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ST. MARY'S LANGHO

PALM SUNDAY

CHURCH It will be a very strange Holy Week as we follow the journey of Jesus from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem through the Last Supper to Calvary and then onto the Resurrection. We do not have the aids we are used to : we cannot gather as we did. But we can still follow Jesus. We can join Him in spirit during this week. That journey always ends in the Resurrection. We know victory will eventually come as certain as the dawn. Do not lose heart. Keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. Keep that eye open for those who might need your help. Or if you are self isolating thank and encourage those who are helping you.

NEWSLETTER A weekly newsletter for both our churches will continue to be produced and posted on line. It can be viewed at stmaryschurchlangho.org . The Sunday sermon can be heard on the same website. It is posted under News - Archived homilies.

MASS. I continue to offer Mass each morning in the presbytery. If you go online you can view many from many churches.. The link is www.ChurchServices.tvtimetable. You will find several local churches there amongst the many listed.(Good Shepherd Colne and St. Mary's Bamber Bridge.)

PRAYER BULLETIN BOARD We now have an online Prayer Board for you to leave your prayers like you did on the board in church. Go onto the parish website stmaryschurchlangho.org and click on "Prayer Bulletin Board."

PALMS will be kept safe and be available when church reopens. WHY NOT tape last years palm or a green branch to your front door or window to mark Palm Sunday. Might be a project for the children to do.

POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter ... many will say to me: 'But Father I cannot leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It is very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

MASS INTENTIONS Mark Rogan, Filbin Family, Mary Smith, George Smith, John Peat, Josef Deren.

CONDOLENCES to Stacia Derin on the death of Josef one of our faithful parishioners. Josef will be laid to rest on Thursday and although we cannot be present with the family we keep them in our prayers.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Jean Littler another one of our faithful parishioners. May she rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS Over the last two weeks we have received Gift Aid £327. Loose £65. Standing Orders £100., Total £492. Thank you.

SOME LOCAL SHOPS are beginning to home deliver. It might be worth while checking out your local supermarket, butcher etc to see if they are providing this service.

We pray for **Father Peter Harvey, Jean Wilson, Joan Robson, Raymond Marsh, Kathleen Gooden, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti, James Murphy, Vanessa Capiello, Megan McDonnell, Sean Reilly, William King, Sharon Moran, Warren Astin, David Belshaw, Joe Kemp, Steve Moss, Mary Wiltshire, Mick McKeon, Heather Dost, Muriel Scholey, Ian Ward, Rachel Pilkington, Margaret Clague, Mary Curran, Sheila Aspin, Frank Kinney, Sarah Hybryk, Annette Thompson, Margaret Pannikar, Father Leo, Mark Rogan,** and all who are sick.

We pray for all who have left our world recently to journey home to God especially **Josef Derin, John Peat, Jean Littler.** and all who died recently.

We also remember **Michael Derin, Mary Harrison, David Wilson, Patricia Mercer, Gary Oddie, Stella Mullen, Betty Townson, Michael Dignan, Kellie Rae, Terry Lowe, Brigid Conlon, Christopher Linthwaite, John Chandler, Mary Smith** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.