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Week commencing Sunday, 5th April 2020

Palm Sunday of Lent – Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 2

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2020.

Addictions:

That those who suffer from addictions will seek help and find freedom in Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah (50:4-7)

It did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, nether did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint, I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24. R. v.2)

R My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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." R

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. R

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!
R

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." R

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he 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 other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: (Ph 2:8-9)

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.

Gospel: Matthew (shorter form: 27:11-54)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Key: N. Narrator. Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

N. Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied,
It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. they said,

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back,

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he

did say, 'I am the son of God.'

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

C. The man is calling on Elijah.

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

C. In truth this was a son of God.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (**bow**)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.



In Memoriam: All who have gone before us, especially members of our communities whose anniversaries occur around this week: Patrick Sweeney, Charles Leng, Thea Murray, Helen Eades, Fr. Joseph O.F.M., Sheila Stellitano, Arthur Suggett, Mary Bailey, Marian Littleton, Lisa Jarvis, and Charles Needham.

+ WALK WITH ME booklets: if you would like to have a copy for Easter, please email Fr. John. He will send it to you by post.

+ Veiling the cross & sacred images: Many churches cover the crosses and sacred images, except the stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross, from the Fifth Sunday of Lent. As we cannot go to church these days, why don't we cover the crosses & images in our homes? This may help us, especially the children, to live the spirit of Lent during this testing time.

HOLY MASS ON FACEBOOK

PALM SUNDAY:

- Vigil Mass at 7.15pm Mass on Saturday (4th April)

- Sunday 5th April: Mass is at 10.15am and 12.15pm.

MONDAY 6th April: Mass at 12.15pm and 7.15pm

TUESDAY 7th April: Mass at 12.15pm and 7.15pm

WEDNESDAY 8th April: Mass at 12.15pm and 7.15pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY 9th April: The Lord's Supper is at 9pm followed by Adoration until 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 10th April: The Passion of the Lord is at 3pm. The Stations of the Cross is at 6pm.

HOLY SATURDAY:

- Easter Vigil (11th April) is at 9pm.

EASTER SUNDAY 12th April: Mass is at 10.15pm and 12.15pm

Hope you will be able to participate in Mass on either of our Facebook:

- Cambourne Catholic Church
- OLOL and SJF Parish

+ PARISH PRAYERS LIVE STREAM: You are welcome to join James for Morning Prayer at the usual time of 9.15am live every weekday morning from the comfort of your own homes. Go to either of the parish websites <http://cambournerc.com/> or www.ololsawston.org.uk at the designated time (9.15am or 6pm) and click on the audio link on the front page to listen live. The Rosary will be recited after Morning Prayer on Saturday mornings. The Angelus and Evening Prayer will be live at 6pm (Monday to Friday).

+ PRAYERS BY WHATSAPP:

- SJF Prayer 24/7: For daily prayer and petitions.
- SJF Upper Room: General discussion and chat

- **SJF Courage:** for youths - resources for faith and friendship.

- **SJF Great & Small:** For parents and carers of babies, younger children and upwards!

Please contact Lorretta, Liz, or Mel (07565972427).

+ STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Together with the traditional Stations of the Cross, there is also Scriptural Stations of the Cross. Bishop Alan recommends the one used by Saint John Paul II in 1991. You may find it online, or follow the link: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/scriptural-stations-of-the-cross.cfm

+ CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you very much for your generosity

- A family in Cambourne donated a tablet which helps with Mass online.

- Stole fees: £50-00.

* **DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation by cheque, direct debit, or standing order, please see below:

- **CAMBOURNE:** Cheques payable to **SJF CHURCH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 33031454.

- **SAWSTON:** Cheques payable to **OLOL & SJF PARISH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 03187187. Please note that although this is named as a parish account it is in fact the Sawston account.

* **LEGACY & WILLS:** If you would like to leave a legacy or include the Parish in your will, please contact Fr. John or a member of the Finance Committees.

NB to all Gift Aiders: It is hoped that you are still able to continue your support to your Parish and the Diocese. However, if your circumstances have changed, please contact your parish priest +/- the Diocese.'

+ Hope into Action is very grateful for any/all offers of warm children's clothing offered for relatives of the Syrian family we are helping. Please continue to leave these at the Church house where we can collect them and arrange for delivery.

+ Email subscription service: OLOL Pastoral Council are creating a new email subscription service in order to keep you informed of news and events taking place within the OLOL Parish. If you wish your name to be added to this list please provide your email address on the slip in the church foyer. Many thanks.

