

This week's diary

Sunday 25th	PALM SUNDAY 8.00am Eucharist 9.15am Choir Practice 10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist
Monday 26th	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8.00pm Eucharist with address
Tuesday 27th	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8.00pm Eucharist with address
Wednesday 28th	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 8.00pm Eucharist with address
Thursday 29th	MAUNDY THURSDAY 8.00pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper with footwashing and watch of prayer until midnight
Friday 30th	GOOD FRIDAY 11.00am Children's Messy Church Activities 12.00pm Children's Good Friday Worship 1.00pm Good Friday Devotion 2.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday 31st	HOLY SATURDAY 8.00pm Lighting of Paschal Fire, Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Sunday 1st	EASTER DAY 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist and Blessing of the Easter Garden



THE ORBIT

WELCOME
to St. Edmund's
Sunday 25th Mar 2018

PALM SUNDAY

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist

Setting: Thorne

Anthem: The Children of the Hebrews – G.Palestrina

*Hymns: 509, 511, 96, 78, 86 (omit *), 425*

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue No 8 – J.S.Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the Hall after the 10am service

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for your reference and prayers this week

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Notices

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

This year, Year B in the cycle of readings, we're reading Mark's account of the Passion of Jesus. We've been noticing how short and pithy Mark's Gospel is –fast moving and spare with the details, but when it comes to telling of the Passion Mark is much more detailed –one third of his Gospel is given over to it. Intriguing we'll notice how he refers to specific places in Jerusalem, and this has given rise to the idea that it began as a kind of liturgy in Jerusalem –something like the Stations of the Cross in the later Church. That's to say, it's a text distilled from the experience of the early Christians walking reflectively in Jerusalem –recalling the events at specific locations as they went.

One of the striking things to notice as you hear this Passion is that Jesus is left more and more alone: his friends leave him, Peter denies him, the Jewish authorities condemn him, the Roman soldiers reject and abuse him, and he ends on the cross feeling God has abandoned him too. Our attention is mercilessly focussed on this one figure –God is now working from the heart of Jesus –there is no intervention from heaven- God is in and with this mortal man, who is helpless and about to suffer a terrible death. This is where God chooses to be and to declare himself; and as we walk through the events of this week together this is how we will see and hear God calling us to himself.

For your prayers this week...

The sick: Amy Austin, Marianne Dawson, Barbara Fairclough, Bernard Fairclough, Kay Fletcher, Betty Glass, Iris Golding, Darren Hale, Saman Khan, Margaret Messenger, Suzanne Nicholls, Emil Pimm, Margery Richards, Joan Rix, Ian Roberts, Ros Shirran, Charlie Shirran, Fred Webb, Eileen Whalley, Julie Windsor, Rachel Windsor, Ann Warrick, Bernard Wood, Nora Wood

Anniversaries of death: Vic Curtis, Evelyn Griffin, Patricia Dawson, Betty Isard

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH OF PRAYER Jesus asked his disciples to watch and pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of the last Supper. We are invited to do the same on the evening of Maundy Thursday. After the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose representing the Garden of Gethsemane. Please sign the list at the back of church so that we can have a continuous Watch of Prayer until midnight.

WORKING PARTY On Holy Saturday morning we will be getting the church ready for Easter. There is something everyone can do from polishing silver to moving furniture and removing veils, dusting etc so please come and spend an hour or so helping out. Please don't leave it to other people.

CHURCH GARDENING DAY. A huge thank you to those who helped make our grounds look so spick and span yesterday, and to those who kept the gardeners fed and watered. We're hugely grateful to those who worked so hard for the benefit of all of us.

The latest calendar of events can be found online at
tinyurl.com/EdCal-0218