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13 th /14 th April 2019	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C	Mass Book page 85
<p>On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Sacred Triduum</p> <p>On Thursday, we enter the most sacred "three days" of the Church's year. We celebrate the mysteries of our redemption within the liturgical action of the Church. I strongly encourage anyone who has never witnessed or celebrated these three liturgies to do so. It is so very powerful and an experience not to be missed. Especially welcome to the vigil are all those who have been received into the church over the years, as it is also the liturgical anniversary of their joining us at the altar for the first time.</p>		

ANIMA CHRISTI Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Dates for your Diary			
Thur 18 April	Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 11pm	St Thomas's	7.30pm
Fri 19 April	Good Friday - Children's Stations of the Cross Walk of Witness Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	St Christopher's Start: Holy Cross, Bilbrook St Thomas's St Christopher's	10.15am 10.30am 3pm 7pm
Sat 20 April	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil	St Christopher's	8.30pm
Sun 21 April	Easter Sunday - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	St Christopher's St Thomas's	9.15am 11.15am

Saturday 13th April 2019		<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Trisha Cousins RIP Linda Roberts RIP</i>	
Sunday 14th			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Patsy Lennon RIP Ray Lord RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Mary Gwinnett RIP Mary Mason RIP</i>	
Monday 15th		<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	
7:00 pm	St C	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 16th		<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 17th		<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	
10:00 am	St T	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
The Easter Triduum			
Holy Thursday 18th		<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper - Adoration until 10pm</i>	
7:30 pm	St T	<i>John & Mary Walsh RIP</i>	
Good Friday 19th		<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	
10:15 am	St C	<i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>	
10:30 am		<i>Walk of Witness start at Holy Cross, Bilbrook</i>	
3:00 pm	St T	<i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>	
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Holy Saturday 20th		<i>The Easter Vigil</i>	
8:30 pm	St C	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Easter Sunday 21st April		<i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	
9:15 am	St C	<i>Michael Stephenson RIP – Birthday Remembrance Maureen (17th Anniversary) and Frank Kelly RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>People of the Parish</i>	

Remember in your prayers those who have died Ferenc Kuczora and Jonathan Potts
 Ferenc will be received into St Thomas's on Wednesday 24 April at 4.30pm and his Funeral Service will be on Thursday 25 April at 12.00 (Noon).
 Jonathan's Funeral Service will be at Bushbury Crematorium West Chapel on Friday 3 May at 11.15am
 May they rest in peace. We pray also for their family and friends at this time.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Katarzyna Atanaskoviz, Colin Hughes, Matthew Cowley, Joan Chalk, Thomas O'Shea, Gertrude Worton, Millicent Allen, Gertrude Radcliffe, Christine Browning, Winifred Nolan, Edward Walsh, Alfonsas Radaunis, Maureen Skrzypiec, Felix Guest, Sheila Clifford, Sidney Wood, John Hayes, Jacob Harris, Maureen Kelly, Justin Flanagan, Joan Hodgson, Damien Flanagan, Rev Anthony Browne, Rev Patrick Downey, Rev Hugh Griffith.

SICKLIST To comply with GDPR legislation, from Nov 2018, we started the parish sick list anew only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.

PRAY FOR THE SICK Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, T Hill, Alexandra Marshall, Jayne Wiggins, Anthony Jones, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Marian Allen, Sister Genevieve.

<i>Weekly Collections 6th /7th April</i>	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid Standing Orders	Total
St Christopher's	£267.90	£201.50	£1622.00	£2091.40
St Thomas's	£102.20	£268.26	£50.00	£420.46

Penitential Services:

Monday 15 April, 7pm Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road, WV10 8PG

Tuesday 16 April, 7pm St Michael's, Coalway Road, WV3 7ND

Wednesday 17 April, 7pm Holy Trinity, Oxford Street, Bilston, WV14 7EL

Stations of the Cross after Sunday Mass at St Thomas's & at St Christopher's, Good Friday, 7pm.

Children's Stations of the Cross, Good Friday April 19 at 10.15am.

Good Friday Walk of Witness starts 10.30am at Holy Cross Bilbrook, via St Christopher's ending with an open-air Service at Codsall Village Green at 11.30am, with St Nicholas' congregation.

This Weekend there will be a second collection in both churches for Easter Flowers.

On Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Places and Shrines in the Holy Land.

Acts29@CT last class before Easter, this Sunday 14 April at 5pm. We resume on Sun 5th May 5pm

Easter Big Church Clean at St Christopher's Monday 15 April at 10.30am - All very welcome,

Praise and Worship We are starting a service of praise and worship at St Christopher's on Palm Sunday at 6pm and then on the first Sunday of the month thereafter. The service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and worship with songs old and new.

St Christopher's monthly collection for Good Shepherd Relief in Need. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. Your donations greatly help those who are desperately in need.

Can I please ask that any donations for next month be kept at home until the weekend of the collection ie 4/5 May. There needs to be easy access to the storeroom and its contents, especially over the Easter period: we struggle to store things brought in too soon because of very limited space and lots of people require access. Also can I please ask that items are not placed in front of the radiator, not only does it stop the heat from warming the room, but bags have melted. Thank you for your consideration. If you have large items to be collected eg furniture (they are asking for beds and chairs or sofas with fire labels also wardrobes, drawers) phone: Ann Reaney 07845 003656, House Clearance: Peter 07889 786687, Shop 07510 618752.

