

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22.

RESPONSE:

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, for in him he delights'. **R**
- For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets 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. But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! **R**
- I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly; 'You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel'. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 14 Apr HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27; John 12:1-11

Do we keep Jesus on a seeming pedestal, worshipping a caricature on a cross, while avoiding what he said and did. When we say that we love Jesus, is it more as a God-figure, or as someone to imitate?

Tue 15 Apr HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71; John 13:21-33,36-38

"Let us not tire of preaching love, for this is the force that will overcome the world. Even if we see waves of violence coming to drown out the fire of Christian love, love must win out." – St Óscar Romero

Wed 16 Apr HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69; Matthew 26:14-25

"There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies." – Martin Luther King Jr.

Thu 17 Apr HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; Psalm 116; John 13:1-15

"The washing of the feet and the sacrament of the Eucharist: two expressions of one and the same mystery of love is entrusted to (Jesus') disciples ..." – St John Paul II

Fri 18 Apr GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31; John 18:1-19:42

By the cross we, too, are crucified with Christ; but alive in Christ. We are no more rebels, but servants; no more servants, but sons and daughters! – Frederic Farrar

Sat 19 Apr HOLY SATURDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104; Luke 24:1-12

Without Easter, there would be no hope that suffering and abandonment might be tolerable. But with Easter, a way out becomes visible for human sorrows. – Hans Urs von Balthasar

Sun 20 Apr RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118; John 20:1-9

Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate, about the ultimate meaning of all life, suffering, and events; and we lay hold of a great hope. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

Catholic Link

LENTEN JOURNEY

Palm Sunday • Year C
Divine Office: Week II • 13 April 2025

Jesus, Pilgrim

As we this Palm Sunday complete our Lenten Journey series on the Jubilee Year theme, "Pilgrims of Hope", there is a lovely insight of St Andrew of Crete that we can

The ultimate pilgrimage of a Christian is to participate in this. As St Andrew of Crete says, let us go to meet Christ where his final journey begins, in Bethany. To accompany



Christ's entry into Jerusalem, Pietro Lorenzetti, Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi

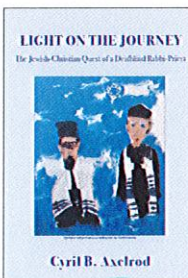
Christ spiritually on his pilgrimage into Paschal Mystery is the beginning and end of what our Christian faith is. We are baptised into Christ to journey with him in suffering and death so that we may rise to new life in him (see Romans 6:1-11). If this is the heart of our faith, no wonder St Andrew says we must not hesitate, but "run to accompany him". But we must do so with complete humility and trust that he shows the way "without pomp or ostentation". It's as if there needs to be something anonymous about our following of Christ. He himself warned us that all fasting, prayer and almsgiving must be "in secret" (Matthew 6:1-6). We are silent pilgrims with Christ, like him emptying ourselves to become servants of God and of others (Philippians 2:6-11).

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These inspiring words deserve elaboration. St Andrew implies that Jesus is himself a pilgrim to Jerusalem, though it was to be a pilgrimage that ended in his passion and death. He had made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem before, with Mary and Joseph, when he was 12 years old. But this one was different. Then he visited the Temple. This time he was to become the Temple. "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up", he said in John 2:19. And John adds, "He was speaking of his body" (John 2:21).

Pope Francis has indeed given us a beautiful theme for this Jubilee Year 2025 – to be pilgrims of hope. From our own birth to our own death we are pilgrims, fellow travellers with Jesus, "keeping our eyes on him who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection" (Hebrews 12:2). There is nothing glib about Christian pilgrimage (e.g. "life's a journey – enjoy the ride") but rather a fundamental truth of our very identity and purpose as Christians – to be followers of Jesus in every sense of the word.

Fr Cyril Axelrod has done it again – he has written another book! Undaunted by being Deafblind, having already written an autobiography and a sequel, he now reflects prayerfully on his Jewish origins and spirituality, bringing these into harmony with his Christian faith. This book is an inspiration to all.



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A second collection for the **Bishops' Lenten Appeal** will be taken during Lent. This is for the needy so we ask you to give generously.

There will be a **servers' practice** this coming Saturday 19 April at 09h30. This is for the Easter Vigil at 17h00.

There will be an Easter craft market in aid of parish funds this weekend before and after the 17h00 Saturday mass and between the morning masses on Sunday.

We thank everyone who made the palm crosses for Palm Sunday and those who sent palm branches for the Church.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
 In the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
 When, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
 To you Our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen.

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| Holy Week and Easter | | | |
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| Saturday 12 April | Palm Sunday | 08h00 / 17h00 | |
| Sunday 13 April | | 07h30 / 10h00 / 17h00 | |
| Tuesday 15 April | | 09h30 | Mass |
| Thursday 17 April | Holy Thursday | 17h30 | The Lord's Supper |
| Friday 18 April | Good Friday | 10h00 | Stations of the Cross |
| | | 15h00 | The Lord's Passion |
| Saturday 19 April | Holy Saturday | 17h00 | Easter Vigil |
| Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday | The Resurrection of the Lord | 07h30 | Easter Mass |
| | | 10h00 | Easter Mass |
| | | No Evening Mass | |

| Confessions in Holy Week | | |
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