

wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

## CASTLEFORD TEAM PARISH

Sunday 28th March 2021

**PALM SUNDAY**



### Diary for the week (28th Mar - 3rd Apr)

#### Services this week

#### Sunday

9.30am Mass at Castleford  
11.00am Mass at St Michaels

#### Tues 30th March

6.30pm Mass with Stations of the Cross at Cas

#### Thurs 1st April - Maundy Thursday

8.00pm - 10.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and Vigil at Castleford

#### Fri 2nd April - Good Friday

10.00am Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at Castleford  
2.00pm - 3.00pm The Last Hour at Castleford

#### Sat 3rd April - Holy Saturday

8.00pm - 9.30pm The Easter Ceremonies: New Fire and First Mass of Easter at Castleford

#### Streaming of Sunday Services

Sunday services are now being streamed live on Facebook and Zoom. <https://www.facebook.com/castlefordteamparish>

A copy is later loaded to our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpOFIRpSiNIb9-xKH0GfdZw>

Alternatively search for **Castleford Team Parish on Facebook**

#### Activities

**Saturday** Parish Office closed during Lockdown

#### Morning Prayer

**Morning Prayer is held Monday to Friday at 09.30am on Zoom.**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231707930?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231707930?pwd=eDE3K1kzM2JsTTdNNDZlUThlTm9lUT09)

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Meeting ID: 882 3170 7930 Passcode: 754647

Phone in on: 0131 460 1196

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

#### **The Gospel of the Palms**

**Mark 11: 1-11**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

#### **All: Glory to you O Lord**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you O Christ**

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his  
patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever.

**Amen**

## A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

**Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a  
word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my  
ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God  
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did  
not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who  
struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out  
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and  
spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have  
not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like  
flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he  
who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with  
me? Let us stand up together. Who are my  
adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the  
Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 31: 9 - 16**

**Response: My God, my God, why have you  
forsaken me?**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my  
eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat  
and belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my  
years with sighing; my strength fails because of  
affliction, and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my  
acquaintance; when they see me in the street they  
avoid me. I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is  
all around; they put their heads together against  
me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have  
trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my  
God.' **R**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand  
of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant; and in  
your loving-kindness save me. **R**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians**

**Philippians 2: 5 - 11**

crucify him.

They compel the passer-by who was coming in  
from the country, to carry his cross; it was  
Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and  
Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place  
called Golgotha (which means the place of  
the skull). And they offered him wine  
reached with murder; but he did not take it.  
And they crucified him, and divided his  
clothes among them, casting lots to decide  
what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they  
crucified him. The inscription of the charge  
against him read, "The King of the Jews."  
And with him they crucified two bandits, one  
on his right, and one on his left. Stop those  
who pass by deriding him, shaking their  
heads and saying, "Aha! You who would  
destroy the temple and build it in three days,  
save yourself, and come down from the  
cross!" In the same way the chief priests,  
along with the scribes, also mocking him  
among themselves and saying, "You save  
others; he cannot save himself. Let the  
Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from  
the cross now, so that we may see and  
believe." Those who were crucified with him  
also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the  
whole land until three in the afternoon. At  
three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud  
voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabathani?" which  
means, quotes My God, my God, why have  
you forsaken me?" When some of the  
bystanders heard it, they said, "listen, he is  
calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled  
the sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick,  
and gave it to him to drink saying, "wait, let  
us see whether Elijah will come to take him  
down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and  
breathed his last. And the curtain of the  
temple was torn into, from top to bottom.  
Now when the centurion, who stood facing  
him, saw that in this way he breathed his  
last, he said "truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a  
distance; among them were Mary  
Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James  
the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. These  
used to follow him and provided for him  
when he was in Galilee; and there were  
many other women who had come up with  
him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was  
the day of Preparation, that is, the day  
before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a  
respected member of the council, who was  
also himself waiting expectantly for the  
kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and  
asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate

Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed and the servant-girl on seeing him, began to say to the bystanders, "this man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while my bystanders again said to Peter, "certainly you are one of them; you are a Galilean. Work" but he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus is said to him, "before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

As soon it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, lead him away, and handed him over to pilot. Pilate asked him, "are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "you say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. I was asked again, "have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." Jesus made no further reply, so the pilot was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Any answered them, "you will be to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realised that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and hand him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him released Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So pilot, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers lived in into the courtyard of the palace (that is, governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And the cloaked him in a purple cloak; after twisting some forms into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "He'll, King of the Jews!" They struck his head, with a read, spat upon him, and meltdown in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MARK**

**Mark 14: 1 - 15:47**

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "not during the festival or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there said to one another in anger, "Why was the kind and wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for many more than 300 denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "O alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; he has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the 12, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent to his disciples, saying to them, "go into the city and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and where ever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'the teacher asks, Where is my guest room where my I meet the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the 12. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "surely, not I?" He said to them, "it is one of the 12, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said "take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks and gave it to them, and all of them drain from it. He said to them, "this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the him, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "you will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "even though all become deserters I will not." Jesus said to him, "truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." All of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, now I might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you'll things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not with what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, I use sleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came 1/3 time and said to them, "are you still sleeping in taking your rest? Enough! Ya is come; this Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the 12, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given him them a sign, saying "the one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and need him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the no priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the Scripture be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him,, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter follows him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many careful testimony against him, and the testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave full steps and against him, saying, "we heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

But even on this point there testimony did not agree. Then I pre-stood up before the man asked Jesus, "have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high Priest dance team, "I must, the Sun of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, close 'and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Then the high priests toys clothes and said, "why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him to blindfold him, and to striking, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls upon a priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "you also were with