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WEEK COMMENCING 9 APRIL 2017
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – Year A

HOLY WEEK

Divine Office Week 2

Raphael: *The Crucifixion* (circa 1503)

Reflections on the symbols of Sacrifice, Eucharist and the Mass

Time and eternity: the earthly beings (people) seem caught in an eternal stillness, while the heavenly beings (angels) seem present in real time at the crucifixion, catching Christ's outpouring blood for every future

The colour red has very strong, again Eucharistic significance. Every figure has a touch of red: every figure in the picture is pictorially touched and redeemed by the blood of Christ.

The Cross stretches the full length of the image, illustrating that only through Christ's death are heaven and earth united, and mankind reconciled with God.

St Jerome translated the Scriptures into Latin. Christ is present at Mass in the Scriptures, which contain the Word of God.

Characters from different eras convey the universal and eternal nature of Christ's Passion and death. Jesus died "*once and for all*": for all people in all ages. His one and only historic Sacrifice is made present in time at each Mass we celebrate, when we are united with the angels and the saints.

The **cosmic nature** of the divine event is implied by the sun & moon

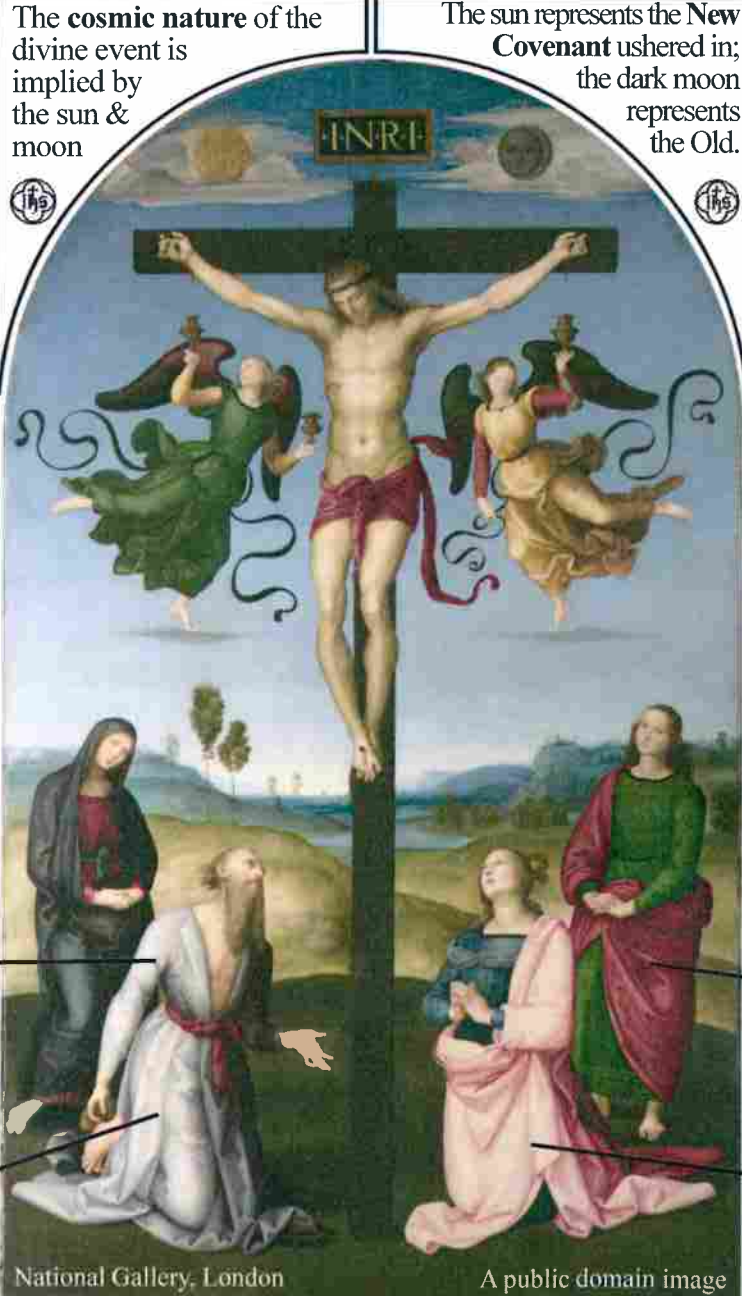
The sun represents the **New Covenant** ushered in; the dark moon represents the Old.

