



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020 PALM SUNDAY (A)

NO MASSES IN CHURCH

Sunday	5th Apr	PALM SUNDAY (A)
Monday	6th Apr	Monday in HOLY WEEK
Tuesday	7th Apr	Tuesday in HOLY WEEK
Wednesday	8th Apr	Spy Wednesday
Thursday	9th Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday	10th Apr	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday	11th Apr	HOLY SATURDAY



Hosannah to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosannah in the highest.



I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord.

What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Follow Mass on-line

To follow the Mass celebrated by Pope Francis:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en>

Masses and Services elsewhere, especially during **HOLY WEEK**,

<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

<https://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or visit the Birmingham Archdiocese website to find other churches in the diocese to stream.

We are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion' as it will strengthen our "desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist" (St. John Paul II).

Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

MASS INTENTIONS to Parish Clergy please

Father Gerry will be celebrating Holy Mass in private daily and will remember the intentions of parishioners at those Masses.

Archdiocese website

With regard to the coronavirus pandemic, in order to keep up to date information from the Diocese, why not subscribe to the Diocesan Newsletter?

email: communications@rc-birmingham.org

Please remember to share with anyone you think will benefit, and encourage them to subscribe via the website.

If you have any news, events or information you'd like to share this way please email it to communications@rc-birmingham.org marked 'For Newsletter'.

The communications team at the Diocese.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

For these and other prayers, please visit the church website (see address above)



How Do I Make a Spiritual Communion?

Alone or together with others in your household

- Make the sign of the cross
- You could read the Gospel of the day
- Then share prayer intentions quietly or aloud
- Say the Lord's Prayer
- Then make an act of spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.



- Close with the sign of the cross.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

"Our Lady has nothing of her own, that is nothing, which is not the gift of God to her. When we ask her for any grace, we are in fact asking her to pray to God for it for us". (25th February, 1868) Marian devotion was really important to St John Henry Newman. He often reflected that a childhood doodle of some rosary beads on the cover of his school exercise book sowed a seed in him which flowered, fully, in his conversion to Catholicism.

This devotion was described by him as like a miniature version of the Creed. When in old age he could no longer read, and saying mass gradually became more difficult, the rosary became crucial to his spiritual life. Writing from Maryvale, his first home as a Catholic, he suggests to George Ryder, who was struggling with this way of praying, that he should: "fix a time for saying it, and keep to it. How do you say it? Try it thus, if you don't so use it at present, but perhaps you do - viz before each mystery, set before you a picture of it, and fix your mind upon that that picture, (e.g. the Annunciation, the Agony, etc.) while you say the Pater and 10 Aves, not thinking of the words, only saying them correctly. Let the exercise be hardly more than a meditation."

(Letter dated 19th September 1848).

May we follow St John Henry Newman's example in asking for Mary's intercession in our journey through this present 'vale of tears'. Remembering as he says: "No one has access to the Almighty as His Mother has; none has merit such as hers. Her Son will deny her nothing that she asks; and herein lies her power." (Meditations and Devotions).

Fr Peter Conley St Patrick's Church, Coventry, UK

(Author of *Newman-A Human Harp of Many Chords*)

Next Weekend
Sunday 12th Apr 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

CHRIST is RISEN
Alleluia!

Deceased Parishioners

Please pray for our deceased parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time for the months of March and April:

Roger Billingham, Ursula Capps, Kathleen Clarke, Bernard Felton, Mary Gale, Demi Gavin, Fr. Peter Heath, Ina Jones, Stanley Letts, Sarah-Jane Lord, Margaret Moloney, Noreen McCartin, Bill Price, Dorothy Price, Eileen Simpson and Bill Woodhall.