

A parishioner writes

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Spring is marching steadily across the land and nowhere is the new season better showcased than on our local Tooting Common. The flowers are sprouting, the leaves are budding, the birds are calling for territory as they prepare to lay their eggs. There is the presence of an awakening, amidst creation, in nature and also in ourselves. The dark and cold of the Winter recede and the light of the new season brings its warmth and light. There is a sense of moving forwards, of being released from the past as the morning birdsong announces the new season, and in so doing we look forward to the light of longer days, as creation celebrates its new surge of life.

This Sunday we mark the beginning of a momentous week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. We will complete our own journey this last week of Lent, a journey themed with directions taking us to do good acts, to conduct a more active prayer life, to consider some restraint and sacrifice in our normal indulgences. The Triduum this week announces the salvation of mankind through the crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, a tradition, a ritual, a series of services taking us through the revelation of Maundy Thursday, The Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil leading us into the light of Easter Sunday. It's a ritual linked with our locality, our Common going back to the Benedictine heritage of the 12th Century Bec Priory.

Next Sunday Easter bells will toll once again over Tooting Common, announcing new hope and life for mankind. Our souls will feel that surge of new life within our hearts and feel in that moment an embrace of the eternal love of God. Have a blessed Easter.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	8.30 am Pro Pop	Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm Private Intention
	10.00 am Fr Membrate Family (Int)		
	11.15 am D'Souza & Britto Families RIP	Good Friday	3.00 pm Private Intention
	6.15 pm Des Coffey (Get Well)		
Monday	10.00 am Jimmy Bulger RIP	Holy Saturday	8.00 pm Private Intention
	6.15 pm Maria Sammut (Sp Int)		
Tuesday	10.00 am Hendry McCardle RIP	Sunday	8.30 am Private Intention
	6.15 pm Donal McCarthy RIP		10.00 am Private Intention
Wednesday	10.00 am Hertrodes Negrite RIP		11.15 am Private Intention
	6.15 pm Samuel Bellinfantie RIP		6.15 pm Private Intention

CARING KITCHEN Due to Easter holidays there will be no gathering on Sunday 14th April, but we return on **Sunday 28th April** from 12.15pm - 2.00pm in the old hall. For further information please contact: caringkitchensw@gmail.com

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

31.03.19 Gift Aid Envelopes £454.00, Loose £1,061.00, **Total £1,515.00**
07.04.19 Gift Aid Envelopes £343.00, Loose £978.00, **Total £1,321.00** Thank you.

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

13th & 14th April 2019 (Year C)

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Parish Team:

Rev Canon Dr William Hebborn (Parish Priest)
Fr Philip Andrews, Fr Paul Connelly & Fr Membrate Desalegn.
Deacon Michael Carrucan, Deacon Simon English,
Deacon Tom McCarthy & Thelma Lewis.
Tom Gately (Catechetical Co-ordinator).
Martine Mercer (Parish Administrator).

Parish Sisters:

The Little Company of Mary.

Mass Times:

Saturday 10.00am & 6.15pm.

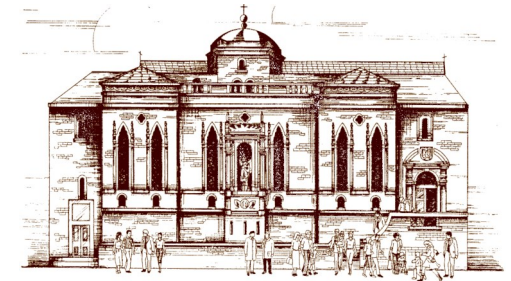
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am & 6.15pm.

Mass times during the week:

10.00am & 6.15pm. (No 8.00am).

Holydays: 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.15pm & 8.00pm.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm & 7.00pm.



WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 26:1-3.13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 70:1-6.15.17; Jn 13:21-33.36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9; Ps 68:8-10.21-22.31.33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8.11-14; Ps 115:12-13.15-18
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 30:2.6.12-13.15-17.25; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	Easter Night: Rom 6:3-11; Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday:	Acts 10:34.37-43; Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23; Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

We pray for all our housebound parishioners, including those in the six nursing homes and Springfield Hospital, especially Margaret Thomas, Thelma Lewis, Fortunata D'Souza, Fr Gerard Hatton and Christopher Hall.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of God places his trust in the Lord and knows that he is lovingly protected from the insults and spittle so that he can endure all suffering with patience.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Like the seed that is buried in the soil and brings forth new life, Jesus reveals that it is only by dying that we rise to new life.

Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56

St Luke reveals the compassionate promise of Jesus to the good thief: "today you will be with me in paradise".

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT AT 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross will be led by the priests/deacons during the six Sundays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Wednesday and Friday after the evening Mass.

