



Fifth Sunday of Lent  
(Passiontide begins)  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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### Hymns

58 The royal banners forward go  
68 O sacred head, surrounded  
246 Just as I am, without one plea  
138 We sing the praise of him who died

### Notices

**Holy Week services:** Maundy Thursday, 12 noon Sung Mass & Sermon. Good Friday, 1:30pm – The Liturgy of Good Friday.

St Faith's Great Crosby can be found on the 'A Church near you' website – this will provide up to date information on upcoming events and services.

**100 Club** if you would like to join our 100 Club, please email [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk). Membership for the 100 Club has declined, please consider renewing your membership and giving your support. The more numbers in, the more we win!

**Easter egg donations:** Would you like to support families in need in the Crosby area? As part of our Christian outreach, we are asking for anyone to consider donating an Easter egg, to be brought to the Palm Sunday service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The eggs will then be distributed to families in the area. Let's share some Easter blessings!

**Congratulations** to Thursday lunchtime Kind Hearts Café, for securing their 5 star hygiene rating. Well done!

**Be a Godparent** and support a child at the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage! Our collection box will be on the coffee table at the back of church from now until Pentecost. This year's Pilgrimage is called Tell out my soul: Singing God's Praises. Thank you for your support.

**Waterloo Park OLW Group:** Our next meeting will be an exploration of what Pilgrimage means, in the context of a prayerful walk around Hesketh Park, Southport. It will take place on a "nice day" between 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will decide on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> which day will be best! Use your bus pass, and catch the X2 or 47 to Hesketh Park, & meet up in the café around 11:00am. Everybody welcome!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Gaza appeal. We have sent £40 from St Faith's to the Red Cross/Red Crescent.

### *This Week's Services*

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11:00am, Parish Eucharist  
Celebrant: Fr. Dennis Smith  
Preacher: Paula Lampard

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Eucharist

12:00pm, Rev. Denise McDougall

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Palm Sunday

11:00am, Parish Eucharist  
Celebrant: Rev. Bill Matthews  
*Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9, Psalm 118: 19 – end,  
Philippians 2.5-11.*

### *Contacts*

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### *Please keep in your prayers*

**The Diocese:** St Cleopas & St Gabriel Dingle, St Cleopas School, St James in the City, St Hilda's School, Archbishop Blanch School, St Margaret of Antioch Toxteth, Windsor Community School, Christ Church, Toxteth Park, St Michael in the Hamlet, St. Philemon Toxteth.

**Parish:** Mornington Avenue, Grosvenor Avenue, Marldon Avenue, Hatherley Avenue, Duddingston Avenue, Cranmore Avenue.

**The World:** For peace in the Ukraine, Palestine and Israel. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

**The Church:** The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishop John and Bishop Beverley. Archdeacon Pete, Andrew our Area Dean. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**Those who are sick:** Joyce Sharpe, Joan McKortel, Fr Mike Finlay, John Crooke, Stephen Seneviratne, Tracy Riley, Sheila Roberts, Amy Hewitt, Eunice Little, Alistair Byron, Frank Dunphy, Peter Smith, Carl Lee, Fr. Dennis Bury, Beckie Loan, Peggy Mattison, Fr. David Emery, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Audrey Dawson, Sid Ward.

**Recently departed:** Duncan Haughton.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** Robert Bell (priest) (2021), Herbert Hancock, Lionel Erith (Priest), George Rooke Houldin, Noel Welburn (SSM), Harry Waghorn, Frank Bromilow, Emmanuel Dzantenge, Susan Kirkham, Wholly Thomas Pickup, Zylpha Kelly, John Shaw, Eleanor Jane Turner, Tom Miller, Hilda Phillips, Roddy Thomas, Elsie Kelley, Gerald McCombie, John Knight.

### *The Collect*

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

### *First Reading, Jeremiah 31.31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their

husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### *Psalm 51.1-13*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me. Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit.

### *Second Reading, Hebrews 5.5-10*

So also, Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

**Alleluia.**

## *Gospel, John 12.20-33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## *Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.