



## PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK

### Fr Benjamin writes...

We call this great week of the Church's liturgical year Holy Week. Yet, what is it to be holy? It is not just about being good, although that helps. It is not just about praying, albeit prayer is essential. It is not an unobtainable ideal set by a Two-thousand-year-old institution, but something that points to true human identity. What is holiness? Why is this such a holy week?

These next days, from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, are a tremendous lesson in the whole reality of holiness. Holiness is revealed as being a Person. His words, His actions, His moments of silence and His whole Being follow a transcendent trajectory, all directed toward God the Father. If you wish to respond to a little scriptural challenge, count how many times you hear Our Blessed Lord refer to His heavenly Father and His Father's Will this week alone.

For on Palm Sunday, the Son of God enters Jerusalem and cleanses the Temple, calling it His Father's House. On Holy Thursday He prays with blood on His brow, to do the will of the Father. On Good Friday, He commends His Spirit into the Father's Hands. On Holy Saturday He sings the Song of Thanksgiving to the Father who raises the Son from the dead. The Son of God does the Will of the Father. In doing so, He shows God's love, expresses His passion for His people, and shows us the Face of God. He lives holiness, because loving and living the will of the Father is what it is to be holy – to fully belong to God, making Himself the dwelling place of God.

On Palm, make yourself the House of God by dedicating your worship to Him. On Holy Thursday, make a special effort to do God's Will. On Good Friday place the needs of the Church and the world into the Father's hands, and on Easter Sunday sing to Him with all your heart the Thanksgiving Song of Christ.

God bless you all this Holy Week.

### Message from Fr Benedikt:

My dear parishioners,

It is with sadness that I have to bid farewell to Holy Family Parish, as I have been asked by the Bishop to move on to another place in the diocese. I wish to cordially thank and express my gratitude to the many of you who have given me your support and affection over the time I was blessed to spend with you. It was a pleasure to be a member and work in your community. I ask you to please continue to pray for me as I continue on my journey of service of the Lord.

May God keep you and Our Lady bless you. In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Benedikt Timpe

### March is the Month of St Joseph

We pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them;  
for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood; and for the Holy Catholic Church.

**Adoration** (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

**Rosary, Vespers and Benediction** (Sunday 4.30pm) \* NEW TIME

**St Joseph Devotions** Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

**Rosary for Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood** Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

**'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'**

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' '

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

**First Reading****Isaiah 50:4-7****'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a R7bc****My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?****Second Reading****Philippians 2:6-11****'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.'**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel—see separate sheet****The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**



# HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

## Parish Notices

### ADORATION

We are praying for a regular Adorer of Our Blessed Lord  
1-2pm (early afternoon) Saturdays.

If you would like an hour of peace please contact Angela, [ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk](mailto:ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk)

### ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE!

We will be very grateful over the next two weeks for chocolatey donations for the **Easter Hamper Raffle**, the **Easter Egg Hunt** and for **Stella Maris** to distribute to the merchant sailors who will be in Southampton ports over Easter. All donations can be brought to the office or left in the Louis Suite (clearly marked). Thank you, as ever, for your generosity.

### EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on Sale in the Louis Suite and outside the Church after all weekend Masses and from the office during the week.

Proceeds to the Church roof repairs.

Tickets £1 per strip, 6 strips for £5.

Draw will be on Easter Sunday after 10.30am Mass

### SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for one week please give your intention with your donation (suggested £10) to Fr Benjamin or to the office. Many thanks

### LIFT TO MASS

We are very grateful that one generous person has volunteered a lift for one lady. We still have TWO separate requests for transport to Mass once or twice a month.

Either Saturday evening 6.30pm or Sunday morning 9.00am 1 lady.

10.30am Sunday morning 1 lady.

These are very lovely ladies, they don't bite! they'd just like a lift to Mass please.

If you are able to help please contact Fr Benjamin or the office.

### HOLY WEEK—CHURCH CLEANING

**Volunteers welcome to help clean the Church for Easter Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. Please contact the office if you would like to help.**

### SECOND COLLECTIONS IN MARCH

**29th March Church Roof**

We can take digital donations via the Dona collection plate at the back of the Church  
or via the Parish Bank Account

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# THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



## Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

28 Mar	Sat	No Mass this morning	<b>9.15 am</b>	
	Sat	<b>in anticipation of (OF)</b>	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
<b>29 Mar</b>	Sun	PALM SUNDAY (EF)	<b>9.00 am</b>	Giuseppe Verduci (RIP)
	Sun	PALM SUNDAY (OF)	10.30 am	David Ukah (birthday)
30 Mar	Mon	of Holy Week (OF)	<b>7.30 pm</b>	RCIA Candidates
31 Mar	Tues	of Holy Week (OF)	<b>9.00am</b>	Peter Van Vong Le, Maria Nguen Thi Siu
1Apr	Weds	of Holy Week ( <b>EF</b> )	7.30 pm	Bridget Dobson
2 Apr	Thur	MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00 pm	Marian Sobieres (birthday)
3 Apr	Fri	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>FASTING AND ABSTINENCE</b>
4 Apr	Sat	EASTER VIGIL	<b>8.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
5 Apr	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY (EF)	<b>09.00</b>	Resolution to SSPX Canonical Irregularities
	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY (OF)(OF)	10.30am	Maaria Leonora Lobo (RIP)(Anniv)

### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION: —PROTECTION OF PRIESTS

Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, Dcn Tom, or Catherine, or place in the collection basket. If you would like a Mass to be offered on a particular date please give several week's notice and we will try to accommodate you. Thank you

#### Confessions (when there is Mass)

Saturday:	5.30—6.20 pm
Monday & Thursday:	6.45—7.20 pm
Tuesday & Friday:	8.30—9.10 am

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm
Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations
Sunday: <b>4.30 pm</b>

St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass  
Rosary for Vocations—Weds after Mass

#### Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite

RCIA -	Mondays at 7.00pm
<b>Parish Prayers</b>	<b>Last Tuesdays 7.00pm</b>
<b>Mother's Prayers</b>	Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
<b>Sewing Group</b>	- Fridays at 10.00am
<b>Lunch Group</b>	Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:
<b>Next Lunch :</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 1.30pm</b>
<b>Catholic Men's Group</b>	1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### APRIL

3rd GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE  
5th Easter Sunday—Raffle draw  
12th Low Sunday—Egg Hunt

#### HOLY WEEK

Please see separate leaflet

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