True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist: Lively, animated Angels catch Christ's blood in chalices, clearly demonstrating the Sacramental element of the event. One gazes down at the seemingly lifeless penitents below, awaiting reception of Christ's life-giving blood.

Christ's flesh dominates the scene, again an obvious reference to the Eucharist, and to Christ's command to "*eat His flesh and drink His blood*" in order to gain life.

St John was the only apostle present at Christ's crucifixion. In his Gospel he describes the event in terms of the Passover, and its fulfilment. Again, John is alone in telling us that Christ's body and blood are *real food and drink*. His Gospel records Jesus' insistence of this reality. The angels show us that it is His real blood that we receive at Mass

Mary Magdalene and St Jerome (*clutching a rock to beat his chest*) are **penitents**, contemplating Christ, fully aware of the redemptive power of His Sacrifice. They show us how *we* must come before Christ. Mary and John gaze out of the painting, **inviting us** to repentance.



National Gallery, London

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Landscape: a dark, barren foreground illustrates the state of our earthly souls. Contrasting hills in the background rise lush and green (symbolic colour of life) behind the Cross of Christ, the source of our life. A wide river flows. Water is always symbolic of Baptism through which we die to self and rise to new life in Christ.

MASS TIMES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 9 APRIL 2017: PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Saturday	8	6.30pm	St Edward's (Vigil)	**Note the later time	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	9	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	Palm Sunday	Special Intention Thanksgiving SG Maureen Mayes (RD) Private intention of Rajee
Monday	10	6.30pm	St Edward's		Josie & Sam Law
Tuesday	11	9am 12 noon 6.30pm	St Joseph's Middlesbrough Cathedral St Peter's	<i>(earlier time due to Chrism Mass)</i> <i>(Chrism Mass)</i>	Allan José Paul Hainey anniv
Wednesday	12		NO MORNING MASS St Peter's <i>(with Anointing)</i>	Spy Wednesday	Ints of Mick & Sheila Thorpe
Thursday	13	4pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	St Edward's St Joseph's St Peter's	EASTER TRIDUUM: Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Mary Wallace dec'd Johnny & Nellie Roddam anniv George Morris RD (n.Ireland)
Friday	14	3pm 3pm 7pm	St Peter's Liturgy <i>(no Mass today)</i> St Joseph' Liturgy <i>(day of Fast and Abstinence)</i> St Peter's (Polish Liturgy)	Good Friday	
Saturday	15	7pm 8pm	St Joseph's Easter Vigil St Peter's Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday <i>(No Mass at St Edward's)</i>	Terry St Quinton (RD) For the People of the Parish
Sunday	16	8.30am 9.30am 10am 11.30am	St Edward's St Peter's (Polish) St Joseph's St Peter's	Easter Sunday <i>(No 5pm Mass)</i>	Ints of Phil Pennock Special Intention Licia Deri Ints of Norah Walsh

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 8th	St Edward's	5.45-6.15pm
Sunday 9th	St Joseph's	9.15am - 9.45am
Wednesday 12th	St Peter's	5.30pm
Holy Thursday 13th	St Joseph's	8pm approx.
	St Peter's	9pm approx.
Good Friday 14th	St Peter's	4.15pm approx.
	St Joseph's	4.15pm approx.
Holy Saturday 15th	St Peter's	9.30-10.30am



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays	St Joseph	CANCELLED
Thursdays	St Edward	CANCELLED
Saturdays	St Peter	CANCELLED



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mandy Ledden, Marie Belfitt, Margaret Dewendfenton
ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Hainey, Johnny & Nellie Roddam, Canon Donald O'Byrne (15 April 1999)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 8.45am on Tuesday 11 April at St Joseph's: & 6pm on Good Friday at St Edward's

