



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 13 APRIL 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

# NEWSLETTER

## PALM SUNDAY

### Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm



### The Rector Writes...

BY FR TOM THOMAS IC

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C).** Today the blessed beaches that are carried at the beginning of the Holy Mass is a reminder of that final triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We are in Holy Week. The focus of the whole week is that Journey our Lord made for each one of us. The journey doesn't finish on mount calvary but continues beyond the grave, the glorious resurrection. The total victory over sin and death. There is lot more heart warming moments in the journey and one of which is the washing of the foot of his disciples at the last supper. Then the total giving of himself in the symbols of bread and wine. The surrendering or intercessory prayer for all of us. Let this Holy Week transform and changes us. Let our 'visions' or 'seeing' change. Blessed Holy Week.

Our **Chrism Mass** at Westminster Cathedral is on Tuesday 15 April at 12 noon. At this Mass the priests of the Diocese renew their promises to serve the community of the faithful. Also at this Mass the Oil of Chrism will be consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens will be blessed. All are welcome at this special Mass. Please take with you the details of the Holy Week liturgies at St Etheldreda's. If you are away for Easter this year, may the blessing of our risen Lord stay with you and your family always. God bless us all.

I trust most of you are already aware that I am stepping down from the parish responsibilities. Fr Anthony Joseph Furlong IC will join you as the Parish priest from 1 May 2025. I thank you for all the support and love you gave me during my term as parish priest. Kind Regards, Fr Tom Thomas IC.

### Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

**Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint**. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-7; [9 am Mass only. Psalm 21. **Response: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**]; Philippians 2: 6-11; 9 am Mass: Luke 19: 28-40.

**11 am Mass:** In the crypt, before the Procession: Luke 19-28-40. At Mass: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Luke 19: 28-40.

### Sunday's Music (11am)

Weelkes Hosanna to the son of David  
Palestrina Pueri Hebraeorum  
Morales Ingrediente Domino  
Langlais Messe solonelle  
Palestrina Improperium  
Weelkes When David heard  
*Credo IV, Ave Regina caelorum*

**Music Director:** Robert Patterson

### Thought for the week

Christ loved His human nature, and He loved it in His brethren too. On the basis of His love for it, He restored the fullness of human nature, which had been destroyed by death, by means of the eventual bodily resurrection of every human being. He defeated the evil plan of the devil to destroy our weak and mortal nature, which God had intended, as the work of His hands, to be immortal. He abolished Original Sin, which was the result of the corruption of human nature, by granting to all resurrected bodies, which are free from actual sin, a perfect body like His own.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

### Support Us



## Holy Places

During the Good Friday liturgy a collection will be taken for the holy places in Jerusalem and for the welfare of the faithful and local communities in the Holy Land.

## Not Dead Yet UK

A network of disabled people who oppose legalising assisted suicide, has very helpfully arranged for postcards to be distributed throughout the UK. You will find these postcards on the cloister table. They present evidence-based reasons to oppose assisted suicide, urging MPs to vote against the Bill at Third Reading. If these postcards are sent to your local MP in substantial numbers, they will have a genuinely significant impact. You are encouraged to take a postcard with you and then send it to your local MP in good time before the vote later this month.

## Jubilee Indulgence

Diocesan Jubilee Churches:

- Westminster Cathedral
- St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
- St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
- Corpus Christi, Coven Garden
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
- Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

For more information on obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, visit:  
<https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Nichols will take place from 25th July to 1st August 2025 using Sanctuary's theme for the Jubilee year 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. Registration for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2025 is now open at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

## Donation Appeal

**Donation Appeal.** We hope you will consider continuing to support St Etheldreda's. We are cutting costs where appropriate but it would be of immense help if you would consider supporting the parish by setting up a regular standing order. This can be done either by completing the standing order form available from the cloister table or through our parish [Diocesan microsite page](#). Individual donations can be made through either our Digital Collection Plate (DONA) that can be found in the cloister table

## Maundy Thursday

We are looking for 12 'volunteers' for Maundy Thursday Washing of the feet. If you are willing to take part in this ceremony, please email the parish office: [enquiries@stetheldreda.com](mailto:enquiries@stetheldreda.com).

## Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony

This year, it will take place on Saturday 17th May at 2:30 pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. All are welcome. Please email the parish office these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

## The Westminster Way

*'A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full.'*  
(Spes non confundit 5)

To celebrate the Jubilee Year, one of our diocesan initiatives is to invite you to travel in the steps of the martyrs and saints, who are 'Beacons of Hope', beginning at Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral. Go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/> for detailed information.

## Collections

9 am: -- 11 am: --  
Contactless: --  
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to £414.42

The Easter collection, as is customary, will go to the Parish Priest and to support the Rosminians Order. Many thanks.

or our DONA webpage link -

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-etheldredas-ely-place>.

If you are a UK tax-payer, please consider gift aiding your donation. Any donation you make will be increased by 25% at no expense to yourself. If you have any queries about how to donate please contact our Parish Administrator at [enquiries@stetheldreda.com](mailto:enquiries@stetheldreda.com). Your donations will enable us to meet the costs of the day-to-day running of the Parish. Thank you for your support.

## Mass Intentions

### Sun 13th April

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
9.00 am  
Paddy May RIP  
11.00 am  
For the people of the parish

### Mon 14th April

Monday of Holy Week  
1.00 pm  
Ann Tyagi GE

### Tue 15th April

Tuesday of Holy Week  
1.00 pm  
No Mass

### Wed 16th April

Wednesday of Holy Week  
1.00 pm  
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

### Thu 17th April

Maundy Thursday  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6.30 pm

### Fri 18th April

Good Friday  
Station of the Cross (in the Crypt): 12.30 pm  
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00 pm

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