

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Palm Sunday
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LENTEN ALMS 2010

In recent years the custom throughout the Diocese has been to raise money during Lent to support charitable causes at home and overseas. This year, Archbishop Vincent commends the St John Southworth Fund and the Thai Children's Trust.

The St. John Southworth Fund. assists homelessness, migrants and refugees, youth education, disability support, pastoral support for the elderly, children and other various projects

The Thai Children's Trust supports the neediest children across Thailand: orphans, the poor and the hungry. Some are fleeing from violence and persecution in Burma. Others have been abandoned as babies by parents too poor to care for them. Others still have been marginalised because of illness or disability.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - 2010

Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms and Mass at: 8.30, 11.00am; 12.30 & 6.30pm 9.30am (Polish) 5.00pm (Italian)	28 March	Good Friday 10.00am Children's Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (4.30pm - in Polish)	2 April
Monday of Holy Week 10.00am Mass 8.00pm Penitential Service	29 March	6.00pm Stations of the Cross (Italian) 8.00pm Who was this Man? - A Good Friday Reflection	
Tuesday of Holy Week 9.00am Mass 12.00 noon Chrism Mass (in Westminster Cathedral)	30 March	Holy Saturday Confessions from 11.00am – 12.00noon 8.00pm The Easter Vigil (Midnight - in Italian)	3 April
Wednesday of Holy Week 10.00am Mass Confessions after Mass	31 March	Easter Sunday Mass at 8.30, 11.00am; 12.30pm 9.30am (Polish)	4 April
Maundy Thursday There is no morning Mass today 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (6.00pm - in Polish) There will be watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight	1 April	There is no evening Mass today Please note that Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. There will be a Collection for the Upkeep of the Holy Places during each of the Services on Good Friday We also need volunteers for the Washing of Feet on Thursday Evening!	

Would Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please sign up for The Holy Week Services on the lists in the Sacristy.

Please note that the annual Walk of Witness will take place on Holy Saturday, 3rd April. It will start at Grundy Park at 1.00pm. All the Christian Churches in Cheshunt and Waltham Cross will join together to walk with the Cross to Eleanor Cross in the Shopping Centre.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the clothing collection - we are awaiting confirmation of the amount raised.

Our St George's Event this year will be on Sunday morning 25th April. We would be most grateful for donations of second hand books and bottles for the tombola which can be left in the side entrance to the Church. Don't forget to collect your raffle tickets after Mass.

The Fundraising Group will meet on Thursday 8th April at 8pm in the Presbytery.
This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All who see me deride me
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him:
let him release him if this is his friend"

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet,
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
"You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons".

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross,
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7	Acts 10:34.37-43
Psalms 21	Psalms 117
Philippians 2:6-11	Colossians 3:1-4
Luke 22:14-23:56	John 20:1-9

Offertory Last Week: £2001.46 plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

St. Joseph's Marian Group meets in the Sacristy at 10.45am on Tuesday mornings.

LINE DANCING

There is Line Dancing every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in Eleanor Hall.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Parish Penance Service on Monday 29th March at 8.00 in the Church.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Church.

OLD GIRLS' REUNION

Our Lady's Convent High School is holding a reunion on Sunday 9th May 2010 from 2-5pm at the school. This will be the last reunion in the old building as the new building works commence in September 2010. Conducted tours of the school are being held on Friday 7th May and Monday 10th May between 10am and 12.30pm **by appointment only**. Please telephone or email by Wednesday 5th May for an appointment on tel no: 0208 800 2158 or email: officeadmin@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk

EASTER GARDEN 2010

Would all the children who are helping with preparations for our Easter Garden Projects please make sure their work is at the Church by Good Friday. We will be setting up both gardens on Easter Saturday from 9.30am, so if any of you would like to help please come along. We also need Adult helpers on Easter Saturday morning with the preparations for Easter. All helpers welcome there is plenty to do there are jobs for all ages - thank you.

This year our Easter Garden is for the people of Haiti involved with the earthquake and its aftermath. Cash donations please. There will be a donation point at the side of the Easter Garden on the Lady Altar from Easter Saturday until Ascension Day. Thank you as always for your generosity.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL 11-19 APRIL 2010

Come and see the journey of Jesus from the moment of his trial, through the events of Good Friday to the empty tomb.

- Life sized photographic replicas of the Shroud of Turin
- Replica nails, a spear and whip - based on archaeological findings
- a large image of the face of Christ
- a large image of the empty tomb.

The exhibition coincides with the display of the Shroud of Turin at Turin Cathedral, Italy.

Nearest tube: Victoria

Admission: Free

LIVING AS ONE

This final week of Living As One looks a little closer at the example of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She was there as Our Lord was born and as he was taken down from the Cross. She prayed with the apostles when the Church received the Spirit. Her strength and humility, her courage and faith are an example to us all, both as individuals and as a Church. Let us not be afraid to ask her help, she is, after all our mother too.

FAITHSHARING GROUP

The Faithsharing group will meet for the final time this Lent on Thursday at 2.15pm in the Presbytery.

The Parish Diary for Mass intentions to be celebrated here in the Parish is now open

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be Training and Renewal Sessions for the Eucharistic Ministers of the Parish. The first Session will be on Sunday 11th April starting at 2.30pm in Eleanor Hall. This will be for all existing Ministers, and for all those who are willing to become a Minister. It will be led by Mary Crowley from the Diocese of Westminster. The Second Session will be on Sunday 18th April at 2.30pm. We do need some more people willing to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, in particular at the 12.30 and 6.30 Masses on a Sunday. If you are willing to help, please see Fr John.