MASSES RECEIVED: Tessa Brook, Phyllis & Ron O'Brien, Terry St Quinton, Kathleen Lavelle, Mary O'Connor (x2). Josie & Sam Law. David Barker. Fr Andrew Smith and Community

MASS ATTENDANCE:

St Edward's Vigil:	73
St Joseph's 10am:	182
St Peter's 11.30am:	250
St Peter's 5pm:	61
Total (inc. children):	566

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

St Edward's 4pm:	£160
St Joseph's 10am:	£261
St Peter's 11.30 & 5pm:	£466
Gift Aid envelopes total	£626
Standing orders (weekly av):	£513
Total:	£2,026

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

PROCESSION: St Joseph's procession will begin at St Peter's School, processing to St Joseph's Church for the 10am Mass. St Peter's procession begins in church.

YOUTH CLUB has broken up for Easter. **INVITATION** to all year 4s and those preparing for their **First Holy Communion** to join the Youth Club. The Summer programme begins on **Friday 28 April from 7pm - 8.30pm** at St Augustine's School. Come along and give it a try. Contact David Edwards on 07870 495834 for more info.

300 CLUB WINNERS:

No.202 £100 Pauline Brown

GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

commencing 9 April (today) are in all churches. **PLEASE** consider Gift Aiding your donations, if you pay tax. Jennie (co-ordinator) can be contacted on 07983 402203



OFSTED 2017 - ST PETER'S SCHOOL On behalf of the whole Parish, we thank all staff and leaders of St Peter's School for the diligence, love and commitment which they demonstrate in the service of our children. The recent OFSTED inspection judged the school to be good and recognised the significant progress which had been made across the board since the last inspection. The report highlighted a "St Peter's Way" of doing things in which a shared vision and mutual respect for one another is evident. The behaviour of pupils and the respect that they have for one another was also highlighted and our children are to be complemented on the way they approach their lives and relationships in school. The full report can be obtained from St. Peter's School or from the Ofsted website

FLOWERS for Easter - retiring collection at weekend Masses this weekend.

RETIRING COLLECTION for the Holy Places of Palestine: Good Friday 14 April
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT A family night of music, dance & song, and food from different countries: **St Mary's Hall 7.30-10pm Friday 30 June**. There will be a planning meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 25 April after Mass** at St Peter's.

BLIND CARD: Easter Egg (**EGGTRAVAGANZA**) and other prizes. £1. Pick a square, add your name. Proceeds to **Parish Lourdes Sick Fund** to defray the costs of sending some Scarborough pilgrims to Lourdes in May.

NEW LOCK at St Peter's Parish Centre front door has now been fitted. One new key for each group or designated individual using the centre available. **Hang onto your old key** until you are sure that the new lock has been fitted.

AUCTION OF PROMISES 7pm Friday 12 May at St Augustine's School. Free entry. Fundraising evening to raise funds for the music department tour to Croatia and to raise up to £12,000 for a purpose built portacabin (music per lessons). Lots of promises already up for auction, including, Gym passes, afternoon teas, Jazz weekend tickets, music lessons, Waterpark tickets etc. If you able to offer **anything** for the auction it would be greatly appreciated. Please email obarron@st-augs.org or ring the school.

AMPLEFORTH SUMMERTIME at Ampleforth Abbey for 10-15 year olds: **Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 July**. Sports, talks, prayer, walks, and a trip to Flamingoland. Application forms available from David Edwards on 07870 495834.

MARY & SEAN CARNEY offer their sincere thanks to Fr Gubbins as well as family, friends and parishioners for the wonderful cards, gifts and goodwill gestures, on the occasion of our golden wedding anniversary on 18 March.

CONGRATULATIONS to Emma Brady and her mum, Maureen Swales, to be received as converts at St Joseph's Church at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice and are glad!

ICON PAINTING Thursday afternoons at St Peter's parish centre for four weeks starting **Thurs 27 April** (*more info after Easter*). No experience or special skill needed. This is a spiritual activity. Numbers will be limited due to availability of materials.