Missio Red Boxes Can St Christopher's parishioners please bring in your boxes asap for counting. In 2018 the total amount raised by you was £1150, the highest amount raised so far. Thank you.

Christian Aid representative Is there anyone interested in taking on this role? We have no one at St Christopher's filling this position. Contact Anne in the office who can forward your details to the relevant person. If no-one comes forward then it will cease to happen in our parish.

St Christopher's 200 Club Subscriptions now due for the year from May 2019 to April 2020. It costs £12 per year per number or £1 per month if you prefer. Please see Christine or Sean before or after Mass

St Christopher's 200 Club April Draw £50, No52, M Stallard; £25, No101, Tess Fitzsimons; £10, No136, K Lister.

Body In Balance: No class this week. Classes will resume on Thurs 2 May. All are welcome.

St Thomas's Easter Raffle Prizes: gold, ruby & diamond pendant, gold diamond earrings, modern silver bracelet, modern gents & ladies watches, bottle of red & white wine. Tickets £5 for church funds.

St Christopher's Tots on Wed 8 May, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

The Benedictine Way! will meet on Tues 30th April (not 7th May) at 8pm at Cheviot House, 20 Stockwell Road, Tettenhall, WV6 9PQ. There will be a discussion on a theme from "The Rule of St Benedict." followed by Lectio Divina and Evening Prayer. All welcome!

Baptism Preparation Anyone wanting their child to be baptised please email Matthew Bradbury 1baptismclass@gmail.com Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 1 June, 9.45am

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 15 April at 7.30pm.

If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. **If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

First Holy Communion at St Christopher's Classes on Tuesdays for those wanting to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion but not attending a Catholic School. Those wanting to receive the sacraments must attend all sessions.

Nurses needed to support sick pilgrims to Lourdes 25-31 May Pilgrims who would be unable to go without the support from the wonderful doctors and nurses. Can you help? See poster. For info/details, please visit <https://www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com/about/join-as-a-nurse/>

Redundant Spectacles If you have any spectacles of any type, ready-readers or prescription which you don't need please bring them and pop them in the box at the back of church they will be passed on to St Mary's Trust in India to give to the poor. Thank you.

Casual Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy at St Christopher's School Hours: 11:45-13:15 Mon - Fri – Ad hoc. See poster. To apply please ring the school, 01902 297820, for an application pack.

DR19 attendees can book to hear Sherry Weddell at the Maryvale Institute, Mon 10 June, 7-9pm, cost £5.92. Please use the website to book or email the office. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sherry-weddell-author-of-the-best-selling-book-forming-intentional-disciples-the-path-to-knowing-tickets-58378947002?err=29> (Sent by Natalie Orefice Bsc MA, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation, Maryvale Institute)

St Thomas's Anniversary Book St Thomas' is looking for someone who could keep the Anniversary book up to date - if you can write in calligraphy style or can copy the lettering in the book please see Fr Paul. Many thanks to Brian Davis for fulfilling this role for so many years.

St Thomas's Health & Safety Coordinator Would anyone with health & safety knowledge or if you would be willing to learn, please see Fr Paul – we need someone to take on this task, thank you.

Residents of Codsall aged 70 or over, you won't receive an invitation but you are entitled to be screened. To make an appointment, call the Breast Screening unit on 01384 244177. A mobile Breast Screening unit will be at the council offices for 16 weeks, which started on 11 March.

Afternoon Tea Dance in support of Walsall UGI Cancer Support Group Sun 9 June, 4.30-7.30pm, at Bank's Stadium Walsall WS1 4SA. Tickets £18: includes afternoon tea; demonstration by Happy Feet Dancing School; tuition in ballroom dancing for beginners & availability to dance. Bar available. Details on notice board. Tickets also available from Kath Brown 07804 695579.

Gift Aid From the census forms, some people who are taxpayers haven't signed up to Gift Aid: Please consider this, it costs you nothing & the church receives extra revenue. Forms available from Fr Paul or either parish office.

If you gift aid and your circumstances have changed e.g. you are no longer a UK taxpayer and have gift aided in the past/have moved address please advise Linda or Margaret. Thank you.

Church Collections If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not. Speak to Linda or Margaret Gallagher.

Women's Interfaith are supporting Period Poverty if wish to donate sanitary products please leave in the GIVE BOX at the back of church.

Wolverhampton Church Shelter If you want to volunteer tel Jeremy Watson (07970 778595) email churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com for info or an application form. You can volunteer for one night a fortnight or one night a month. Volunteers will be trained, must be over 18 with two character references.

Vacancy for Manager at Harvington Hall Kidderminster An experienced & talented person is needed to manage the unique Tudor Catholic Manor House. See noticeboard for full details.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

World Youth Day at Home 7th-9th June To keep that Panama feel, we're celebrating World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle for 16-25 year olds: See website <https://wydathome.weebly.com>.

Summer Camp 2019 at Alton Castle You can book a place for Week 1: August 4th-8th or Week 2: August 11th-15th. Experience a life-changing encounter with God in a way like never before through powerful moments of prayer, crazy activities, exciting day trips, challenging talks and so much more... For info email: beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

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