



At a Glance

- **Choir practice** - 15 minutes before 10am Mass on Sunday.
- **Dates for your diary:**
Baptism Course: every 1st Sunday of the month at 12 Noon followed by Baptism on the **last Sunday of each month at 12 Noon** (unless exceptionally agreed with Fr Anton).
- **7 June 2019:** Confirmation by Bishop Pat Lynch
- **22/23 June:** First Holy communion

Parish Finances:

Offering: for the upkeep of the Parish: w/e 07/4/19: Total Collection: **£782.11** including standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

Gift Aid: If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid or donate by Standing Order, please complete a relevant form from the porch.

Mass Intentions: Why not offer a mass for yourself, a loved one or a friend or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one. **Brown Mass intention envelopes** can be found in the Church porch.

Rosary: please join us for the rosary at **9am every Saturday before the morning Mass.** The **first Saturday** of each month is devoted to the **Fatima Rosary** which is a special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

Church Flowers: Please post any requests and/or donations through the box in the porch.

Tea and coffee is available in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass every Sunday. All welcome.

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THE GREAT WEEK

Holy Week is magnificent, challenging, powerful, exhausting, intriguing and utterly remarkable. Each year we dive out of our own space and time to be immersed in the great events of salvation - not as a memory or a story, but as a reality which changes our lives and world in a way beyond imagining. Much of this is achieved through the celebration of the liturgy. One of the most challenging aspects of the liturgy of Holy Week - and the Triduum in particular - is that it is different. It is not the usual day by day or week by week liturgy that our parishes celebrate. The Easter Vigil, for example, is not simply a slightly longer Saturday night Mass. The Liturgies of Light and Baptism alone transform the Vigil into something unique.

In celebrating the liturgy in Holy Week, certain things can help: first of all, be ready to embrace the difference and uniqueness of these services. In prayer and study we try to understand the mood, feel, tone and meaning of a particular celebration - so, for example, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday is far from an "ordinary" Mass - the themes of service, sacrifice, gift, loss and surrender should come flowing out of the Scriptures, Ritual and Texts of this Mass. Sometimes - possibly because of limited resources such as a lack of musicians - parishes celebrate the Triduum in a very minimal way. These once-a-year celebrations of our salvation deserve a little more: it does not take much to allow them to be a rich and moving celebration of the events of salvation.

Please make every effort to attend all the TRIDUUM celebrations.

SJFK 200 CLUB: The first draw took place last Sunday after the 10am Mass. The winners were as follows:

- **1st prize (£50) No 92: Marion McGowan.**
- **2nd prize (£25) No 110: Jodie Gainsford**

Please collect your prize from the Presbytery.

The next draw will take place on Easter Sunday.

Easter Offering envelopes are in the porch: this is your Easter gift to your Parish Priest.

Chalices and Chasubles: thank you to all those who have donated or promised to donate for the new chalices and chasubles. We have ordered 4 chalices and also 2 ciboriums. Unfortunately, there is a lead time of 40 days for these items which are made to order. We should hopefully receive them by the end of May.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy for the next 2 weeks. It resumes on Sunday, 29 April.

Prayers for Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always. Amen.

Holy Thursday: Faithful God, Jesus gave us the gift of his own Body and Blood that we might have food to sustain us. As we share the Eucharist of Jesus Christ, let us become eucharist for one another. May our lives be blessed, broken and given that your people may live. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our living Bread. Amen.

Good Friday: Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through the mystery of your death and resurrection. Make us one in you. Transform us into people of mercy who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst. We ask this, as a people reconciled to God through the blood of your cross. Amen.

Holy Saturday: Saving God, all creation waits with groaning and longing for the salvation promised to our ancestors and revealed in the resurrection of your Son Jesus. Teach us how to wait for the bursting forth of your saving power when all will be reconciled to you in Christ Jesus. We wait in hope, O God. We wait in the company of all the angels and saints of heaven. Through their intercession may we have the power to say: Holy, Holy, Holy is our God Amen.

Easter Sunday: Jesus we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all people of the earth receive the good news of your gospel. As your people, we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation: **Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome Risen Lord Amen.**

Job Vacancy

Deepdene Seniors Learning Skills Club is a registered charity and is looking to recruit a Finance Administrator as well as a Treasurer. The Finance Administrator is required as soon as possible. The Club runs during term time only. Experience & Competency in this field is essential. Hourly rate: £20. They are also seeking to recruit a Volunteer Trustee Treasurer. For an application form and further details for both posts please email deepdeneclub@gmail.com

You are loved more than you will ever know by someone who died to know you. Romans 5:8