ST PETER'S CHURCH Please could you spare an hour on **Wednesday morning at 9.30am** to help make our church sparkling clean for the Easter celebrations.

THE CHRISM MASS on Tuesday is a gathering of the people of the diocese: Bishop, Priests & Deacons, Religious & Laity; it is the feast of Priesthood, when Priests renew their Priestly Promises, and at which the Sacramental Oils are

SISTER DYPHNA WRITES... *On behalf of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone in the parish for making the Thanksgiving Mass last Sunday, and the gathering in the hall afterwards, such a very special and unforgettable occasion. It was truly overwhelming, as was your very, VERY generous gift. To all those who prepared the buffet and served the welcoming cups of tea and coffee, a very special thanks. Having spent 30 years in Scarborough and then 25 years in Middlesbrough, leaving the North is a great sadness to me. But I have so many happy memories I can only thank God for having been part of such wonderful communities. I ask God to bless each of you and keep you in His loving care. Sr. Dymphna*

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/index.htm

SUNDAY SMILE: *When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bike. Then I realised that the Lord doesn't work that way - so I stole one, and asked Him to forgive me*

HOLY WEEK 2017

The Ceremonies are longer than usual - allow time. Mass/Service times in the week differ to normal times. **Holy Thursday Mass** is at all 3 churches; **Good Friday Liturgy:** 3pm at St Peter's & St Joseph's; **Easter Vigil:** staggered times at St Peter's & St Joseph's. No Mass at St Edward's. **Easter Sunday:** Usual morning Mass times - no 5pm Mass at St Peter's. Check carefully all Mass/Service times during the coming week.

WASHING OF FEET

on Holy Thursday 13 April
More volunteers are needed

WATCHING AT THE ALTER OF REPOSE

St Josephs and St Peter's: after Holy Thursday Mass **until 11pm**
GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL

WALK OF WITNESS

Meet **9.45am** in Alma Square (by Lord Rosebery's); processing through town to the Castle, with Scripture readings and songs of praise; finishing around **11.30am**

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINANCE

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
Please join us to celebrate this very special Feast Day in St Peter's Church, Scarborough on **Sunday 23 April at 2.30pm**.

The Novena begins on Good Friday in preparation for the Feast Day. For more details please see poster in the church porch. Pick up a Novena leaflet.



WORDS OF WISDOM *A diet of amoral and immoral programmes can and will corrupt your values. Do you control the media you watch and listen to?*

CHRISM MASS Tuesday 11 April
Travel is by 29 seater coach. **Pick up arrangements:** PROMPT departure from St Peter's: **9.15am**, St George's: **9.30am** and St Joseph's: **9.45am**. Seats £6. We will stop off at Whitby for fish & chips on the return journey. Arrival in Scarborough approx 4.30-5pm



SOME SYMBOLS OF HOLY WEEK (Holy Week is rich in symbols)

- **Covering of Statues and images:** From the last week in Lent (*even Crucifixes, but not the Stations and stained glass windows*). This helps us to concentrate on the essential elements of Christ's work of redemption and heightens our anticipation of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Cross is slowly uncovered on Good Friday for Veneration.
- **Palm branches (Passion/Palm Sunday):** Waved at the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem - a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm fronds are widely recognised as a symbol of peace and victory, and are adopted into Christian iconography to represent the victory of martyrs, or the victory of the spirit over the flesh.
- **Oil of Chrism:** Perfumed oil; a mix of olive oil and balsam which has been blessed by the Bishop. Used by the priest when administering the Sacraments. A characteristic of oil is that it penetrates our skin and makes it glow, a property which symbolises the Holy Spirit, Who penetrates our whole being and makes us luminous with his gifts.

