



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

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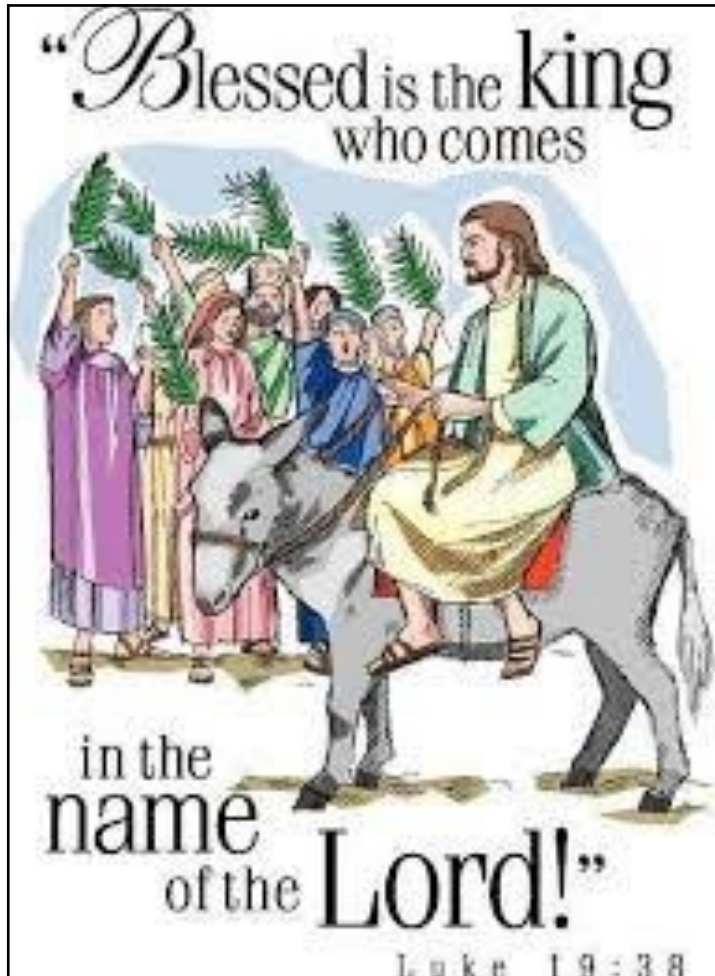
Holy Family Church

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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Dear Friends,



Today is Palm Sunday which begins the most important week of the Church's year- Holy week where we journey together towards the glory of the cross. Our celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is not the mere commemoration of a historical event but a mystery which we truly enter into. Through the mystery of the liturgy the drama of Jesus's Passion comes into our lives and we become participants in the drama of our salvation. It is a holy and sacred time in which we deepen our understanding and enter the mystery and glory of the cross. With Mary, Mother of us all, we take our place at the Cross.

The link for the live stream of the 11.30am Mass from Our Lady's is:

https://www.youtube.com/live/e4bCmHDHHi8?si=Sf_3x0v1ZEbBgNC7

From the Sunday Missal for today:

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the temple, accompanying him on his ascent.

But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel?

Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and world?

To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did.

He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards the place which Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people.

The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being.

Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

From the Office of Readings for today:

A reading from the addresses of St Andrew of Crete.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the King of Israel.

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will towards his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens towards his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by

covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptised into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.*

The Chrism Mass is on Tuesday (26th March) at 11.30am at the Cathedral. From the Newsletter:

This Mass is when the Oils for the sacraments are blessed and the priests renew their commitment. The easiest way to get there is on the bus which leaves the bus station at 8.40am (arr 10.25) or 9.10am (arr 10.37). The Cathedral is a ten minute walk from Norwich Bus Station. If you have a bus pass it is free, otherwise it is £2 each way.

Holy Week:

Monday 25th March -Lent Feria

At Our Lady's Church:

- 9.00am - Lauds and Mass.
- 9.30am - 10.00am - Confessions.
- 7.00pm - 8.00pm - Confessions.

Tuesday 26th March Lent Feria

- 11.30am - CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL.
- 4.00pm - Mass at the Sacred Space at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital.

Spy Wednesday 27th March

At Our Lady's Church:

- 9.00am - Lauds and Mass.
- 9.30am - 10.00am - Confessions.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

At Our Lady's Church:

- 9.00am - Lauds.
- 9.30am - 10.00am - Confessions.
- 8.00pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.
- Watching until Midnight.
- 11.50pm - Compline.

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

- 9.00am - Our Lady's Church - Tenebrae
- 3.00pm at Holy Family Church- LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION.
- 7.00pm at Our Lady's Church - Mater Desolata.

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

At Our Lady's Church:

- 9.00am - Tenebrae
- 10.00am - Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 10.30am - Anointing of Catechumens

EASTER VIGIL - Saturday 30th March

8.00pm at Our Lady's Church

EASTER SUNDAY - 31st March

- 9.30am - Mass at Holy Family Church.
- 11.30am - Mass & Baptisms at Our Lady's Church.
- 11.30am - Holy Qurbana at Holy Family Church.
- 1.15pm - Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady's Church.
- 5.00pm - Solemn Vespers and Benediction at Our Lady's Church.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKq>

And the link to our Parish Website:

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

God bless

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