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Palm Sunday Year A

Prayers and Readings are from p. 234 in the missal.

For the 10 am Sunday Mass, please gather before Mass in the Hall for the Blessing of Palms.

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Communion Antiphon

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

Readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14. Ps 130(129). Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Divine Office:

Week 1, Holy Week

Daily Readings:

Holy Week

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THETFORD

Celebrating 200 years proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Sunday 29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 28th		1730	<i>Alice Murphy ✠</i>
Sunday 29th		0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		1000	
Monday 30th	Monday of Holy Week	NO MASS	
Tuesday 31st	Chrism Mass (Cathedral)	1130	
	Stations of the Cross	1900	
Wednesday 1st	Wednesday of Holy Week	1000	

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 2nd	Mass of the Lord's Supper	1930	
Friday 3rd	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	1500	
Saturday 4th	The Easter Vigil	2030	
Sunday 5th	Easter Sunday	0800	
		1000	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Confessions Saturday 28th March at 10 am and 4 pm
 Tuesday 31st March at 6pm.

Lent Programme:

Stations of the Cross are on Tuesday at 7pm.

Confessions are available on Saturday at 10 am and 4 pm and on Tuesday at 6 pm, and also by appointment: please just ask! There are **Confession cards** at the back of the church, to help guide you through the Sacrament.

Dates for your diary

1st May: Induction of Fr Andrew as Parish Priest, 7pm Mass

13th–14th June: First Holy Communions

5th July: Mass with Bishop Peter to open Anniversary Year

11th July: Parish Day of Recollection: a day of prayer & recollection

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert and Maureen Huggett, Theresa Lescott, Irene Sheahan, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Mavis Bassett, Delfim Bonfim, Olga Devonish, Luna Freitas, Mgr Peter Leeming, and Greg Warwick.

Collections Sunday 22nd March: £569.94 (of which £110 gift aided) plus £335 in direct-to-bank contributions (average weekly figure). Many thanks for your financial support, which is much needed and much appreciated!

Parish phone number. The Parish now has a mobile number, 07356 019511. The old landline will remain in place for the time being, but will automatically forward calls to the new number.

Second Collection. There will be a Second Collection after each Mass this weekend as a contribution towards our **Easter flowers**.



◦ **Chrim Mass Tuesday 31st March.** We have kindly been offered the use of a minibus to take parishioners to attend the Chrim Mass at the Cathedral on 31st March. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you are interested – first come, first serve!

◦ On **Maundy Thursday**, during the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, is the **Washing of Feet**. If you would like to volunteer for this part of the liturgy, please sign up on the list at the back of the Church.

◦ **Walk of Witness.** There will be an **Ecumenical Walk of Witness** in Thetford on **Good Friday**, where Christians of different traditions join Christ on his journey to Calvary. Meet at the Methodist Church at 10.20 am and finish at St. Cuthbert's Church where refreshments will be served after the closing prayers.

◦ **Blessing of Easter Bread.** The traditional Blessing of Easter Bread will take place on **Holy Saturday at 11 am**.

◦ On **Easter Sunday** after the 10 am Mass there will be an **Easter Egg hunt** in the garden, for all the children of the parish.

◦ Our **St Patrick's Quiz Night** raised £335 for the parish. Well done to Paul and Mary and all those who helped to make the evening such an enjoyable occasion. The fact that the clergy team won the quiz was not a fix, but due entirely to the grace of God.

◦ **Ignite Festival** is back – an invitation to ALL young people in Year 8 upwards **2nd – 4th May** at **St. Benedict's School in Bury St. Edmunds**. Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun!

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Thursday 2nd April 7.30 pm

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION Friday 3rd April 3 pm

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 4th April 8.30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 5th April
8 am
10 am