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### **24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Palm Sunday**

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week when we celebrate all that is central to our faith as Christians, the death and resurrection of our Lord, and the institution of the eucharist. The number of people attending church usually increases significantly and we are often joined by visitors from other parishes. I hope everyone will feel welcome. The Gospel readings recounting the Passion of our Lord are much longer than usual and I would advise everyone to remain seated for these. The time of the Easter Vigil is also slightly earlier this year coinciding with the time of sunset. It is also the weekend when we change the clocks, but I hope that will not deter anyone from attending the most unique celebration in the church calendar. Let us pray that all will go well for our parish and that we will experience God's blessing at this special time of the year.

The Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness will begin at 10.00am from St Leonard's Hall on Racecourse Drive, moving down Innage Lane, calling at St John's Church, before moving on to the Town Hall for short service. Refreshments will then be served at the Baptist Church. Please consider joining in as much as you feel able to do.

We have a Barn Dance with Odd Socks Ceilidh Band in the parish hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £5 are on sale now at the back of church. Children's admittance is free.

Thank you also to those who organised our Passover Meal on Thursday evening which was, as always, a very special occasion.

I am pleased to say that a total of £620 was raised for the recent Empowering Vulnerable Children Appeal. Thank you very much for your generosity.

#### **Mass Times This Week**

Sat 6.30pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Pat Nuttall & Roy Baker

11.00am Dorothy Grant

Mon 9.30am Mass & Confessions

Tue 9.30am Mass & Confessions

Wed 12.00pm Mass & Stations of the Cross

6.00pm - 7.00pm Confessions

#### **The Easter Triduum**

Thurs 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(followed by prayerful watching until 10.00pm)

Fri 3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Sat 7.00pm The Easter Vigil

Sun 9.00am Margaret Baker

11.00am Parishioners

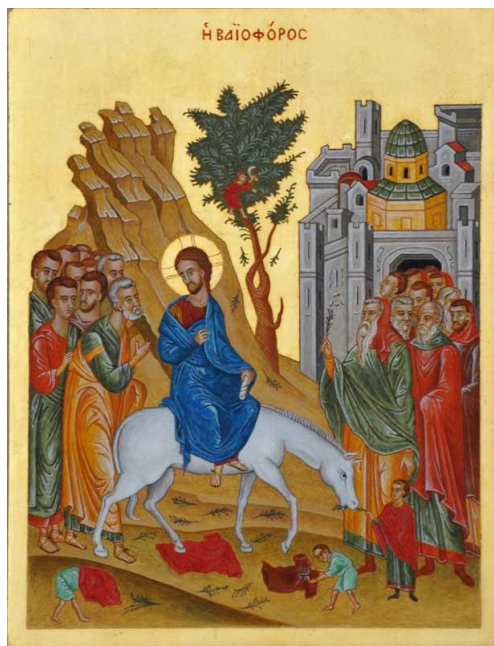
In March, Pope Francis asks us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Many thanks to those parishioners who have been tidying up the church gardens in preparation for Easter. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please speak to Mary Gilbert.

Regrettably, copies of The Tablet will no longer be on sale at the back of church. They have not been selling very well, and this creates a financial burden to the parish since we still have to pay for unsold copies.

**Bridgnorth Food Bank** would be grateful for donations of pasta sauce, biscuits, squash, cereals, shampoo, dog and cat food, washing up liquid, egg boxes. Please be aware that the food bank cannot accept items that contain alcohol. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Your support is much appreciated.

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year are now available. Please note your envelope number may have changed from last year.



### Palm Sunday

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Finally..... I was born a male. I identify as a male. But according to Tesco's sticky toffee pudding, I am a family of four.

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