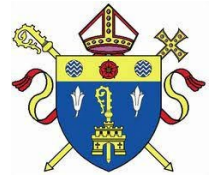




Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

The Priory, Banklands, Workington. CA14 3EP. Phone: 01900 602114.
Email: info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk Website: christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk
Live Streaming: www.mcn.live Find us on Instagram & Facebook
Priests of the Parish: Fr Philip Conner P.P. & Canon John Watson.
Parish Sister: Sister Eleanor 01900 602028 eleanorgenevieve@hotmail.co.uk



Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael,

Sat 23 Mar	Vigil: Palm Sunday
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (Michael Eilbeck)
Sun 24 Mar 24	Palm Sunday
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (People of the Parish)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Brendan & Brenda O'Donnell)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (Tony O'Hare)
Mon 25 Mar	Monday in Holy Week
10.00 OLSM	Mass (Winnie Lewis)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
Tues 26 Mar	Tuesday in Holy Week
09.30 SM	Adoration
10.00 SM	Mass (Joe Rogerson)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
Wed 27 Mar	Wednesday in Holy Week
11.30 SG	Lectio Divina
12.00 SG	Mass (Terence & Jean Cantley)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM	Mass (McKenna & McCourt Families)
Thur 28 Mar	Holy Thursday
19.00 OLSM	Mass of the Last Supper
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday
10.00 SG	Stations of the Cross
14.00 OLSM	Confession
15.00 OLSM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 30 Mar	Holy Saturday
12.00 OLSM	Polish Blessing of Food
19.30 OLSM	Mass (Robert Smith)
Sun 31 Mar 24	Easter Sunday
08.30 SM	Mass (People of the Parish)
09.30 SG	Mass (Alan Beck)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Maureen McCartney)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 24.03.24)

OLSM: In Loving Memory of George McKeown

SG: People of the Parish

SM: Holy Souls

Sacred Heart: The Sick & Housebound.

Lady Altar: Stanley Lawson

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Michael Davidson, Funeral Service Monday 15 April, 11.15am, St Gregory's church.

The sick & housebound: Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Toby Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson, Helen Bailey and Joan Ainsworth.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Denise Hurley, Tony O'Hare, Mary Jones, Claire Hunter, Kevin Byrne, Mark Carini, Peter Chambers, John McCrea, Mark Ainsworth, Helen Farrer and Lewis Irving.

Finance

Thank you to the family of the late Marie Shanklin for directing some of the collection at her recent funeral to parish funds.

Donations for Easter Flowers will be gratefully received either by online banking (use Easter flowers as the reference) or put an envelope in the collection and mark 'Easter flowers', thank you.

Offertory income for February £6810.43; WSMP donations for February £120; White Fathers £1376.09. Online banking details: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/c No. 91752146

This week we approach **Holy Week**, the heart of our faith. When we celebrate Mass, we enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. But in Holy Week, it is as if we walk through these events in slow motion, or more truthfully, we enter into the very events themselves. So, the services are a little longer, but incredibly beautiful and very deep in their mystery. Please don't sit on the sidelines; clear your diaries and set aside time to enter into each of these days prayerfully. If you do, your life will be changed. On **Palm Sunday**, we enter into Jerusalem. The mood of the Mass changes as the joy of the crowds waving their branches changes as we hear Luke's account of the Passion of Christ. **Holy Thursday** begins with the Chrism Mass at 11.30am at the Cathedral, Lancaster. In the evening we celebrate 'Maundy' Thursday, 'Maundy' from the Latin word, 'Mandatum', which means 'command', the command to love as Christ has loved. The Maundy Thursday Mass celebrates the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood, and the washing of the feet. (sign-up sheet at the back of the church), followed by *Pesaha Appam* in the Stella Maris Room led by the Keralan community. Mass finishes with the procession to the Garden of Gethsemane and the time of Watching when we are invited to spend an hour with Jesus in silent prayer until 10pm. On **Good Friday**, we follow the Stations of the Cross in St Gregory's church, and at the Hour at which Christ died, at 3pm, we gather to remember the Passion and Death of Jesus. Everything in the church is stripped bare and we creep towards the Cross and venerate the wood on which our salvation hung. This day is a day of fasting and abstinence when we deny ourselves food and feel some hunger so as to remind ourselves of what Christ has done for us and there is a collection for the Holy Places in Jerusalem. And then we go into **Holy Saturday** and feel the emptiness of a world bereft of God. Jesus is dead and the world awaits. On **Holy Saturday** there will be Polish blessing of foods at **12 noon**. The **Easter Vigil** at 7.30pm, the highpoint of the whole Church's Year, we gather in the darkness around the paschal fire, and process the Easter candle into a darkened church, a sign that Christ has overcome the darkness of Death, and we sing the Resurrection praises. We then listen attentively to the Word of God and how God has worked through history to rescue us. The life that has been won for us is given to us through our baptism and we renew our own baptismal promises before celebrating the Eucharist and receiving the new life given to us in Christ. **Easter Sunday Masses - 8.30am** in St Mary's church, **9.30am** in St Gregory's church & **10.30am** in Our Lady & St Michael's church. **No Sunday evening Mass**

Altar Server Easter Rehearsals in Our Lady & St Michael's church. Wednesday 27 March, 5.15pm, for those serving Mass of the Lord's Supper. **Friday 29 March**, 11.30am for those serving the 3pm Celebration of the Passion. **Saturday 30 March**, breakfast 8.30am in the Priory followed by rehearsal at 9.30am for those serving the Easter Vigil.

Soup Lunch on Wednesday 27 March at St Gregory's after the midday Mass, in support of CAFOD

Lenten Scripture Group on Wednesday 27 March at St Gregory's at 7.15pm, a prayerful reading of the Gospel.

Parish Craft Workshops. Learning new skills and sharing your skills with others – initial meeting Wednesday 17 April 1-3pm in Stella Maris room. Please see poster in each church for more details or contact Ann Leigh or Ann Diamond.

Offertory Envelopes for use from Sunday 7 April 2024 are now available for collection from the back of each church (OLSM at the back of the porch area). For those who use online banking we also have a supply of envelopes just for special collections, if you would like a box of these please contact Sharon asap. Due to the increase in bank charges for depositing cash/cheques **please consider donating via Standing Order/online banking.** In Our Lady & St Michael's there is a contactless payment facility. **It is not too late if you wish to cancel your offertory envelopes for one of these methods. Mass Intentions.** Money donated for Mass intentions is now paid into the parish account and can be Gift Aided. **Please mark 'Gift Aid' on the front of the Mass intention envelope.**

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will soon be submitted to HMRC for the tax year 06.04.23 to 05.04.24. Please notify Sharon (parish office) of the following: **1.** If you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2023/24 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on **all** your donations given under Gift Aid to **all** charities in any one tax year (at the current basic rate of tax 20%, for every £1 net donated charities can reclaim 25p. **It is the responsibility of the donor to pay any shortfall).** **2.** If you want to cancel your declaration. **3.** Change of name or home address. **4. If you are now in a position to Gift Aid your donations please complete a Gift Aid declaration available from the back of church or contact Sharon.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth', the National Shrine at Walsingham (Norfolk) with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 2-6 September 2024. Coach leaving from Workington, cost no more than £500 all inclusive, contact Deacon Charlie to book place: charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk Tel: 07895 742 732.

*Come, Holy Spirit!
Give us the grace today to rise up,
to open wide the doors,
to go out of ourselves so as to
draw others to Christ,
to be disciples and to make
disciples, that we may walk in your
ways joyfully and build up Your Church
across West Cumbria.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*