

**Easter Flowers** I am inviting parishioners to contribute £1 to help fill the church with lilies for the Easter season. There are little labels at the back of the church. Please write the name of a deceased loved one. These will be hung on the flowers and I will also write up the names of the deceased and display them in the sanctuary.

**Organist!** If you know of an organist who is able to play at some or all of the Holy Week and Easter masses then please let me know as soon as possible.

**Stained Glass Windows** For a long time before I arrived in the parish, Gerald Gadd was negotiating with Fr. Terry and the Diocese to have a window created and installed in memory of his wife, Shelia. This has been a long and difficult journey but now we are in a position to present it to the parish. I mentioned some time ago about the possibility of undertaking some re-ordering of the church and so would like to combine these to events at a general meeting of the parish. This will be held in the church on **Wednesday 2nd April** at 7.30pm in the church. Please make every effort to come along, listen and add comments.

**Please pray for** the repose of the soul of Caroline Bather, one of the young mums from school who died on Wednesday. We also remember in our prayers her 8yr old daughter and the whole school community in these difficult days.

**Offertory Envelopes** The new envelopes, 2008-9, will soon be ready and I invite you to collect them from the back of the church. Many thanks to Mike Hartley for the work he does throughout the year. He spends much time in paperwork that enables us to receive a contribution from Gift Aid. If you are a tax payer and still not signed up to Gift Aid then please contact Mike on 652574 for more information.

**Oswestry Methodist Church** are holding a Fashion Show on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm to raise church funds. There will be *posh puds & a raffle*. Tickets £5. See poster at the back of church.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers** please make a note in your diaries for **Saturday 17th May**. There is to be a Day of Recollection at Ellesmere led by Fr. Chris Walsh. It is for all ministers of Word and Sacrament for the churches in our Local Pastoral Area. After having spoken with the other parishes in the LPA we are opening the day up to anybody else who feels they would benefit from such an away-day from the usual Saturday routine.

**CAFOD** The monies raised from the Family Fast Day, the Friday Soup Lunch and the Sponsored slim will be added together on Easter Sunday. I would very much like to send a small part of this collection to help support the St. Anna's Children's Home in Ghana that has been started by one of our young parishioners.

**Stainer, "Crucifixion"** The Pradoc Singers are performing this moving piece in the parish church in West Felton on Good Friday (21st March) starting at 7pm. There is no need for a ticket. There will be a retiring collection. For more information contact 01691 831172.

**Sainsbury's vouchers** The school are collecting again the vouchers for the enhance the surroundings in school. Please put all vouchers into the box at the back of church.

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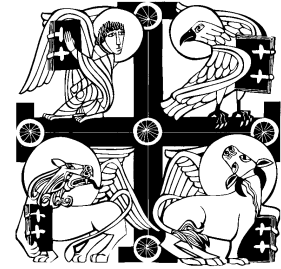
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Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God  
Blessing on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace and glory in heaven!  
Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born;

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

G.K. Chesterton



**Newsletter for Sunday 16th March 2008  
Palm Sunday**

## Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year A: Psalter Week Two

<b>Sat</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Laurence Cyril McCraith	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9am</b>	Parishioners	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
		<b>11am</b>	Michael Sheridan	
		<b>3pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Evelyn Renedios	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Reconciliation Service</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Gadd Family	(Scripture reflection in presbytery)
<b>Thu</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>8pm</b>	Patrick Byrne	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>9pm</b>	Parishioners	<b>Vigil Mass for Easter</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>9am</b>	Michael Sheridan	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
		<b>11am</b>	Patrick & Mary Lee	



# TRIDUUM

### Lent 2008. Holy Week

For the Church, the many abuses of human life, liberty and dignity are a heartfelt suffering. The Church, entrusted with the earth's glory, believes that in each person is the Creator's image and that everyone who tramples it offends God. As the holy defender of God's rights and of God's images, the Church must cry out. It takes as spittle in its face, as lashes on its back, as the cross in its passion, all that human beings suffer, even though they are unbelievers. They suffer as God's images. There is no distinction between human's and God's images. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human abuses God's image, and the Church takes as its own that cross, that martyrdom.

Oscar Romero

Here is my Servant whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my spirit delights. I have put my spirit in him; he will bring joy to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the streets; A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed Until he has established justice upon the earth And the coastlands wait for his teaching. *Isaiah 42:1-4*

**Reconciliation Service** Tuesday 18th March in church at 7pm. This will be a final opportunity to recall our faults and seek the forgiveness of the Lord. Fr Alban Greenwood from St. Patrick's, Wellington, will be here with us as well.

**Chrism Mass.** Bishop Brian will celebrate mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Moreton on Wednesday evening at 7pm. During this mass the Bishop will bless the oils that will be used throughout the diocese for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination and for the sick. If you wish to attend the mass then please let me know.

**Maundy Thursday.** Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 8pm. There will be a period of "watching" until 11pm.

**Good Friday.** Churches Together in Oswestry are celebrating a *Walk of Witness* to show that it is not just another shopping day! We are all invited to gather at either Iceland, Millennium Square or The Cross and walk to the Bailey for a short service of hymns and readings. Please would as many as possible make the effort to come along to show our solidarity with the other Christians in the town!?

We will gather at 3pm in church for The Passion of the Lord.

**Easter Vigil** This will begin outside church at 9pm with the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle and the procession into church to hear the Readings and the Easter hymn, the Exultet!

**Easter Sunday.** Masses at the usual times. We are fortunate to be able to welcome new members into the Church at both masses through the sacrament of Baptism.



### Liturgy of the Word

**1st Reading** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Psalm** Psalm 21  
**2nd Reading** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel** Matthew 26:14-27

### Next Week

Acts 10:34,37-43  
 Psalm 117  
 Colossians 3:1-4  
 John 20:1-9

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

**Those who are sick:** Neeta Burman, Brian Mongan, Jack Owen, Ann Lovell, Sheila Barker, Alan Tucker, George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Irene Cranage, Fr. Frank McManus, Sr. Patricia, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

**Died Recently** Caroline Bather

**Anniversaries in March** Arthur Dorricott, James Dobson, Mary Williams, William Fell, Eileen Samuel, Mary Nolan, Joseph Leech, Kathleen Hayes, Margaret Moloney, Ann Winterbottom, Laurence Twomey, Bertram Manser, Henry Power, Richard Duddlestone, Margaret Malin, John Daricott, Emily Owen, Harold Kidner, Mary Shepperd, Luigi Pacifici, Thomas Cornah, Joseph Leonard, Mary Haugh, Catherine Jones, Cyril Meredith, Madeleine Humphreys, David Breen, Cecelia Lee, Margaret Smith, John Maloney, Albert Anderson, Nicholas Murphy, Richard Hourihane, Catherine Todd, Minnie Gebbert, Jeremiah Whooley, Daniel Williams, Cecelia Ross, Theresa Robertson,, James Molloney, Dennis Daly, Charles Hallet, Marguerita Parsons, Mary Rogers, Mary Rogers



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