

**Palm Sunday Masses** Just a reminder that next week there will be no procession into church for the Palm Sunday Masses. Also, palms will be blessed in the usual place in the liturgy but will be distributed to the faithful as they leave church after Mass by stewards wearing single use gloves.

**Attention All Gift Aid Donors**

The current Tax Year 2020/21 will end on the 5th April 2021 and the Parish will then claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax rebate due on your Gift Aid donations. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid scheme) please let Fr. Cogliolo or Michael Marsden know via the parish email or phone number by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax during the current tax year. Please also inform Michael if your surname or address has changed. **Please note new Envelopes for current donors are now available in the church porch.**

**How to sign up to Gift Aid & Church Offertory Giving Options**

If you pay tax and you give to the Church, have you signed a Gift Aid form? Gift Aid only involves giving your name and address on a Gift Aid declaration form and agreeing to make your Offertory donations either by weekly Offertory Envelope, by monthly Banker's Standing Order or by Annual Cheque. No details about your wage, salary or occupation are required. Gift Aid costs you nothing extra but the Parish can claim a tax refund on the money you give and the Inland Revenue gives the Parish 25p for every £1 that you donate. There is no minimum amount or a fixed amount, you don't have to give every week, you can stop and restart donations according to personal circumstances. **BUT you must be paying tax on your income because the Parish is claiming a refund on the tax that you have paid.** If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Michael Marsden via the parish email or phone number.

If you are not able to gift aid your donation, you can still donate to the church by standing order. Again, please contact Michael for further information.

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

*"Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally. Lord hear us."*

**Food Link, Colshaw** Sadly, the need continues – could you help to donate food to those struggling? We are very grateful to receive the following food donations: dried pasta, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, and tinned foods (pies, soups, beans, fruit, veg, meat, fish, etc.). Please leave any donations at the back of church (when open) or please leave outside the presbytery door and then ring the bell.

**Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East**

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**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 20th	6.30 pm	In Thanksgiving
Sunday 21st	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Helen Van Steene
Tuesday 23rd	12.30 pm	National Day of Prayer on Lockdown Anniversary
Wednesday 24th	10.30 am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday 25th (Annunciation)	10.30 am	The Quinn Family
Saturday 27th (Vigil)	6.30 pm	The Mattarello Family
Palm Sunday 28th	9.00 am*	Francis Bradshaw
	10.30 am*	The Parishioners

\*Clocks go forward one hour at 1 am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March to British Summer Time.

NB: Confession available after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

Church at one metre social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing – please see all rules & guidance overleaf.

Stations of the Cross during Lent – Online at Christ Church, Heald Green. All are welcome to take part in the Stations of Cross each Friday in Lent at 7.30 pm. This will be available online through the website [www.christchurchhg.co.uk](http://www.christchurchhg.co.uk)

### **\*Additional Private Prayer & Mass Next Week: Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Lockdown Anniversary\***

Tuesday next week will be the national remembrance for the first anniversary of the beginning of lockdown in the current pandemic. Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon are inviting us to make this a day of prayer, especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our happily opened churches. The church will be open from 11 am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be at 12.30 pm, after which the church will close.

### **Father Alban Hood**

Our Parish friend, Father Alban Hood OSB, whose parental home is in Wilmslow, has been appointed as the new Catholic Chaplain to Cambridge University from September 2021. Please pray for him in his new ministry.

### **National Lockdown**

The country is in a national lockdown, but Mass continues to be available as usual in church at the times stated. **Please note that you should not interact with anyone outside your household or support bubble. Please also ensure that you adhere to the strict social distancing & hygiene rules in place in church (see below).**

