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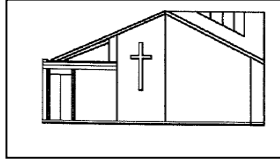
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

5th APRIL 2009

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Boxmoor

Sun 9am
11.30am
6pm

Mon 9.30am

Wed 9.30am

Thurs 12.30pm

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession) –
Sat 11am – 11.30am*

St. Mark's

Hollybush Lane

Sat 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sun 10.30am

Tue 7pm

Wed 1.30pm

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession) –
before evening Mass*

Church of the

Resurrection

Highfield & Grovehill

Sat 5pm (Vigil)

Sun 9.30am

Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession) –
after morning Mass*



"HOSANNA" TO THE HUMBLE KING

Today begins Holy Week with Palm or Passion Sunday. Palms were used as a sign of honour to greet Christ the King.

As we listen to the account of the Passion told by Mark we are taken through five different locations: from the house of Simon to the Upper Room, to the garden of Gethsemane, to the courtyard and then to Calvary.

We see respect shown by Mary, the concern of the eleven in the Upper Room, the empty boastfulness of Peter, the kiss of betrayal by Judas, Peter's tears of bitter regret, the jeering of the mob, the courageous support of the fruitful few.

In our lives too, we find similar contrasts - weakness and strength, failure and achievement, betrayal and loyalty.

Let us reflect on the depth to which they are present in our own lives as we listen to this account of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Today we cry "Hosanna" to the humble king, the suffering servant, who comes in the name of the Lord.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

God has given the servant the ability to hear and speak a word to sustain the weary. The servant has been faithful and obedient even though that meant suffering persecution. Jesus appears to have identified closely with this passage, especially the rejection and suffering of the servant.

Second reading Philippians 2:5-11

Christ is seen as the key figure in a divine drama in which he yields up his eternal existence with God and assumes human form. As an obedient servant he suffers the utmost shame of death by crucifixion in total contrast to the glory and honour of divinity before resuming his status as Lord of all.

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Why does Mark depict Christ's Passion in such a bleak, stark way? The crucified Christ has identified with us in our suffering, and we can identify with him. He, who has experienced the loneliness of the cross, is one with us, supporting us, in our suffering. It was precisely in appearing to be a tragic failure that Jesus defeated the power of sin and death.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY