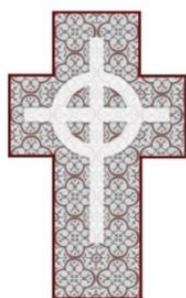


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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord, Year A

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A Message from Monsignor Peter Meneely

Today we have included a prayer for Palm Sunday. Due to the COVID19 we have decided that St Lukes Church will remain closed for Holy Week. We encourage you to join the Archbishop via live stream through the Archdiocesan website www.archbne.org/bzw. Please refer to the Archdiocesan website for Mass Times. Channel 7 (free to air) will broadcast from St Mary's Cathedral, Good Friday at 3.00pm and Easter Sunday at 10.30am.

The Good Friday appeal will now be held in September 2020. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also not be available until further notice. On request, only Priests will take communion to the sick. We will be posting updates and a weekly newsletter on the Parish Website and residents of St Luke's Green will receive a copy in their letterbox. If you know of any parishioners who may need assistance with communication from the parish, please ask them to contact the parish office. On Wednesday next week our newsletter will be uploaded to our website, residents will also receive a copy in their letterboxes on Wednesday. With every blessing for a very different Holy Week this year, *Monsignor Peter*

HOLY WEEK AT HOME - PALM SUNDAY

You might like to take a green branch and place it on the table before you as you pray.

During Lent, we have been preparing our hearts to celebrate Easter. Today we join Christ as he enters Jerusalem. In the coming days, we will relive the mystery of his death and resurrection. By joining ourselves to Christ, God's grace will lift us up and rescue us.

READING: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

When they were near Jerusalem, the disciples brought a donkey to Jesus and laid their clothes on its back. Jesus sat on the donkey. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who were following were crying out: *Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.* And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.' The Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE: All praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION: Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the Gospel and about what Jesus will do in Jerusalem in the coming days. What will happen on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?

PRAYER: Lord, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers. Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches. May we honour you every day by living always in him, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need. Ask God to protect them. Finish each prayer with: *Lord, hear us.*
Lord, hear our prayer. Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

May God bless us and keep us safe. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HOLY WEEK AT HOME - HOLY THURSDAY

PRAYER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
 Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry.' (John 6:35)
 We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said: 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION: Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on Jesus' words. What does St Paul mean when he says we are 'proclaiming his death'?

Today we are unable to take part with Monsignor Meneely in the Mass of the Lord's Supper. However, we can now join ourselves spiritually to Jesus Christ the Lord as he embarks on the journey of his passion and death.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, we love you above all things. How we long to receive Holy Communion at the altar, to be one with You and all our brothers and sisters! Although we cannot now receive the Blessed Sacrament, come, be in our hearts. Live within us and give us life. Feed us with the manna of the Holy Spirit and never let us be separated from you. Amen.

REFLECTION: Spend time in prayer. Pray for those in need, especially those who are sick or who have died from the Coronavirus. Remember those who are alone or frightened. Commend the members of your family to God's loving care. Intercede for those who are hungry and homeless.

PRAYER: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray:
 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Together with the Virgin Mary, let us praise God:
 My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God,
 my Saviour. The Almighty works marvels for me.
 Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age,
 on those who fear him. He fills the starving
 with good things, sends the rich away empty.
 He protects Israel, his servant,
 remembering his mercy.

Lord God,
 in times of darkness, be our light,
 in times of pain, be our strength,
 in times of isolation and anxiety,
 draw us into the healing love of Christ
 who shared our human weakness
 to bring us to the glory of resurrection.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

