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# St JOHN FISHER & St THOMAS MORE

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Sunday readings from Year A

**Sunday 29 March**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Day for Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments*

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**Sunday Mass 9.30 am      Missa de Angelis**

Readers: Lilly Gogola-Scott and Julie Bond

Passion: Fr Paul (J), Carolyn Walton (N), Kevin Hannigan (O)

Organist: Terry McNamara

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*Please continue to remember the sick and the housebound of the parish in your prayers and continue to pray for the peoples of Ukraine and the Middle East and all those suffering due to oppression, poverty, persecution, violence or war. Remember also those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time particularly Marguerite Tabor, Harold Graham, Mervyn James, Lola Mander, Patrick Savage, Eileen Rudden, Teodorich Kast von Ebelsberg, Bernard Michael Logan, Philomena Alberta Mann and Hugh Ellis Rees.*

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**Fr Paul writes ....**

Dear Friends,

Once more we embark upon this holiest week of our Christian Year.

As you will be aware we shall be commemorating once more the mysteries of our redemption. We shall be with the Lord at the Last Supper and see once more His instructive act that he left His followers, that we must wash one another's feet in acts of humble service. It is by this alone that we are to be distinguishable from non-Christians, they are to see in us a decipherable love of God and love of neighbour.

Let us once again learn this from the Lord that we may follow His way of humility and self-sacrificial love.

"Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world."  
Wishing you all a happy and holy Holy Week and Easter.

Fr Paul

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## Holy Week Services

This year our Celebrations of the Easter Triduum will again take place between our parish here in Burford and St Joseph's, Carterton.

- ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7.00 pm on Maundy Thursday here in Burford.
- ❖ The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday will be celebrated in both churches at 3.00 pm.
- ❖ The Maria Desolata Devotion on Good Friday will be celebrated at 7.00 pm at Carterton.
- ❖ On Holy Saturday the Solemn Vigil of Easter will be celebrated at 8.00 pm at Carterton.
- ❖ Masses for Easter Sunday will be in both parishes at the usual times.

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to last week's retiring collection for flowers to decorate the church for the Easter celebrations. For those who missed out there will also be a retiring collection today!

On Holy Saturday, 4 April, at 11.00 am at St Joseph's, Carterton the Polish tradition of Świąconka - the blessing of Easter baskets, will take place. This is the traditional blessing of food eaten in Polish homes at the Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday. All are most welcome.

Weekday readings from Year II

**Monday 30 March**

*Monday of Holy Week*

**Tuesday 31 March**

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

- Mass 10.00 am - Burford

**Wednesday 1 April**

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

- Mass 9.30 am - Carterton

**Thursday 2 April**

*Thursday of Holy Week*

- No Mass today

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

- 7.00 pm - Burford

**Friday 3 April**

*Good Friday*

- Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
3.00 pm - Burford and Carterton

**Saturday 4 April**

*Holy Saturday*

- The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
8.00 pm - Carterton

**Sunday 5 April**

*Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord*

- Mass 9.30 am - Burford
- Mass 11.00 am - Carterton

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*Prayer for Palm Sunday*

*We praise you, O God,  
for your redemption of the world through your  
Son, Jesus Christ.*

*He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph  
and was proclaimed Messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches  
along his way.*

*Just as we carry these branches,  
may we follow Christ in the way of the cross  
that,  
dying and rising with him, we may enter into  
your kingdom.*

*Amen.*

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**Safeguarding**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Valerie Copping and she can be contacted at [sg.stjf-sttm.burford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjf-sttm.burford@rcaob.org.uk) should you have any concerns.

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