

**Sister Gertrude Geoghegan RIP** It is with sad news from the Sisters of Evron that we report the recent death of Sister Gertrude Geoghegan. May she rest in peace. Some may remember Sister Gertrude's devoted service of Saint Bernadette's Parish in Brinnington from 1997 onwards. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

**Day of Prayer for The Victims and Survivors of Abuse** – Pope Francis has asked all Bishops Conferences to establish a day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse. In England and Wales, this will take place on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter which is **4th May 2021**.

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
*"We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage mothers to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. 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.

**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.

**Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East**  
*Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1LD*



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**28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
 Mass Times & Intentions during Holy Week**

Saturday 27th (Vigil)	6.30 pm	The Mattarello Family
Palm Sunday (28th)	9.00 am	Francis Bradshaw
	10.30 am	The Parishioners
Wednesday 31st	10.30 am	Private Intention
Holy Thursday (1st)	8.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday (2nd)	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord
Easter Vigil (3rd)	8.00 pm	First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday (4th)	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention

- (1) Please note that attendance for Mass during the Easter Triduum is by booking only.
- (2) There will be some simplifications for the celebrations of Masses during Holy Week & Easter in accordance with the Bishop's recommendations and those of the Holy See.
- (3) Church at one metre social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing – please see all rules & guidance overleaf.

### Confessions

It is not possible to use the confessional in church at present. Father Anthony is available for confessions after any Mass and intends on Good Friday to be present in the atrium of the hall for about half an hour directly after the Liturgy of the Passion.

### Holy Week & Easter Collections

**Good Friday:** for the Church in the Holy Land, namely the wider Middle East. Please see the note on this matter incorporated in this bulletin; the need is great.

**Easter:** Your personal offerings for the support of the Parish Priest.

### 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

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As explained recently, there will be some differences and simplifications to the celebration of the Masses this year owing to the pandemic. Please note these changes below.

**Attendance is by booking only for these Masses - 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)**

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

There will be no procession into church for the Palm Sunday Masses. The congregation will not participate in the Passion readings. 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.

**Wednesday of Holy Week (31st March): Mass in Church at 10.30 am.** Please also note the **Chrism Mass** will be live-streamed from the Cathedral at 3.00pm (link below). This is normally one of the great, diocesan gatherings of the year. Since the Second Vatican Council this has been the moment in the year when priestly commitment is renewed.

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

There will be no washing of the feet this year, nor will there be the opportunity to watch before the Altar of Repose. However, there will be an opportunity following the Mass of the Lord's Supper to share in watching before the Tabernacle of Shrewsbury Cathedral via the internet from 8.30pm to 10.30pm on Holy Thursday night. (<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>)

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

The congregation will not participate in the Passion readings. For the Adoration, the Veneration of the Cross will be limited to the celebrant alone. After he has done this, he will "invite the people present in a few words to adore the Holy Cross and afterwards, hold the Cross elevated higher for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence." (Rubrics #19). This may be expressed by the faithful through a short period of silent prayer, a gesture such as a genuflection or bow in their places, followed by another short period of silent prayer.

**Collection for The Holy Land on Good Friday – from Bishop Mark** "At this time, we take the annual collection to support the Church in the Holy Land. I would ask you not to forget the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land who have been even more isolated during the time of the pandemic. I think you will be aware how this collection not merely preserves the sacred places, it helps to promote the Christian presence through numerous educational, health and pastoral initiatives."

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

The Paschal candle will be prepared, enthroned and lit in the Sanctuary before the people gather in the church, or simply lit at the beginning of the celebration. The faithful will not have votive candles.

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

The Mass will be as prescribed in the Roman Missal but without the sprinkling of water as part of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.