

PALM SUNDAY

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Today's Scripture Readings: Parish Mass Book pp.176-90 Prf of Passion p.59 Euch.Prayer 3 p.28
Isaiah 50:4-7 The third song of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh prefigures the passion of Christ.
Philippians 2:6-11 this "hymn" enumerates the stages of the mystery of Christ: divine pre-existence, humility of the Incarnation and, further, of death on a cross, his glorification by the Father, and his new title of Lord. All this refers to the historical Christ, the person who is both divine and human.
Mark 14:1-15:47 It is instructive to compare Mark's account of the Passion with John's (on Good Friday). Mark's Jesus is abandoned by his disciples and friends, vilified by the crowd and religious authorities and, eventually, feels forsaken by his Father.

OUR PALM CROSSES are made, without cutting down any trees, by villagers in the Masasi area of Tanzania . They are subsistence farmers: the palms give them some much needed extra income.

Mass in the Old Rite today (Palm Sunday) 3pm.

WEEKDAY MASS : Mass (Latin) on Monday. At 9.30am in the house.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6pm, ending with procession to altar of repose (watching until 10pm).

GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (with holy communion) 3pm.

Funeral of Arthur Thurlow (Richard's father) at Little Malvern Priory on Wednesday at 2pm

WALK WITH ME A special Eastertide edition of this pamphlet has been sent to all parishes in our diocese on the initiative of Archbishop Bernard Longley as a means of preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Liverpool from September 7-9 this year. Please take a copy for yourself free of charge, if you think you might use it.

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursday 9am.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES/BOXES for the new financial year have been put out at the back of the church. Please check your name and number (which may have changed). Only those paying income tax are eligible for Gift Aid. If your circumstances have changed or you wish to alter the amount you give , please speak to Sue Rigby (our Gift Aid Coordinator).

SUMMER BRING AND SHARE SUMMER GARDEN PARTY: Elizabeth and Peter Lutzeier have kindly invited the Parish to a bring-and-share lunch in their garden at Phillips House, Dymock Road, Much Marcle. **The date has been changed to Sunday 3 June**, owing to another event in Much Marcle on June 10.

Pray for Arthur Thurlow, Peter Kay, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Maureen Flaux, Clare Murphy, Cedric Cooper, Stella Griffiths, Anthony Walsh, Molly Thurlow, who died recently, for Raymond Turner and Angela Cranmore who are awaiting surgery, for Fr John Pitchford who is recovering, for Pat Higgins, Dorothy Tennant, Nicholas Ratcliff, Les Miller and Norah Lawley who are housebound.