### **A reminder of the Rules & Guidance in church at this time**

- Church at one metre plus social distancing. Please also wear a face mask (unless you are exempt).
- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic.
- Please sign-in to church for the Track & Trace system or please scan the QR code with the NHS App.
- Please sanitise your hands on entering & leaving church.
- Visitors should not touch or physically venerate statues, relics, or the church stoop.
- Whilst in church, or the surrounding grounds, people should adhere to the social distancing rules at all times. People should only interact with members of their own household and once the Mass is ended, participants should move away promptly to minimise the risk of contact and the spread of infection.
- Single use Mass sheets & Parish newsletters are provided and should either be kept or disposed of immediately at the end of each Mass in the bins provided in the porch.
- Readers should apply sanitiser before reading from the pulpit.
- Please note toilet facility is closed in church at this time.
- Maximum safe capacity of church if all worshippers are from a different household: 47 (Max 2 per pew each separated by 1 metre). Maximum safe capacity of church if worshippers from the same household can sit together (Max 4 to a pew, 3 on the front pews): 79.
- Please follow the one-way system & guidance in church.

### **Extra Care at Holy Communion**

- Holy Communion takes place at the very end of Mass.
- Please remain in your seat until you are invited to go forward by a steward.
- Receiving Holy Communion should take place in silence, i.e. the communicant should not say 'Amen.'
- Please unloop the face covering in order to receive Holy Communion & recover afterwards.
- The communicant is advised to place their hands stretched out flat.
- Following Holy Communion, please leave church promptly, not returning to your seat - those sitting on the left side pews/seats should leave by the left aisle/main front entrance door; those sitting on the right side pews/seats should leave by the right aisle/side entrance door.
- Please apply sanitiser on leaving the church.
- Worshippers should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of their group.

### **Holy Week & the Easter Triduum 2021 – Booking Now Available for all Masses**

Holy Week & the Easter Triduum will take place in church this year but with some differences and simplifications owing to the pandemic. A booking system will also be in place again to help keep the numbers attending within our allowed limit.

**Booking forms for each Mass are now in the church porch – please sign up to the Mass you would like to attend and the total number in your household that will be attending. Alternatively, you may email these details to [sacredwil@gmail.com](mailto:sacredwil@gmail.com)**

### **Booking forms for each Mass are now available for:**

**Palm Sunday (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March):** Vigil Mass 6.30 pm, 9.00 am & 10.30 am

**Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday 1st April):** Mass at 8.00 pm

**Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Friday 2nd April):** Liturgy at 3.00 pm

**Easter Vigil (Saturday 3rd April):** Mass at 8.00 pm

**Easter Day Masses (Sunday 4th April):** Mass at 9.00 am & 10.30 am

**Aid to the Church in Need: Pope Francis' historic trip to Iraq** has given the country's suffering Christians – who survived a genocide at the hands of Daesh (ISIS) – a huge boost in confidence, according to Aid to the Church in Need's head of projects who accompanied him on the visit. Regina Lynch, Director of Projects, travelled on the papal plane as the representative of the Assembly of Organisations for Aid to the Eastern Churches (ROACO). *She said: "As soon as the helicopter landed in Qaraqosh, a Christian town in the Nineveh Plains, where they were forced to flee Daesh, the people went mad. They were singing, and dancing. While in Qaraqosh, Pope Francis prayed the Angelus at the Al-Tahira Church – desecrated by Daesh – an iconic building whose repair was part-funded by a grant made this month by ACN (UK). Pope Francis reminded the Christians that they have the support of the entire Church. Regina said: "His words to the Christians throughout the whole visit were so warm – he recognised their suffering and was very encouraging. She added: "Pope Francis said, 'blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the persecuted. From your faith, you can be the peacemakers. You have a role to play.' At the same time, he didn't hesitate to underline that they have been persecuted. "He demanded full citizenship for the Christians, that they are not treated different. He said that everyone has the right to freedom of conscience and freedom of religion." Iraq is a priority country for ACN, with the charity providing help – emergency aid, repairs to houses and church buildings, and medical assistance and other urgent support during the COVID-19 pandemic – and high-profile clergy thanked ACN benefactors for their support.*

**Discernment weekend for men** The Beda College in Rome has a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. It will take place at Saint Beuno's Spirituality Centre, North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration forms are at: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1>