

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b> Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.</p> <p><b>Gospel</b> Mark 14:1 – 15:47 Mark tells the story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ.</p>
<p><b>First Reading</b> Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord does not cover his face against insult and spittle.</p>	
<p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</p>	
<p><b>Second Reading</b> Philippians 2:6-11 God raised him high, so that every tongue should proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.</p>	

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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Sunday Year B

Palm Sunday, the Passion of the Lord

Weekday Cycle II

*"My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"*

### Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>27 Mar</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Anthony Peries 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>28 Mar</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Louisa Leeman RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>28 Mar</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday	30 Mar	12.00pm	Bill Callaghan RIP
Wednesday (St Michael`s)	31 Mar	12.00pm	Margaret Barrett RIP
Thursday	1 Apr	12.30pm	Funeral Service for Joyce Murphy
Maundy Thursday (St Helen`s)	1 Apr	7.00pm	Andrew Grayson RIP
Good Friday (St Michael`s)	2 Apr	3.00pm	
<b>Saturday Easter Vigil</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>3 Apr</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (St Michael`s)	<b>4 Apr</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Paul Galvin RIP
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (St Helen`s)	<b>4 Apr</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Terence Dyson RIP

Please go to the link below so you can join in with Masses and Services, streamed live by Fr Declan, or catch up later at the following link:

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It is said that the quality of a country's civilisation may be measured by its treatment of its needy people and minorities. Such treatment is expressed through its laws but also in the general attitudes and behaviour of the population. Sometimes the laws are harsh and discriminatory, yet the people are welcoming and compassionate, but more often the two reflect each other. When we ask who are the people in need and who the minorities are, the reply might surprise us. To begin with there are those who are suffering physically as well as mentally. What sort of health services does a country have? How available are they to all inhabitants? How does the country treat immigrants, refugees or ethnic minorities? Does it welcome them or keep them as second-class citizens? Then there are groups that may not immediately spring to mind but equally lack power and position. How do the courts of justice and the prison system work? What about the treatment of religious minorities and LGBT people? What concern is shown for those who are elderly or the unborn, for children and women? The latter cannot be said to be a minority, but both the laws of a land and historical customs can sometimes fail to treat them as people with equal rights and dignity. So how many countries can truly be described as civilised by these criteria? And what changes need to be implemented to encourage them in the right direction? The accounts of the passion of Jesus in all four Gospels tell the same story but with subtle differences. The differences in Mark's account are perhaps less noticeable in comparison with the accounts in the other Gospels than in comparison with the rest of his own Gospel. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is a man of action. He is on the move, teaching and preaching, healing and feeding the multitudes. But once Judas has handed Jesus over, once he has betrayed him, the man of action disappears and we are faced with someone who is on the receiving end of others' words and actions, most of which are hostile and violent.

In Mark, Jesus only speaks three times after his betrayal. The first two occasions are to state the truth of his identity in the face of questions from the high priests and then Pontius Pilate. Finally there are the words on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Was Jesus quoting a psalm or was he expressing the utter extremity of his experience of abandonment? We need to remember that Mark was

writing for an audience that was experiencing its own torture and persecution. Was he trying to reassure them that Jesus himself had passed this way before them, letting go of everything that might have seemed to alleviate his distress? What do we learn for our benefit today?

We can read the passion stories as foundation stories of our belief. Jesus suffered, died and rose again that we might be saved and join with him in his glory. But what difference do the stories make to the way we understand life and the way we live? Like Mark's first audience we too have to deal with the way things go wrong in our lives, not necessarily through any fault of our own. What we learn from the passion stories is that our lives, too, are part of this great mystery of redemption. How we live, the choices we make, can become part of that great act of love.

This is more difficult to grasp in relation to our own suffering. It is easier to grasp when we consider how we can use our lives to relieve the sufferings of others. We have thought about those whose lives are so often undervalued by our world. What can we do to turn such attitudes around? We may think we are able to do very little, but that little is as precious as the drop in the ocean that, together with all the other drops, helps to change the world. It is also through our pursuit of the healing and nurturing of others that we come to a better understanding of our own suffering, seeing it as an act of giving on our part towards the wider mystery of redemption.

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### Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, Anne Whittingham, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

### Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gisela Lapornik who died recently. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

### Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at [corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/](https://corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/)

Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

**Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish`.**

### Easter Collection

Your Easter offerings are for the Parish Priest. Thank you

### Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes beginning from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 are now available as you come into church.

### Easter Flowers Collection

Many thanks for your generous donations, which will enable our churches to be bedecked with beautiful blooms on Easter Sunday.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

The Parish has collected the sum of £495.61, of which £139.50 is Gift Aided. Thank you for your generous support.

### Easter 2021

Please let Fr Declan know if you wish to attend any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the three masses of Easter as numbers are restricted due to the ongoing Covid regulations and seats will need to be allocated.

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>St Helen`s</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>St Michael`s</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>St Michael`s</b>
<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Michael`s</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Helen`s</b>

### Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

### Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us