PLEASE PRAY for Helen Willans former parishioner and housekeeper at St Anselm's for many years and relocated to Wales a few years ago. Helen reached her 100th birthday earlier this year but has recently been unwell. I ask you all to especially keep Helen and the family in your prayers.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE 12-STEPS Spiritually directed by Canon William.
Dear friends and fellow travellers in faith, this important retreat has completed the first cycle of its 12 week programme but begins again on Tuesday 30th April at 7.45pm in the upper new hall. The feedback to the sessions has been excellent. But if you missed out on the first part of the programme, please come as we will do a catch up session at the beginning of Session 7. The title of the next session is "Forgiving God" - intrigued? What you will get from this programme is best described in the way in which it will help us all "give our lives over to a higher power" and the means we can to understand what that means. Its interactive and powerful and the time (including about 10 minutes spent in Adoration in the Church) allows us to reflect and deepen our own thoughts. Above all it allows us to be receptive to the word of God in all its many forms, with like members of the Parish Faith community in friendship and fellowship. What is not to like? And to come to? Save the date 30th April at 7.45pm, it could be part of a new journey to discovering Christ in the "now" of your life.

GOOD FRIDAY, 19th April: The Way of the Cross

Please join The Silent Procession of Witness at 10.30am at the Salvation Army, Balham High Road, SW12 which continues along Balham High Road to Tooting Broadway and finishes at St Boniface's Church, Mitcham Road at approximately 12.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Children's Way of the Cross on Good Friday, 19th April. The children of the parish will have their own 'Way of the Cross' at 12.00 noon. If you would like your child/children to participate, please come to the upper new hall at 11am so that we can have a rehearsal in the church with the readers and musicians before the service. We would be grateful for additional parental help with the children.

TRIDUUM We especially encourage the whole parish, including families and children, to attend the three great celebrations of Maundy Thursday, 18th April, the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm, Good Friday, 19th April, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm and the Easter Vigil, Saturday 20th April at 8.00pm. The liturgy brings us into the very presence of Christ in his suffering, in his death and his resurrection. The liturgy is a school of education; it makes faith real and living and actualises a relationship with Jesus and with each other. Therefore, we urge families to come so that we all, including our children, can experience the living liturgy with its rich symbols of bread, wine, fire, water and oil.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 19th MAY 11.30 am

Classes resume for the candidates on Wednesday 24th April, 7.30 - 8.30pm new halls. Final meeting for all parents on **Wednesday 1st May 7.30pm - 8.30pm upper new hall** when final arrangements will be discussed for the confirmation day. **Rehearsal for all sponsors and candidates**, Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in the church.

THANK YOU from Deacon Patrick for your wonderful support, good wishes, cards and gifts on my ordination to the Diaconate. Thank you for making it such a memorable occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Class resumes 27th April, 9.30am - 12.15pm for all the children for an activity morning and workshop. Full details will be sent out by email to all the families.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2019

Palm Sunday 14th April	Blessing of palms at every Mass Vigil Mass Saturday 13th April 6.15 pm. Sunday 14th April 8.30 am. 10.00 am Solemn Procession at 9.45 am by lower new halls. 11.15 am & 6.15 pm. Stations of the Cross 5.30 pm. Mass 10.00 am & 6.15 pm 6.45 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Monday 15th April Tuesday 16th April	Mass 10.00 am & 6.15 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00 am Mass 6.45 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Wednesday 17th April	Mass 10.00 am & 6.15pm 11.30 am CHRISM MASS at St. George's Cathedral 6.45 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS. NO MORNING MASS.
Maundy Thursday 18th April	8.00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. 9.30 pm – 12.00 midnight – Silent Adoration.
Good Friday 19th April	9.00 am Morning Prayer. 9.15 am Stations of the Cross. 9.45 am Confessions. 10.30am Procession of Witness from Salvation Army, Balham to St. Boniface, Tooting (arriving 12.30pm). 12.00 noon Children's Stations of the Cross. 3.00 pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION. Confessions after 3.00 pm service. 8.00 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross. 9.00 am Morning Prayer. 8.00 pm EASTER VIGIL. Mass 8.30 am 10.00am 11.15am & 6.15pm. Church closes at 1.00pm and opens at 5.00pm
Holy Saturday 20th April Easter Sunday	9.00 am Morning Prayer. 8.00 pm EASTER VIGIL. Mass 8.30 am 10.00am 11.15am & 6.15pm. Church closes at 1.00pm and opens at 5.00pm
21st April Easter Monday	Mass 10.00 am. (Bank Holiday). No Evening Mass. Church closes at 11.30am
22nd April Tues 23rd - Fri 26th Apr	Mass 10.00 am. No Evening Mass during this week. Church closes at 11.30am
Sat 27th April	Mass 10.00 am (Church closes 12.30pm) Re-opens at 5.00 pm for 6.15 pm Mass. Normal Masses 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.
Sun 28th April Mon 29th Apr - Fri 3rd May	Mass 10.00am. No Evening Mass during this week. Church closes at 11.30am
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday Mass 10.00am. Church closes at 11.30am. No Evening Mass.
Tuesday to Friday 7th- 10th May	Normal Mass times resume.