL MASS TIMES WILL RESUME  
AFTER 10AM MASS SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>April**



### EVENING OF RENEWAL 'Deep Calls to Deep'

Our next talk is by Fr Luke Goymour,  
Youth Chaplain,  
Diocese of East Anglia.

Prayer and Praise, Keynote  
talk and Music in the  
Church with Joseph Gillett.



Discussion over refreshments in the  
Hall. All welcome.

### OFFERTORY

Offertory	£2372.80
Outreach St Georges'	
Children's centre	£554.07
Cafod	£10
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Thank you for your generosity.	

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

**Mother Teresa**

## The Chrism Mass by Deacon Kevin Dunne



Each year a great gathering takes place in St. George's Cathedral on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Archbishop Peter together with the assistant bishops, and most of the priests of the diocese, together with the deacons and the laity gather for the Chrism Mass, at which the blessing of the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the consecration of the Chrism takes place. The blessed oils are sent to every parish in the diocese for use at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. After his homily, the Archbishop speaks to his priests about priestly anointing urging them to be faithful in their office and calling them to publicly renew their priestly promises.

This year the Chrism Mass will be at 11.15 am on Wednesday 28th March. All the priests from our parish will be attending together with the deacon, and you are all welcome.

There will be Mass at 7.30 am and a Eucharistic Service conducted by one of our Extraordinary Ministers at 12.30pm.

## POPE FRANCIS AND 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

On Friday 9th March at 7.30 pm, parishioners at St. Augustine's started the 24 Hours with Mass.

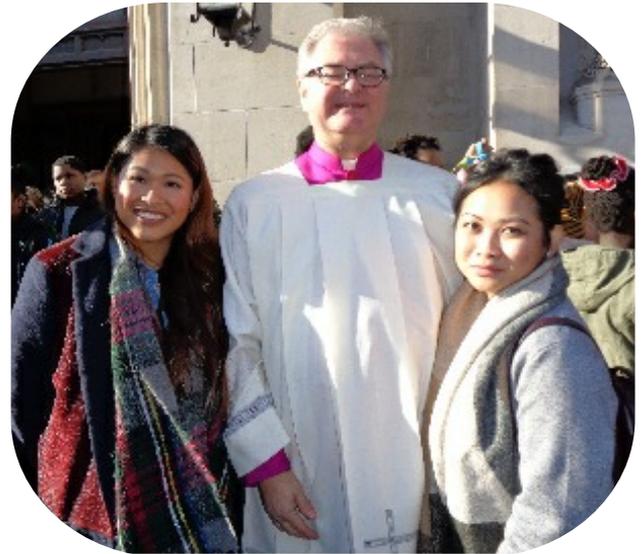
Throughout the night of Friday until Saturday evening, you adored, prayed, recited readings, said the Rosary, and followed Jesus as we prayed at the Stations of His Cross.

You attended Masses throughout the day and went to Confession, your prayers merging with others in the world who were praying with us. The Evangelisation Team says a

### GREAT BIG THANK YOU

to all those who participated in the 24 Hour Day of Prayer for the Lord.

You all helped to make it a powerful and significant event.



**Xandra & her sponsor Xaida with Msgr. Matthew Dickens**

Our candidate Xandra (on the left), attended the Rite of Election ceremony at Southwark Cathedral and will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep her in your prayers.



## Greetings from Kompong Thom

First of all I would like to thank very much for your all supporting 15 bikes, (see picture above) school materials, and school uniforms were handed out on Feb 20. All beneficiaries were very happy because it can help them to go to school on time and have enough school supply for studying.

Fr. Mark, Harry, Priscilla, Sr. Sokline, other two staff from the church also went there. They said this project are very usefully for the poor children in rural area. I am on behalf of all students, parents, and all teachers would like to thank again for your sharing.

May God bless you all, specially, benefactors who share their money for my people. THIM

## TRAFFICKING - "Men the Forgotten Victims" Talk by Sam Baxendale

Sat 7th April starting after 10:00 Mass in the Hall Following on from the talk by Emily Fenech, we have Sam Baxendale who works up North in a refuge for men who have been trafficked. Roughly 50% of trafficked victims are men or boys. They can end up in drug gangs, in farm labour gangs or in car washes. Sam will be talking to us about her work and how as a parish we might help.

This is an issue for too long overlooked by politicians and the media but not the church. Please join us to learn more about a modern scourge on society.

Emily will also have for sale some beautiful gifts made by the women of Thailand who have been helped out of trafficking by the Good Shepherd Sisters who work there.



Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime that's become ever more aggressive, that threatens not just individuals, but the foundational values of society.

— Pope Francis —