

Palm Sunday, I think, might have puzzled my old ginger cat, Jerry Lee.

Jerry Lee liked quiet things. He liked warm places in the sun, slow afternoons, and watching the world without feeling the need to rush into it. So if he had seen Palm Sunday, I imagine he would not have stood in the noisy crowd waving branches. No, Jerry Lee would have sat somewhere a little higher up, perhaps on a garden wall or even the branch of a tree, watching everything very carefully. He would see people cheering and waving palms, voices full of excitement. Something important was happening, though perhaps no one quite understood it yet. Jerry Lee knew a little about that sort of moment. Cats are very good at noticing when something feels important even if no one explains it. He might tilt his head and wonder. "Why all the noise?" he might think, because Jerry Lee believed important things usually happened quietly.

He would see the donkey walking slowly through the crowd, carrying Jesus. The crowd would shout with joy, spreading their cloaks and branches along the road. It would look like a celebration, almost like a parade. But Jerry Lee, with his long years of calm watching, might sense something deeper beneath the excitement. Cats often notice what others miss. He might notice that Jesus was not riding like a king with power, he was riding gently, humbly, peacefully. Not on a tall horse, but on a small donkey.

Jerry Lee understood something about quiet dignity. He had lived twenty-three years without ever trying to prove himself to anyone. He simply was who he was. So perhaps Jerry Lee would stretch, wrap his tail neatly around his paws, and keep watching.

The cheering would fade as the procession passed. The branches would lie scattered on the road. The moment of excitement would slowly drift away like the end of a sunny afternoon. Jerry Lee might blink slowly, the way cats do when they are thinking peaceful thoughts.

Because Palm Sunday begins with joy, but it is also the beginning of a deeper journey. The crowd celebrates, but the path ahead will lead to sorrow before it leads to hope.

Jerry Lee knew a little about patience. When you sit quietly long enough, you learn that every day carries more than one story. So perhaps he would simply stay there in the sun, watching the road where Jesus had passed, as if guarding the moment.

And if Jerry Lee could speak, he might gently remind us of something simple: 'Sometimes the most important things are not the loud cheers or the waving branches.' Sometimes the most important thing is to sit still, watch closely, and notice the king passing by.

*The Bible Time-Line 7:00pm
Every Monday Evening
St. Benedict's Community Hall*



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Volunteers Needed - Tea & Coffee Help

THIS WEEK

Sat 28 th March	Lent Feria - Palm Sunday	4.00pm
Sun 29 th March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.30am
Mon 30 th April	Monday of Holy Week	10.00am
Wed 1 st April	Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00am
Thurs 2 nd April	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm
Fri 3 rd April	Good Friday: Liturgy, Stations of the Cross	3.00pm
Sat 4 th April	Swieconka. A Blessing of Easter Food	11.00 am
Sat 4 th April	Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil	7.00pm
Sun 5 th April	Easter Sunday- Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	9.30am

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the national and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is

Mrs. Jo Currie who can be contacted at

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For Your Diary
Milestone events in 2026 in our parish

First Holy Communion Saturday 6th June at 10.30am

Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00pm.



Draw today Palm Sunday
for the
Chinthowa Easter Raffle,
tickets available £1 per strip.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



If there are any children in **Year 3 and above** who wish to make their **First Holy Communion** on **June 6th** and **DO NOT** attend **St. Benedict's School** & if there are any children in **Year 6** who wish to make their **Confirmation** on **June 30th** and **DO NOT** attend **St. Benedict's School**. Parents will you please get in touch on **07502240034** in order that instruction on the sacraments may be arranged.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

Ted Hodgson, Mary Lawrence, Gertrude Lawrence, Ada Harrison, Doris Turner, Ricardo Makielski, Mary Theresa Aherne, Margaret Mary Burrows, Michael Sheedy, Susan Geraghty, Gerald O'Shea, Amanda Jane Ireland, Margaret Mary Richardson.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...

If you would like anything popping in the Newsletter please contact me on:
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Divine Mercy Sunday

will be celebrated on **Sunday 12th April.**
In order to obtain the blessings promised by Jesus to St Faustina please commence the Novena of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Good Friday.
Jesus said to St Faustina
“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion (on Mercy Sunday)) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”
Confession can be the day before Mercy Sunday.
Divine Mercy leaflets are available.

Collections

1st Collection = 207.51
2nd Collection = £144.58
Candles = 43.04
TOTAL = £395.13

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after 9.30am Mass
See poster opposite

