

# St Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church

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## Palm Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Holy Week

(Mass page, 176, Preface pg. 59, Eucharistic Prayer pg.28. (Psalter Week 2)

DATE		Mass intentions & other information
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Evelyn Smith
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish Procession starting in the yard weather permitting
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Private Intention
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation Private Intention
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Holy Thursday	7.00pm until 10pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching before the altar of repose
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday	3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at <b>St Francis's, Hill Chapel, Goosnargh</b>
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Vigil	8.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday	9.00pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for Fr Sony's mother, Wilf Houghton, and all our sick and disabled parishioners. Also, please pray for Robert Grimbaldeston, Ann Walmsley, Bill Mason, Hugh Baldwin, I.J. O'Connor and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Saturday – Start of British Summer Time. (clocks go forward)

**Appeal for donations towards Easter Flowers for church.** *Please put donations in box at back of church and help our flower ladies who do such a good job decorating the church.*

*"Before the Episcopal Ordination each parish of the Diocese is asked to have an hour of prayer for the intentions of our new Bishop and for the needs of the Diocese. This can be set at a time judged suitable at local level." Bishop Michael Campbell*

We will do the hour of prayer/exposition of the Holy Eucharist- for our parish on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 8am to 9 am.

Mick & Teresa Tyson would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Mick, he's now on the mend.

**Monday** – Come and join us for a brew after Mass in the Meeting Room. Church cleaning after coffee, bring your own dusters and polish – Everyone needed – *Men & women!*

**Monday** – 10am Fr Sony will be taking Holy Communion & the Sacrament of the Sick to our sick & housebound parishioners. There will also be opportunity to go to Confession if you wish.

**Wednesday** – 8.00pm – CCA Meeting in the Meeting Room.

**Thursday** – 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching until 10.00pm

**Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – 9.00am Brock Valley Churches Together- Stations of the Cross Walk from St Eadmer's Church Bleasdale followed by Jacobs Join in Village Hall. 3pm  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at Hill Chapel – collection for Holy Places.

**Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – **Easter Egg Hunt** in the garden, after Mass, for the children.

**Easter Sunday Collection** goes to our parish priest, an opportunity to show our appreciation to Fr Sony for all that he does.

**Altar Servers** – Copies of practise times available in altar server's sacristy.

**Parish website** – You can now find the parish notices on the parish website. [www.claughtononbrock.co.uk](http://www.claughtononbrock.co.uk)  
You can also find the Churchyard Regulations on there as well as local history and other useful information.

Other Useful Websites : [www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk](http://www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk)      [www.lancastercathedral.org.uk](http://www.lancastercathedral.org.uk)

**Lancaster Homeless Action Update** [www.ldhas.gov.uk](http://www.ldhas.gov.uk)

The delivery of eggs, flour, butter and sugar was gratefully received and the menu for Thursday was going to be a quiche. Pot noodles and pasta would be a very welcome addition to the other items of food you have kindly donated.

**Collection totals for the last 4 weeks:**

w/e 27/02/18 £392.11    w/e 4/03/18 £366.30    w/e 11/03/18 £ 397.86    w/e 18/03/18 £394.98

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection £534.00      Candles, cards, books etc £111.52.

If you have anything you would like including in the parish notices then please telephone Catherine on 01995 640360, deadline Wednesday evening.

### **Holy Week by Cardinal Basil Hume**

*"In holy week we think about the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord. We are not merely recalling historical events. We are not just re-enacting a pageant with no meaning. We are remembering and reflecting on these events in order that we may ourselves participate in the work of Christ. Our Lord was offering himself to God his Father, offering his love which he expressed through obedience – an obedience which included the acceptance of death. At the same time he was passing through death to life so that you and I might share in his risen life.*

*We have to be involved in the offering of love which Christ made on the cross. In the sacrifice of the Mass we are provided with that opportunity. Through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we receive the risen life of Christ; indeed, in Holy Communion we receive the very author of that life.*

*Our chief thought on Maundy Thursday is the institution of the Mass. On Good Friday we think of the offering Our Lord made of himself to his heavenly Father, On Holy Saturday we think of that risen life in which we share. In a sense, every time the Mass is celebrated, Holy Week is contained in its entirety." **Cardinal Basil Hume***

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