

ST. MATTHIAS NEWS

Palm Sunday

HOSANNA TO THE KING

A Letter From The Vicar

BY FR DAVID LAMBERT



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Blessings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to ask of your forgiveness and the lack of communication this year! I have been woefully negligent of keeping you informed, and I wonder if you thought I have forgotten you? Well, I have not and be assured that you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers and I long for the day when we will be able to meet and resume worship.

It is now just a few days away from entering Holy Week and Easter and although we will be having services throughout the week, it will be on a very scaled back version from our normal Holy Week and Easter services. At least this year, we will be able to participate in the most important feast time of the church's calendar.

We are still unable to sing hymns, but we do now have access to the internet which means we play hymns through the service, and although we have particular choirs singing on our behalf, it doesn't replace the soprano skills of Catherine, so in the meantime, we have to put up with the hi-tech of downloading.

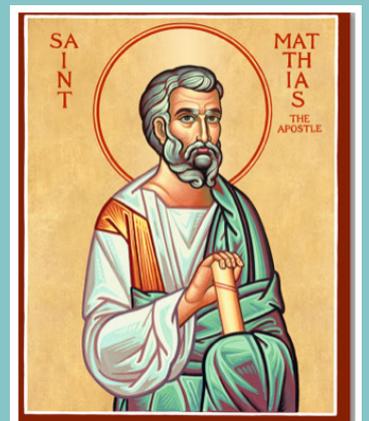
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Speaking of internet, if you are not aware, you may like to join us via Facebook and see us live streaming on a Sunday morning, or other services throughout Holy Week and Easter. You do not have to be a member of Facebook, but simply log into Facebook, press search and put in St Matthias Stoke Newington, and you will see the link.

All is well at church and I am pleased to say that we are very much active with a steady flow of attendees and gathering to offer prayer and worship.

Please find enclosed the next couple of weeks readings to help you along with HW and Easter.

We are currently in the process of gathering all reports for the up coming APCM, I will let you know of the date soon, or go to our website and see the information.



Mass Online

BY ANTONIO JOSEPH

This year we are blessed that we are able to celebrate but not in our usual way as Fr David stated in his letter.

The chairs of the Liturgy committee and Livestream committee recently met and held discussions on how we could enhance our Holy Week this year.

It has been lovey seeing most of you return intermittently on a Sunday and I am pleased to report that everyone is safe and well, I assume that the majority of us have had the Vaccine jab? Most of us should have at least the 1st dose, but I know that many have had their 2nd, well done to you all if you have had it, and I strongly suggest that for those who haven't, to seriously consider getting it? The conspiracy theories are negligent and irresponsible, and we only have to see the reduction in the virus spreading in this country to know that the vaccine is a safer method than not having it at all, compared with the increase of the virus in Europe. I believe there is a political war going on between the nations, because we are leading the way in reducing the virus. I urge you not to be ignorant and have the jab. I am having my 2nd jab on May 3rd, by the way! I am at that certain age where I now qualify!

Hope to see you all very soon...

Much love and prayers to you all...

Fr David

The joint committee's decided that throughout Holy Week all services will be live-streamed via Facebook and Youtube. Dates and times are on the right.

In addition the following will be added for Holy Week:

- On screen readings
- Improved audio quality
- Multiple Camera Angles
- Live Streaming starting 5 - 10mins prior to service times.

"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."

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Monday

Mass 7pm

Compline 8pm

Holy Tuesday

Mass 7pm

Compline 8pm

Spy Wednesday

Mass 7pm

Compline 8pm

Maundy Thursday

Mass 8pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross
11am

Liturgy of the Passion
1:30pm

Holy Saturday

Mass 8pm