EASTER TRIDUUM: A three-day event when we enter into and contemplate the Paschal Mystery. It begins with evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy (Maundy) Thursday**, passes through Jesus' trial and crucifixion on **Good Friday**, and reaches its climax in the Resurrection of Jesus at the **Easter Vigil**. *Try to come to all, if you can, to experience the full story of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.*

HOLY (MAUNDAY) THURSDAY

- **Washing of Feet:** The priest, in *persona Christi* (in the person of Christ), washes the feet of several parishioners, as Jesus did to his disciples at the Last Supper. This emphasizes our call to service. Just as Jesus bent down to wash the feet of his disciples, we are to bend down and serve those in need. (Maundy comes from *Mandatum* – a new commandment)
- **Eucharist:** On this night, we commemorate Jesus' **Institution of the Eucharist** and commanded His followers to "*take, eat, this is my body, ...my blood of the New Covenant poured out for many*". It is here that Jesus' Sacrifice begins and isn't over until Calvary, when He says "*It is finished*".
- **Altar of Repose:** A side altar where the Communion Hosts are placed (reserved) that are consecrated during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy (Maundy) Thursday. Silent adoration follows, to contemplate the unfolding events. The main tabernacle is now empty.
- **Empty Tabernacle:** The doors are wide open; the sanctuary lamps are extinguished; the alters are stripped. The Tabernacle is empty and remains so through Good Friday - a stark reminder that "*they have taken away my Lord*" (John 20:13). The host is transferred to the Altar of Repose until Holy Saturday.

GOOD FRIDAY

- **Veneration of the Cross:** Tool of humiliation, torture and death for Jesus; instrument of Salvation for us. Through His death on the Cross and His Resurrection, Jesus forged the path of salvation for all of us. Because of this, we venerate the Wood of the Cross on Good Friday. By kissing the cross, we not only honour Jesus' self-sacrifice but we also commit ourselves to live by that cross.

EASTER VIGIL (MOTHER OF ALL VIGILS)

- **Service of Light:** The Church is in darkness; Holy Water fonts are drained; lights are out; Tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the church where a new fire is lit and blessed.
- **Easter Fire:** A pre-Christian ritual celebrating the light that conquers the darkness. For Christians, Jesus is the Light of the World, who once-and-for-all conquers the darkness. We begin outside, where the Paschal candle is lit, and the **Light of Christ** is brought in.
- **Paschal (Easter) Candle:** Lit from the Easter Fire it is prepared and processed through the church, when it is raised three times with the words *The Light of Christ* or *Lumen Christi*. It represents Christ, the Light of the World coming into the world to dispel the darkness. It is lit at each Mass during Eastertide and at Baptisms and Funerals.
- **Easter Readings:** Nine readings are provided, which help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for His people since the beginning of time, starting with the story of Creation
- **Water / Baptism:** During this time the Easter water is blessed, and new converts are brought into the Church through Baptism and the Rite of Reception.
- **Joy:** More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate! As David expressed; "*Our mourning has been turned into dancing*" (Psalm 30:11-12). Our souls are filled with joy that Christ is Risen from the dead, and with hope in His

PASSION SUNDAY FACT

According to the account of a fifth-century Spanish pilgrim to the Holy Land, Passion Sunday Mass was celebrated in Jerusalem at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After this the people were invited to meet again in the afternoon at the Mount of Olives, in the Church of Eleona (the grotto of the Our Father). They then proceeded to the Church of the Ascension for a service consisting of hymns and antiphons, readings and prayers, where at five o'clock in the afternoon the Gospel of the palms was read and the procession set out for the city. The people responded to the antiphons with the acclamation, "**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,**" as we say even today.

A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted for those who piously exercise the Way of the Cross, actually moving from station to station where they are legitimately erected, and while mediating on the passion and death of our Lord ("Enchiridion of Indulgences," No. 63).

Those who are impeded from visiting a church may gain indulgences by piously reading and meditating on the Passion and death of our Lord for one-half hour.

The continued importance of the stations in the devotional life of Catholics is attested by both Pope Paul VI, who approved a Gospel-based version of the stations in 1975, and Pope John Paul II, who has also written his own version.

"And yet ours were the sufferings he bore; ours were the sorrows He carried. Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins, and through His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5"