

# PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

[www.sjhnp parish.org.uk](http://www.sjhnp parish.org.uk)

**Parish office: St Mary's, Matthias Street, Morecambe, LA4 5JR**

**Parish Priest: Fr Darren Carden Tel: 410501**

**Email** [parishpriest@sjhnp parish.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@sjhnp parish.org.uk) **Parish office email** [admin@sjhnp parish.org.uk](mailto:admin@sjhnp parish.org.uk)

**Deacons:** Rev. John McCann (Tel: 421795) Rev. Jim Murphy (Tel: 859254)

**Parish sister:** Sr Justyna email [admin@sjhnp parish.org.uk](mailto:admin@sjhnp parish.org.uk) (Tel: 903488)

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



### **GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

## PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

[www.sjhnparish.org.uk](http://www.sjhnparish.org.uk)



Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.

**THE LAST LENT ACTIVITY:** As you know, during Lent we have been participating in different spiritual activities, the last of these activities will be the Rosary, on Tuesday, at St Patrick's. Many thanks for those who have facilitated these and those who have attended.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

Tuesday - St Mary's **5:30pm – 6:30pm**

Wednesday - St Mary's **7:30pm – 8pm**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Collette Rowan, Joan Hunt, Fr Peter Chapple, Rev Jim Murphy, Julie McCann, Winnie Coupe, Vincent Murray, Zoe Jarman, Matthew Hoey, Mary Bland, Alan Anderson, Karen Guerrero, Win Cowell and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

### **1<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please pray for Margaret Huddleston, Guiseppe Fontana and all those whose anniversaries occur between 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April and all those names on the lists for April which are on the noticeboards in each church porch.

**LATELY DEAD:** Julia Dale

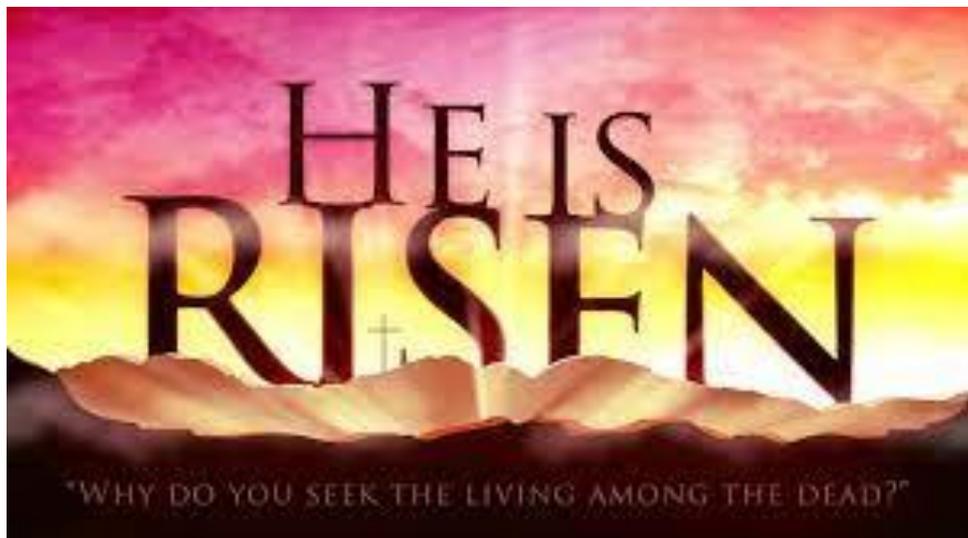
**FUNERALS:** Julia Dale Requiem Mass St Mary's Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 11:30 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

|                  |                  |                 |                                    |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday         | St Patrick's     | 6.00 pm         | Mary Ingham                        |
| Sunday           | St Mary's        | 8.30 am         | People of the parish               |
|                  | St Mary's        | 10.30 am        | Pauline and Matthew Hoey           |
| Tuesday          | St Patrick's     | 10.00 am        | Kenny & Morrison relatives         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>St Mary's</b> | <b>11.30 am</b> | <b>Requiem Mass Julia Dale</b>     |
| Wednesday        | St Mary's        | 7.00 PM         | All suffering from Cancer & Carers |



