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*Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle,
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

27/28 MARCH 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm LIVE STREAMED	Tom & Sheila Kennedy RIP (CS)	
Sunday	9.30am LIVE STREAMED	Veronica Johnstone RIP	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday	9.30am	Leonard Ash RIP	
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	9.30am LIVE STREAMED	Pattie Donnelly RIP	
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm LIVE STREAMED	(Facebook only: 9.30am Morning Prayer) People of the Parish	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	11am 3.00pm LIVE STREAMED	(Facebook only: 9.30am Morning Prayer) Stations of the Cross (LIVE STREAMED) Good Friday Liturgy	<i>A day of Fasting and Abstinence</i> Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Collection for Holy Places)
Holy Saturday	8.15pm LIVE STREAMED	(Facebook only: 9.30am Morning Prayer) Peter Wyatt RIP (IW)	The Solemn Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday	9.30am LIVE STREAMED	Barry McLaughlin RIP (CGD)	Easter Sunday

Reconciliation: available on request

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones

who are sick: Bennie & Anne O'Halloran, Helen Gair, Philip Bennett, Ron Noakes, Barbara Wakefield, Teresa & Neville B, Kathleen Osborn, David Lardner, Maria Noakes, Peter Goldsworthy, Anne Jewson, Len Argent, Simon Moora, Jo-Ann Hudson, Malcolm Ruff, David McDonald, David Ryan, Ann O'Toole, Julie Verity, Joan Worthington, Chris Gough, John McGrath, Val Romanchek, Bill Romanchek, Helen Kennedy, Mary Wilson, Craig Smart, Pat Fitzpatrick, Tim Mulvihill, Chris Clark, Janet Stephens, Terry Kilgallon.



For those who have died recently: Doris McGeown, Nicola Maloney, Winifred Aherne, David Davy, Michael Brown, **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sheila Kennedy, Edward Sullivan, Rose Mulvenna, Leonard Ash, Dayana Da Silva, Thomas Boddy, Bridget O'Toole, Tommy Doyle.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

W/end 13/14 Mar: Offertory: £1067.20 RTU: £ 25.00

W/end 20/21 Mar: Offertory: £490 Pound a Week: Total on 21.02.2021 £48.50

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEKEND

There will be some changes to the format of these services, in accordance with guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference which can be viewed [on our website](#).

We do not plan to have a booking system for any of the Masses, instead we encourage Parishioners to spread between the Saturday Easter Vigil (which will start at 8.15pm and be much shorter, lasting approx 1 hour) and Easter Sunday Mass at 9.30am.

Our maximum number is 80 at each Mass, to ensure social distancing. Our stewards will monitor our capacity and ensure this figure is not exceeded. All our Holy Week and Easter services will also be Live Streamed and there's the reminder that there remains no obligation to attend Mass at this time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to come and pray the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 11am at St Michael's.

ST MICHAEL'S FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/WorthingStMichael>

Deacon Mark will lead **Morning Prayer** at 9.30am on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday on our Facebook page.

We will continue to **Live Stream Masses** as indicated on the Mass schedule above. Also available is an **evening prayer** or reflection, either live or pre-prepared. Recordings of each Mass will be available to view for 14 days.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

We are now fully open for all the Masses and Services detailed in our schedule above. Our stewards will assist you with following the necessary guidelines to keep us all safe.

Our seating capacity is 80. **When visiting you are required to:**

- wear a face covering or a face mask, unless exempt
- please use the hand sanitizer as you enter and leave
- keep social distancing and only interact with those from your household or support bubble.
- follow the one way system with entry through the main door and exit through the side door (fire door near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel). Please leave the church directly at the end of Mass without mingling or congregating near the exits.
- provide your details for NHS Test and Trace in one of two ways:
 1. NHS COVID-19 app, scan the QR code displayed in the entrance on arrival.
 2. Or, please clearly write your Name and Telephone Number then add your signature on the piece of paper used to mark your seating space and leave it there when you leave church. These details will be collected by the Stewards at the end and sealed in an envelope, then placed in secure storage. Your information will be kept securely, shared only with NHS Test and Trace and securely destroyed after 21 days of collection.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

The Knights of St. Columba(KSC) are pleased once again to provide "This is HOLY WEEK" posters. They are situated in the porch so please take one home with you to display.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Several parishioners are praying daily between 2pm and 4pm. We would like to invite you to join us at that time. Perhaps as a parish we could all come together in the safety of our homes and pray together for an end to the pandemic and for those who are ill and for our loved ones who have died. If we could offer up one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory be to the Father with our families we may be comforted to know that even though we cannot meet

together we are together as a parish and our prayers will be heard. If any parishioner would like a request to be included in our daily prayer group please feel free to phone 692866 or 695211. All requests will be confidential.

SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

A reminder of the contact details for organisations offering a wide range of support to those who may be struggling at this difficult time. A copy of the poster is available on the About Us/Links section of our website and can be viewed [here](#)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We plan to continue our programmes in person, once the lifting of current restrictions allows and the Diocesan guidance permits us to reopen our Hall.

SAFEGUARDING – Refresher training on-line

***** URGENT: End March 2021 DEADLINE APPROACHING******

Training is still outstanding for some within our Parish who work with vulnerable groups (children, young people or adults at risk).

The Diocesan Safeguarding Commission fully expects all those engaged in this important ministry to complete mandatory training by the end of March 2021. Completion of this training is required if individuals wish to continue working with vulnerable groups. See [here](#) for full details of the training required and how to apply. Please notify Fr Chris, via the Parish Office, once you have completed your training, by forwarding a copy of your certificate.

PARISH EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are available for our Parish Easter Raffle. We have many wonderful prizes which include: £50 - Easter Hamper - Leg of Lamb - Homemade Easter Simnel Cake and many more prizes. The Craft Club members have been busy knitting our popular Easter Chicks with Cream Eggs for sale at £1 each. As we are still in Lockdown please ring Jo on 692866 or Frances on 695211 for information on how to purchase Raffle Tickets at £1 each or the Easter Chicks. All proceeds will go to Parish Projects. The Raffle Draw will be held on **Monday 29th March**. Winners will notified. Good Luck and keep safe.

PETITION: That The Government Does Not Reduce Overseas Aid:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/561068>

There are suggestions that the Government is planning to reduce its commitment to giving 0.7% of GDP as overseas aid. We want to keep this foreign aid and help the world's poor.

Please sign the petition. At 10,000 signatures the Government will respond to the petition. At 100,00 the petition will be considered for debate. Thank you.

LENTEN ALMS

There will be a basket available during the Season of Lent for those who wish to contribute Lenten Alms. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese.

A PHISHING SCAM

Apologies for another phishing scam which some have received this week. Please don't reply to the email from: "Fr. Christopher Ingle" <parishpastor6281@gmail.com>.

RETIRING COLLECTION

There is no retiring collection this weekend. There will be a special collection on Good Friday for The Holy Places. Please note that next weekend's Easter offering is eligible for Gift Aid. Your Easter Offering is your gift to Fr Chris.