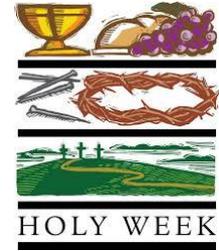




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**Fr Albert Ofere**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**29th March 2026**

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for March:** For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

<b>Sun 29th</b>	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	T McGovern R.I.P.: People of the Parish T Sherlock R.I.P.; S & M Pereira R.I.P. P & K Howley R.I.P.; J Ludden R.I.P.; O Ogwuche R.I.P. S Dourado Int	
<b>Mon 30th</b>	Monday of Holy Week	M Hennessy R.I.P.	<b>Reconciliation Service 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Tues 31st</b>	Tuesday of Holy Week	E McHugh R.I.P.	
<b>Wed 1st</b>	Wednesday of Holy Week	Menezes Family Thanks	
<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Fri 3rd</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m.; Family Stations of the Cross 11 am</b>	
<b>Sat 4th</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m.; Stations 7 p.m.</b>	
		<b>Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m.; Easter Vigil 8.00 p.m.</b>	

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***He has endured the cross***

Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week, we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

- \*We see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beaten and killed.
- \*We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life.
- \*We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.
- \*We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received.
- \*We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has endured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).
- \*We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

- **Lenten Service of Reconciliation** this Monday, at 7 p.m. Visiting priests available for confession.
- **Confirmation Candidates** will meet on **Wednesday after 7 p.m.** to prepare for the Family Way of the Cross on Friday.

- **Fr Albert** will not be available for the next two Mondays

- **Tuesday:** The **Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral 12 noon** when the oils which we will use throughout the year for the celebration of baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick will be blessed by our new Archbishop Richard Moth. All the priests in the diocese will also renew their priestly vows.
- **Wednesday:** Traditionally known as “**spy Wednesday**” for it is the day that Judas went to the priests and leaders to arrange to sell and betray the Son of God for thirty pieces of silver. **Mass at 7 p.m.**
- **Holy Thursday:** **At 8.00 p.m.** we gather for our celebration of the Last Supper. We remember with gratitude the first Mass, the washing of the feet and the commandment to love each other as Christ has loved us. **Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.30 p.m.**
- **Good Friday** the day Christ died for us all. A day of penance and prayer; also a day of fast and abstinence. **Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3 p.m.**

- **British Summer Time: Clocks go forward one hour this weekend.**

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** There are still a number of boxes to be collected. Financial year begins on Sunday 12th April.

- **EASTER OFFERINGS ENVELOPES** are available in the porch. The Easter and Christmas offerings go towards Clergy salaries and supply priests.

- **Church Cleaning for Easter:** Many hands make light work. If you have an hour to spare, please come along on Thursday after morning prayer and on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. to help prepare our Church for the Easter Celebrations. **Thank you.**

**Parish Finance: Last Week’s Collection:**  
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**The children of St Margaret Clitherow** are taking part in the Big Lent Walk as part of our Lenten journey. During this special time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we are encouraging the children to live out their faith by supporting those most in need through this CAFOD initiative.

We would be very grateful for any donations, no matter how small, to support this important cause. The QR link is below or please visit - <https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-margaret-clitherows-fundraising-page2026/donation-amount>

### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.  
 Body of Christ, save us.  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.  
 O Good Jesus, hear us.  
 Within Thy wounds hide us.  
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.  
 From the malicious enemy defend us.  
 In the hour of our death call us.  
 And bid us come unto Thee,  
 That with all Thy saints,  
 we may praise thee  
 Forever and ever.

**AMEN**