|  |              |          |   |
|--|--------------|----------|---|
| <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>                 |              |          |   |
| Thursday                               | St Mary's    | 7:30 pm  | Pamela Ann Murray RIP                               |
| <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>                     |              |          |   |
| Friday                                 | St Patrick's | 10.00 am | Stations of the Cross                               |
| Friday                                 | St Mary's    | 3 PM     | Liturgy of The Lord's Passion                       |
| <b>HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL MASS</b> |              |          |   |
| Saturday                               | St Mary's    | 8:15pm   | People of the Parish                                |
| <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>                   |              |          |   |
| Sunday                                 | St Patrick's | 9 am     | Deceased members of the Harris and Gowling Families |
|  | St Mary's    | 10.30 am | People of the parish                                |



# PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

[www.sjhnparish.org.uk](http://www.sjhnparish.org.uk)



## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL:** Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** £763.88 and average via standing order £250 = £1013.88

**ATTENDANCE:** St Patrick's 65, St Mary's 8:30am 66, St Mary's 10:30am.120. Total 251

## **PARISH NEWS:**



**MESSAGE FROM FR DARREN:** On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to thank you all for the many cards, Mass intentions and support we have received over the last few weeks. I have got behind on a few things, but hope to catch up in the next week, so I thank you for your patience.

**NEWSLETTERS:** We have been printing each week between 250 and 300 newsletters. The general rule is that we print more when we know that the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion children are due to attend Masses on a certain weekend. You will notice by the numbers of last weeks attendance we had 251 people attend Mass over the weekend. These numbers consist of everyone who attended, couples, families, and children, all counted as individuals. My estimate for last week's newsletter would be to print 200, we did in fact print 250, which should be plenty for the numbers attending. I know of course that some people do take newsletters to people who are at home and not attending Mass and for this reason I would print 250 to allow for this. To be honest some weeks we have lots left over and other weeks we have none left by the 10:30 Mass. On Sundays, if we run out, I am more than happy to print more Newsletter, but someone does need to let me know that we have run out before Mass starts, so I am able to print more.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Daniel Thomas Hirszel who was baptised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**PARISH PRAYER PETITION BOOK:** in each church one of these is to be found. Purpose? For you to write your prayer petitions in. These will be remembered during the Bidding Prayers and at other times.

## **PARISH CHILDRENS LITURGY ACTIVITIES:**

**Palm Sunday (10th April)** Children are invited to take part in the Procession of Palms before following a simplified Way of the Cross in the hall during 10.30 Mass. We will meet outside church from 10.20 (in the hall if wet). As ever, parents are very welcome to come with their children.

**Good Friday (15th April)** Families are invited to join us in church at 11am for a very short Way of the Cross especially written for children.

**Holy Saturday (16th April)** We'd appreciate your help in making the Easter Garden in church at 10am. If you have any small flowers or pebbles, please bring them along.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** In church: wearing of face coverings & hand sanitising is recommended. Holy Communion under one kind remains.

**SVP:** Please return your membership application forms so that we can process these and begin some projects.

**LIVESTREAM OF MASS:** All Masses from St Mary's will be live streamed including the Triduum.

## **EVENTS:**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> April & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 1.30 to 3pm.

**CUPPA AND CHAT:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am at St Patrick's. All welcome.

**TEA AND COFFEE:** will be available after the 10:30am Mass on Sundays at St Mary's, but **not on Easter Sunday.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Many thanks to those involved in the preparation for parents who wish to have their children baptised. Unfortunately, this task has now fallen to only a couple of people in the parish. These preparation meetings are an important part of our parish life and an opportunity to encourage people back to the practice of their faith. If you feel that you would be able to help in this area, please see Fr Darren or send an email.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Currently the church cleaning is falling to a small number of people, therefore we need to put together a few small groups to carry out the cleaning of our churches on a fortnightly basis. St Mary's would need at least two groups of three and St Patricks at least two groups of two. At a guess I would say that with a small group, the cleaning, every other week, would only take about 1 hour. Some weeks this would take longer when the brass needs cleaning at St Mary's. If you feel that you can spare an hour every other week, please contact

## PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

[www.sjhnparish.org.uk](http://www.sjhnparish.org.uk)

Sr Justyna either by email [admin@sjhnparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@sjhnparish.org.uk) or by phone. Alternatively you can leave your name and number with Fr Darren after any of the Masses this weekend.

