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| Sat 13 Apr | 10am | Confession | |
| | 6 pm Vigil Mass | PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of Our Lord | For Lalith & Kathy |
| Sun 14 Apr | 9.30am PROCESSION | | From Falkland Road Memorial |
| | 10 am Mass | | Robin Horscroft R.I.P., Malcolm Cantwell R.I.P. |
| Mon 15 Apr | 10 am Mass | Of HOLY WEEK | For all readers |
| Tues 16 Apr | NO MASS | | |
| Wed 17 Apr | 10 am Mass | Of HOLY WEEK | Don Connolly R.I.P. |
| Thurs 18 Apr | No 9 am Mass No adoration | HOLY THURSDAY | |
| | 7.30pm Mass | | For the Parish |
| |  Adoration until midnight | | |
| Fri 19 Apr | 10 am Stations of the Cross | GOOD FRIDAY | |
| | 3 pm Solemn Liturgy | | |
| Sat 20 Apr | 12 noon Blessing of Food | HOLY SATURDAY | |
| | 9 pm Easter Vigil Mass | | For Roland & Kasha |
| Sun 21 Apr | 10 am Mass | EASTER SUNDAY | For the Parish |

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Courtney Andrews, Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Marie O'Sullivan, Pauline Smith, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner** who ask for our prayers.

Please pray for Rowland and Kasha who will be entering into full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

From the Parish Priest

Today there is a definite feeling of joy and sadness in the liturgy; we have a triumphant procession singing and welcoming our King into Jerusalem and then, we are plunged into the Readings that foretell the sadness of His death. This reaches its height in the Passion which is read and which this year comes from St Luke. We start The Passion with the Institution of the Holy Eucharist which is the strength of Jesus for his Passion and which he gives as the foundation for the church of the future. In this Passion narrative as one scholar puts it, Luke invites readers to reflect on what it means for a church to follow courageously and in changing circumstances the footsteps of Jesus. (Robert Karris OFM)

Fr Bruce



EVENTS DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER


- * MONDAY 15th - 7.30pm - Penitential Service at St Joseph's Church
- * TUESDAY 16th - No Mass in St Francis
11am - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
- * FRIDAY 19th - 10am - Stations of the Cross for Children
- * SATURDAY 20th - 12 noon - Polish ceremony of the blessing of the food
- * Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00 a.m. No Adoration on Thursday 25th April
- * SATURDAY 27th - Baptism of Liberty Eaton
- * SUNDAY 28th - Divine Mercy Sunday

Please remember that the collection at Easter is your offering for the parish priest.

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER will take place on Monday 15th April from 10am onwards. Everyone welcome.

EXTRA CAR PARKING AVAILABLE - from this weekend, please park in the overflow car park of Park House School on Sunday mornings. Please be mindful of those helping with the parking on these special Sundays and Holy Days and of pedestrians.

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|  <p>FEED THE HUNGRY</p> | <p>The Foodbank would be grateful for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tinned Fruit,Sponge Puddings,Long Grain Rice,Sugar andLong Life Fruit Juice. |
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Contribute to our Website You can now request access to add content to our website. This opens the possibility of adding your own events, managing a group you run or writing articles. If interested, please fill in the simple form on the website to request access.

<http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/user/register>

Any queries, feel free to contact Andrew at andrewpolland@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) At the last Meeting of the PPC, the members took an important decision to stand down so that it might be completely renewed and refreshed. The whole PPC came to the conclusion that that it should encourage membership of the future PPC to reflect various age groups, organizations and ethnic diversity within our Parish Community. After Easter, there will be more information regarding how the new Council will be formed. Meanwhile, members of the former council will be actively encouraging people to consider becoming members of the PPC. Membership of the PPC should be no longer than 4 years. It meets three times a year.

St Joseph's School are looking for a Deputy Play Leader & Playworker. More details on the noticeboard in the hall. Closing date for applications: 29th April 2019.

Life to the Full: Another chance to catch last Autumn's successful "Life to the Full" series of heart-warming, thought-provoking DVDs to help you to unlock the Bible whilst enjoying home-made cakes in the company of other Catholics from the Pastoral Area. Typical feedback: 'Simply wonderful!'. Where: St Joseph's, Newbury RG14 1JP. When: Doors open at 7.30pm on 5 Mondays, from 29th April to 10th June excluding Bank Holidays. No need to come every week. Everybody welcome! Offers of help welcome. Please speak to Angela Jordan or Mike Parry (01635 33023).

Fundraising recently

We raised £1187.94 for Missio last year. Thanks to all who have a Red Box at home.

The cake stall for J&P raised £69.90. Thank you to all who brought and bought cakes.

The collection for the Orphanage in Mexico raised £675 with generous donations there.

The urn collection for Cyclone Idai raised £188.10 also with a generous donation of £500 on top.

The collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund raised £313.91.

Pope's intention for April
For doctors and their humanitarian
collaborators in war zones, who risk their
lives to save the lives of others.

Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms An increasing number of users of the Parish Hall who have booked are complaining that they arrive to find other people using the facilities. It is important that **anyone** who wishes to use the Parish Hall, etc., especially for parish events, checks and books with Maureen Hudd. Please contact her by telephone on 01635 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

WELCOMING:

Thurs 18 Apr – 7.30pm: Michael Boyle

Fri 19 Apr – 3pm: Pat Dixon

Sat 20 Apr – 9pm: Angela Spellman

Sun 21 Apr: Dykes, Gill & Brown families

CLEANERS:

Mon 15 Apr – 10am: CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER – ALL WELCOME

COUNTER:

Sun 14 Apr: Graham Spellman & Charlotte Syder