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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

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Weekly Bulletin

Jesus declined every attempt to proclaim him king, he had rejected all pomp and privilege when it was offered by the Devil during his temptations in the desert. But today Jesus suddenly receives the pomp and glory of power!

What happened? Has he fallen into the habits of a bad kind of king? Let's take a closer look.

The custom was for a royal person to ride on a colt, or as it is often translated, a donkey. This was not a sign of humility but of kingly status! People would strew their cloaks on the roadway, along with the tall palm fronds they had picked, in order to shield the King from the dirty road.

Jesus did not shy away from such honours; in fact, in the Processional Reading we hear that he caused them to happen! He sent disciples to get the colt/donkey. Then he rode it into Jerusalem. People honoured him with cloaks and palms, calling out *Hosanna!* and hailing him as Saviour King.

Why did Jesus permit such treatment? Could it be that he knew what lay ahead in the coming days, how he would flip the meaning of failure and power on its head. How he would expose the abuse of power and make way for love to conquer even death.



Authentic leadership has, at its root, service even in its secular context. The real reason for kingship is not dominance, riches, honour or power. These give siren calls to entrap the leader. Kingship and all leadership exist in order to secure the welfare of the kingdom and especially the welfare of those who are in it.

Jesus comes to bring this kind of kingdom, one of service and humility, not of pride and competition. The way of the cross is the greatest fulfilment of his kingship, as opposed to cheering and accolades.

When it comes to kingship, Palm Sunday brings us the real thing.

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1. Man of Galilee,
Will you come and stand by me
Through the length of each working day?
Bless, O Lord, my efforts, I pray.

2. Man, who healed the blind,
Open up the eyes of my mind
To the needs of my fellow man.
Help me give with open hands.

3. Man of bread and wine
Show me by the means of this sign
That I share your life and your light
With the neighbour here at my side.

4. Man of Calvary,
Give me strength and will to be free
Of the weight of self-pity's chains,
Then my trials will be but gains.

5. Man at God's right hand,
Will you help me understand
That in you, when my breath is stilled,
All my longings will be fulfilled?



Love's as hard as nails,
Love is nails:
Blunt, thick, hammered through
The medial nerves of One
Who, having made us, knew
The thing He had done,
Seeing (what all that is)
Our cross, and His.

Love's as warm as tears,
Love is tears:
Pressure within the brain,
Tension at the throat,
Deluge, weeks of rain,
Haystacks afloat,
Featureless seas between
Hedges, where once was green

Love's as fierce as fire,
Love is fire:
All sorts-Infernal heat
Clinkered with greed and pride,
Lyric desire, sharp-sweet,
Laughing, even when denied,
And that empyreal flame
Whence all loves came.

Love's as fresh as spring,
Love is spring:
Bird-song in the air,
Cool smells in a wood,
Whispering "Dare! Dare!"
To sap, to blood,
Telling "Ease, safety, rest,
Are good; not best." C.S. Lewis

THIS WEEK		
Sun 14 April	Refreshments - Team C	After 9.00am Mass
Mon 15 April	Reconciliation Service	7.00pm
Wed 17 April	CLC	2pm - 7pm
COMING UP		
Sun 28 April*	Refreshments - Team C	After 11.00am Mass
*Please note the change to the date - now scheduled for the week after Easter		

Kindly remember to pray for: all the faithful departed, those living with or recovering from illness or undergoing medical treatment including: Sister Catherine, Vera Allen, Marc Bailey, Rachel Bennion, Mary Birks, Amanda Bradbury, Vera Bradbury, Kath Bradley, Dawn Brindle, Archie Brocklehurst, Nicole Burnett, Barbara Carter, Jack Child, Ethan Connolly, Catherine Coyne, John Daintith, Monica Dixon, Jimmy Evans, Larry Finn, Claire Hogan, Maureen Gingell, Teresa Glover, Enid Graham, Jamie Graham, Marjorie Hart, Chris Haynes, Helen Holdbrook, Mary Howard, Graham Hutson, Joan Johnson, Lilly Kelly, Diana Kerr, Wendy Kirkpatrick, Bet Leigh, Esther Lloyd Jones, Maria Mahon, Renaldo Marcella, Lynda McCloud, Don McGann, Abigail McNicholas, Eileen Moyse, James O'Hara, May O'Rourke, Charles Pendry, Margaret Pickup, Brian Porter, Tony Potter, Fionuala Price, David Prince, Margaret Quinn, Christine Rowe, Shelley Scott, Darcie Sharp, Hazel Sudell, Michael Swift, Melvin Thorne, Howard Tomlinson, Eileen Trantum, Coen & Zion Unruh, Pamela Verdon, Ken Wainwright, Ben Watson, Ann Weiss, John Williams & Colin Wright.



We are keeping our Lent Fast Day Appeal open throughout Lent and any donations received will be forwarded in support of Cyclone relief projects.

MONEY MATTERS

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No. 234025

Collection W/E 7,4,19 - £741.23 (Plus £367) in Standing Orders
200 Club Winner - 7.4.19 - Mrs K Conneely - No. 184 - wins £70

Please note that cheques for Mass Offerings, Donations etc should be made payable to *Blessed John Henry Newman Parish*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY
TO THE PARISH, ITS CLERGY AND TO THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

A sense of the universe, a sense of the all, the nostalgia which seizes us when confronted by nature, beauty, music - these seem to be an expectation and awareness of a Great Presence. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin



Mass Times and other Services



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Sat 13 April	5.30 pm	A Ronald Coyle RIP, B Thanksgiving - 40 years
Sunday 14 April	9.00 am 11.00 am	A. Emily Whitfield RIP B. Personal Intention (M.D.) Frank Raj - Thanksgiving
Monday 15 April	8.45 am 9.00am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer Peter and Cath Latham RIP Funeral Service for Joan Riley RIP <i>Earthen Vessels</i> - Reconciliation Service
Tues 16 April		No Services Today
Wednesday 17 April	8.45am 9.00am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Liam Dickinson RIP Funeral Service Mary Birks RIP
Holy Thursday 18 April	7.00pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to 9.30
Good Friday 19 April	10.00 am 3.00 pm 7.00 pm	<i>Behold the Man</i> (Based on the Trial of Christ) SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Pieta</i> - with Women at the Foot of the Cross
Holy Saturday 20 April	9.15 am 10.00 am	<i>At the Tomb</i> - Meditation on Hope Blessing of Easter Foods (Polish Custom)
EASTER VIGIL Sat 20 April	<u>8.00 pm</u>	Marion Spencer RIP (Wedding Anniversary) With blessing of Easter Candle and Font
EASTER SUNDAY		
Sunday 21 April	9.00 am 11.00 am	Mary Bellard RIP Parishioners' Intentions

United Service for Lent is being held at Christ Church on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 2pm with refreshments after the service. All welcome.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available on request in the side room before Mass. You can also request prayers, blessings and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.