### OTHER NEWS

**SPUC:** Pro-Life chain Saturday 23 April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm: please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For info tel. 01772 723094.

**OLCC CONCERT FOR UGANDA AND UKRAINE:** The Our Lady's Catholic College Uganda Group is holding a concert to raise funds for the people of Uganda and Ukraine on Friday 22 April at 7 pm. It will comprise of an informal and eclectic mix of music and song from young and old including a Sound of Music Finale from members of OLCC Staff and St Joseph's Church Choirs! Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for concessions - to include a glass of wine or fruit juice. Also, please 'save the date' for an Afternoon Tea for Uganda on Saturday 7 May 1 - 3 pm organised by Ali Bates. Tickets are on sale now at £25 for a 'Tea for Two' - a lovely gift for Mother's Day? Tickets for both events are available from Ruth Lowe ([r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk) or 01524 770706). Your support for these events would be very much appreciated by the students involved.

**DONATE TO THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE:** Charity name: ZESPOL POMOCY KOSCIOLOWI NA WSCHODZIE, Bank account BAN:PL96109010140000000150097557, SWIFT code: WBKPPLPP, Bank name: Santander Bank Polska S.A., Bank address: al. Jana Pawla II 17, Post code: 00-854 Warszawa, Country: Poland. If you need any help with donating please contact Sr Justyna.



**FROM THE LANCASTER DIOCESE YOUTH SERVICE**



**CASTLERIGG MANOR:** World Youth Day 2023 The Youth Service have now launched the package for World Youth Day 2023. It's happening next August in Lisbon and the diocese are taking a small group of young adults. Check out [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) for more details.

**LIT:** (Open Confirmation Retreat) Castlerigg Manor are holding the first ever in-person open confirmation retreat this May (25-27th). It's open to anyone who has been confirmed recently, or anybody who is about to be. Check out [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) for more details.

**Lourdes 2022:** Youth Section Lourdes is back this year and once again there will be a huge section led by the Youth Service. Check out [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) for more details

**Castlerigg Open Day:** July 17th, 1pm to 5pm, with Mass at 4pm. Fun for all the family, and a chance to help Castlerigg raise some money to help its work with young people. Save the date.

**Castlerigg Manor are Hiring:** The Youth Service are looking for a Trainee Retreat Leader (Salary package £22,500) as well as a young Catholic to take on a live-in housekeeper role. Interested? Email [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## **FROM THE DIOCESE**

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** It has recently been announced that there will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer from 22nd to 29th July. Due to circumstances, the medical team will not be able to provide specific nursing care but will be available for emergencies. For more information or to book a place on the pilgrimage to Lourdes please see the website: <https://lancasterlourdes.co.uk> or contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790.

**SAFEGUARDING: Educare** is a free online safeguarding training resource covering safeguarding children, adults, online exploitation and mental capacity. It's free for anyone in the Catholic community to use. Email Rachel on [safeguarding@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk) to gain access.

**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation, along with Baptism and First Holy Communion. It is necessary, in order to become full members of the Church, and it completes the grace that is received through Baptism. Originally, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation were celebrated together. The local Bishop would Baptise and then confirm new Christians in the same ceremony. As it became more difficult for the bishop to attend every Baptism in his diocese, it was decided to split the Sacraments into two stages with the priests or deacons administering the Sacrament of Baptism and the Bishop usually conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation at a later date. If anyone who is year 7 and above and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr Darren to register your interest. It has been proposed that the preparation programme will be run as a Deanery from a central location. The proposed date for confirmation is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Lancaster Cathedral, time still to be arranged.