

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH CHADDESSEN DERBY AND THE CHURCH ON OAKWOOD

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April 4th 2009 ~ PALM SUNDAY

Saturday	6.30pm	Martin Devine RIP
Sunday	10.00am	Raffaele Anzelmo RIP ann
	5.30pm	At the Church on Oakwood Mrs. Attenborough's' Intentions
Monday	7.00pm	Bridie Doran RIP
Tuesday	8.30am	Betty Stack's Intentions
	NO	Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Service of reconciliation with Frs. Tim O'Sullivan, Alan Burbridge, Gabriel
Wednesday	9.15am	Patrick & Kathleen Murphy RIP
<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	1.20pm	Funeral Service for Harold Statham at Markeaton Crematorium
	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper. Washing of the Feet. Prayer in the weekday Chapel until midnight.
<u>Good Friday</u>	10.30am	Peter Caruth RIP (Music Group) Procession of Witness from St. Phillip's Church, Taddington Road to Mayfield Road Methodist, to St. Albans.
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross
	7.00pm	Shared Service at the Church on Oakwood
Saturday	7.30pm	Easter Vigil with Confirmation & First Holy Communion of Samantha Hatton, Lisa Simpson and Kelly & David Bell.
Easter Sunday	<u>8.30am</u>	At the Church on Oakwood Patrick Murphy RIP
	10.00am	At St. Albans Salvatore & Antonietta Chiavazzo RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: there is a Service of Reconciliation this Tuesday, at 7pm and individual Reconciliation next Saturday 10am ~ 11am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - Frank Deacy who died last Tuesday and Harold Statham, Diane Richardson's father, who died last Wednesday. Please pray for Joe Murphy, John Doe, Fr. John Mack, Susan Preecey and Jean Hester who is in St. Werburghs N.H. Spondon

HOLY WEEK

Please make every effort to come and celebrate with us this week. It will be hard because there are so many alternative attractions! It will be worth it!

SAVE OUR SCHOOL BUSES

St. Alban's School buses were withdrawn last July and now Lib~Dem controlled Derby City Council is proposing to withdraw buses to Catholic Schools throughout the city. A "Say No" campaign is being prepared. There are hardcopies of the questionnaire available today ~ anyone can complete it ~ or online www.derby.gov.uk/yourcityyoursay and click on Latest Consultation. It needs to be returned by May 11th.

EASTER SUNDAY EVENING

At the Irish Centre, Becket St, Derby. An Easter Bonnet Parade for children and music by Martin Taylor downstairs. Tickets £5 for the New Building Fund.

200 CLUB DRAW

Will take place this Sunday at 11.45am in the Parish Centre. £5 monthly subscription with the chance to win £250, £30, £20. Some people have dropped out recently, so if you are not in it and would like to be. Please see Julie Softley, Walter Stone or Maggie Holmes

ADDITIONS TO THE PARISH WEBSITE

Since we launched the parish website at the start of February we have seen over 300 visitors, which is pleasing to see that you and others are taking the time to have a look around. If you haven't had a look for a while maybe you'd like to have another look, we have made a few minor changes. We have added a 'Whats on' page, here we will list events of interest as and when we become aware of them. We will also link to additional information if we have any, so that you'll get a bit more information than we can fit in the newsletter. All of the Easter Masses and events are on here so please take a look at these. On the homepage of the website we will put links to pages when we change the content, so that you don't have to play 'spot the difference'. If you have any suggestions for pages on the website, please don't hold back, speak to Shaun Reid, or send an email to web@stalbandsderby.org.uk.

KNOWING GOD BETTER

- Coming to this parish, fortnightly sessions, beginning Thursday April 23rd in the Parish Centre 7.30pm ~ 9.30pm. Discussing our faith in an informal way. More details to follow. Please pray for all those taking part.

THANKS

To all who supported the Social Evening last Saturday and the Social Group who organised it.

EASTER FLOWERS:

Anyone (new or old), willing to help with arranging flowers for the Easter Celebrations is asked to meet in Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday 11th April. If you want to know more about what is involved contact Di Reid on 672091 Thank you.

THE CHURCH ON OAKWOOD

Our barren tree has turned green with our prayers and promises

On Easter Sunday it will be in the Prayer Area and will blossom with the joy of the Risen Christ

Please take a minute to look and to give thanks for all that Easter means to you.

FAITH IN FAMILIES FORMERLY THE CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY

We have been asked to make the first collection for the re-ordered society; this has been approved by the Bishop & agreed by Fr Gerry. All monies raised have been ring fenced for activities previously carried out by the Catholic Children's Society. These activities are not affected by the recent changes to adoption legislation. Will all box holders who wish to continue supporting the new society please take their boxes to one of our masses where they will be collected, contents counted & boxes returned to your homes. Please be aware that new collection boxes for Faith in Families will be available after the October collection. Many thanks Steve & Sandra Endsor

COLLECTION LAST WEEK £790.74 plus £163 standing orders. Thank you all.

There will be a collection on Good Friday for the Upkeep of the Holy Places in Palestine. Next Sunday there will be just one collection ~ could I ask those with planned giving envelopes, to put both envelopes into the basket at the same time. Anyone without envelopes, who wants to give me and Easter Offering, please put it in a separate envelope.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK John & Judith Davis

PALM SUNDAY

The
Crowds
cheered
for Jesus.
Share your
joy with
someone.

MONDAY

Mary anointed
Jesus' feet.
Treasure your family

TUESDAY

Peter denied
Jesus.
Who have you let
down?

WEDNESDAY

Judas betrayed
Jesus. Who have you
given up on?

HOLY THURSDAY

Jesus
washed
feet.
Do an act
of service.

GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus died
on the cross.
Watch and pray
with John and
Mary.

HOLY SATURDAY

Jesus'
body is in the tomb.
What blocks you in?

WALKING WITH JESUS IN HOLY WEEK

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord Yahweh has given me a disciples tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord Yahweh comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he 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 other names so that all beings in the heavens, on the earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! 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. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1-15:47

It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For

they said 'It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.'

Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said one another indignantly, 'Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor': and they were angry with her. But Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always, and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in power to do so: she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.'

Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.' They were

distressed and asked him, one after another, 'Not I, surely?' He said to them, 'It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!'

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them and drank all from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After the psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them 'You will all lose faith, for the scripture says: "I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered". However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.' Peter said 'Even if all lose faith, I will not.' And Jesus said to him, 'I will tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' But he repeated still more earnestly 'If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.' And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Stay here while I pray.' Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them, 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.' And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said 'Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.' He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'Simon are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back

and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them, 'You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son on Man is to be betrayed in to the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.'

Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He said 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.' So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus spoke, 'Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.' And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him, 'We heard him, "I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands".' But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus, 'Have you no answer to

that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?' But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with clouds of heaven.' The high priest tore his robes, and said, 'What witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?' And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting 'Play the prophet!' And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said 'You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' But he denied it saying, 'I do not know, I do not understand, what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders, 'This fellow is one of them.' But again he denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter, 'You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.' But he started calling curses on himself and swearing, 'I do not know the man you speak of.' At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'It is you who say it.' And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you! But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in

prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why? What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on hi,. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charges against read: 'The King of the Jews'. And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said 'He saved others, he cannot save himself.

Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted to the corpse to Joseph who bought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

MASS SETTINGS

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