+ Wednesday 6th May: AGM of OLOL Community at 7.30pm in the church hall. We need new members for OLOL Pastoral Council. Please contact Giles for more information.- This date may well change.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese is recruiting a **part-time Finance & Administration Assistant** on 20 hours per week. Details can be obtained by emailing the office at finance@rcdea.org.uk, or go to <https://rcdea.org.uk/> and click on the link on the home page. The closing date is Monday April 6th.

* The Diocese is advertising for a **Stewardship and Fundraising Coordinator**. He/She will take the lead role in helping parishes to engage their parishioners to consider how they can support their local parish with their skills and enthusiasm and also financially. Working closely with parish finance committees and clergy, the Coordinator will guide them through Stewardship Campaigns and help to encourage Parish Giving through regular donations and Gift Aid. See www.rcdea.org.uk for details.

* **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place on 21st -28th August. This pilgrimage is organised by Catholic Action for Dioceses of Clifton, East Anglia, Northampton, Southwark with Stonyhurst College and the Glanfield Group. Archbishop John Wilson will lead the pilgrimage this year. The theme is: 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. If you would like to join, please pick up a form from OLOL Church, or talk to Fr John. For further information, please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk or booking with www.tangney-tours.com/CA/; Tel: 01732 886 666

CHRISM MASS: The Holy Father has indicated that he will not be celebrating the Chrism Mass in Holy Week this year, and so the Bishops of England and Wales, in solidarity with him, have decided that the Chrism Mass will not be celebrated in our country either. It will be celebrated instead at a later date in the year (possibly around September 14th, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross).

The Holy Father has also decided that the Collection for the Holy Places that normally takes place on Good Friday will now be taken up on September 13th instead. Please make a note of this on the calendar!

+ CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Due to the ongoing situation regarding Coronavirus and the uncertainty as to when life will eventually return to normal, and keeping in mind that many of you will need to either continue or begin from scratch the confirmation preparation programme, **all Confirmations which had been booked for April, May, June and July 2020 are now cancelled** and will not take place until after Easter next year (2021).

+ Diocesan E-News: Please **sign up for the weekly enews bulletin update from the diocese website**. Please contact **Keith Morris** on 07712 787762 or email keith.morris@rcdea.org.uk

OTHER NEWS

+ PRAYERS & MASS READINGS IN YOUR PHONE: With modern technology, you can easily download an app and get all the necessary prayers & Mass readings onto your phone. Many people find <https://universalis.com/> useful. If you know a better one, please recommend it to Fr. John.

+ CAFOD is hosting a live online **children's liturgy** for families, on **Sundays at 10am**. Please do let families in your parish know about it - it has proved very popular with families over the last two

Sundays.

+ Roman Catholic, Ordained Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister, Lay Person (Part Time) - HMP Wayland: This Chaplaincy role is part time which is for 18 hours. Overview Job holders within this Group Profile will provide religious and pastoral care of prisoners and staff in their own faith tradition and have an understanding/ knowledge of other differing faiths. Characteristics Typical tasks associated with this Group Profile include: Act as faith advisor. Please visit the Ministry of Justice for details.

PhD student's Appeal: Dear parishioners,

I am a PhD student looking at how we experience and use music in mass and I visited your parish earlier in the year to introduce myself and my project. The present situation causes some difficulties for parts of my project, but other parts are able to go ahead as planned, and so would appreciate your help if you feel able to give it! Many of us are finding that we have a little bit more time on our hands than we were expecting, so I would like to invite you again to take part in the project. There are a few options, and you can take part in more than one.

1. If you haven't already done so, you could take part in my questionnaire. If you attend mass, please follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/sf9qusm>. If you are a member of the parish's music group, please follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/vp2kafn>. This tends to take 10-20 minutes to complete.

2. If you haven't already done so, you could take part in a phone interview. If you have time to do a phone interview with me, I'd be keen to hear your point of view. Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/ugpsf48>. These tend to take 25-30 minutes.

3. You could take part in a group interview (focus group) I had originally planned to do these in person, but they will now take place online using "FaceTime". The first will take place on the 3rd of May at 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm. If you'd like to take part in those, please could you sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/uxseasg>. These will last no more than 45 minutes.

I want to finish by thanking all of you who have already taken part in the project. I thought about pausing it until the current situation has passed, but your kind feedback has given me the confidence to keep going. If you have any questions about the project or would like to find out more, please do get in touch with me at wilfrid.jones@theol.uni-freiburg.de.

Stay safe and best wishes, from Wilf Jones

