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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28TH MARCH, 2021: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION,
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "THE SON OF GOD IS
REVEALED."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Is 50:4-7

The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKING ME?

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading Mk 15:1-39 (Short Form)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

REFLECTION

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

Weekly Readings

Mon 29TH MAR, 2021 HOLY WEEK Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11	Tue 30TH MAR, 2021 HOLY WEEK Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed 31ST MAR, 2021 HOLY WEEK Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31-34 Mt 26:14-25	Thu 1ST APR, 2021 HOLY THURSDAY Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri 2ND APR, 2021 GOOD FRIDAY Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Sat 3RD APR, 2021 HOLY SATURDAY Gn 1:1,26-36 (Short Form) Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,13-14 Ex 14:15-15:1 Ps Ex 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,17-18 Ez 36:16-17,18-28 Ps 42:3,5,43:3,4 Rm 6:3-11 (Epistle) Mk 16:1-7

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 10:34a,37-43
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Second Reading	Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel	Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
First Mass: 7:00 am	First Mass: 6:30 am
Second Mass: 9:00 am	Second Mass: 8:30 am
	Third Mass: 10:30 am



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

WHAT IS THE EASTER TRIDUUM?

The Latin word triduum refers to a period of three days and has long been used to describe various three-day observances that prepared for a feast day through liturgy, prayer, and fasting. But it is most often used to describe the three days prior to the great feast of Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year state that the Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, "reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday" (par 19).

Just as Sunday is the high point of the week, Easter is the high point of the year. The meaning of the great feast is revealed and anticipated throughout the Triduum, which brings the people of God into contact — through liturgy, symbol, and sacrament — with the central events of the life of Christ: the Last Supper, His trial and crucifixion, His time in the tomb, and His Resurrection from the dead. In this way, "the mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him" (CCC 1169). During these three days of contemplation and anticipation the liturgies emphasize the sacrificial death of Christ on the Cross, and the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist, by which the faithful enter into the life-giving Passion of Christ and grow in hope of eternal life in Him.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND CASE

Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

For the Court of Justice, we pray that you will give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. May they not yield to deceit and acts of bribery and corruption but uphold the truth and let justice prevail.

May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

St. Thomas More..... Pray for us
St. John Fisher..... Pray for us
All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

PRAYER FOR AN END OF THE CORONA VIRUS – COVID 19

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

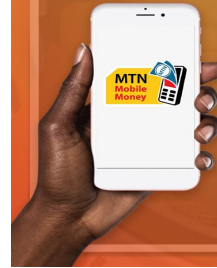
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2021 EASTER PROGRAMME

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE	TIME
Thurs. 1 st April	Holy Thursday	STM	7:00pm
		SJF	7:00pm
Fri. 2 nd April	Station of the Cross	STM	7:00am
	Veneration of the Cross	SJF	7:00am
Sat. 3 rd April	Easter Vigil	STM	3:00pm
		SJF	3:00pm
Sun. 4 th April	Easter Sunday	STM	7:00pm
		SJF	7:00pm
Sun. 4 th April	Easter Sunday	STM	7:00am
			9:00am
		SJF	6:30am 8:30am 10:30am



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo Ss Thomas more & John fisher
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Dial *170#
Select Option 2
Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
Enter Amt
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MOTIVATION

ALWAYS BE THANKFUL TO GOD

Arthur Ashe, the legendary Wimbledon player was dying of AIDS. From world over, he received letters from his fans, one of which conveyed: "Why does GOD have to select you for such a bad disease?"

To this Arthur Ashe replied: The world over 5 Crore children start playing tennis,

50 Lakh learn to play tennis,

5 Lakh learn professional tennis,

50,000 come to the circuit,

5000 reach the grand slam,

50 reach Wimbledon,

4 to semifinal,

2 to the finals,

When I was holding a cup (Trophy) I never asked GOD "Why me?"

And today in pain I should not be asking GOD "Why me?"

Morale: Be thankful to GOD for 98% of good things in life.

YOUTH CORNER

LANGSTON HUGHES "LIFE IS FINE"

I went down to the river,
I set down on the bank.
I tried to think but couldn't,
so I jumped in and sank.
I came up once and hollered!
I came up twice and cried!
If that water hadn't a-been so cold
I might've sunk and died.
But it was cold in that water! It was cold!
I took the elevator
sixteen floors above the ground.
I thought about my baby
and thought I would jump down.
I stood there and I hollered!
I stood there and I cried!
If it hadn't a-been so high
I might've jumped and died.
But it was high up there! It was high!
So since I'm still here livin',
I guess I will live on.
I could've died for love—
But for livin' I was born
Though you may hear me holler,
And you may see me cry—
I'll be dogged, sweet baby,
If you gonna see me die.

Life is fine! Fine as wine! Life is fine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parishioners who wish to redeem their harvest pledges, pay their church dues and other statutory payments can use the Church's Mobile Money Number 0595850922. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.

2. Due to the directive to register worshippers we encourage parishioners to follow the link to register for Mass <http://thomasmorejohnfisher.com/#ChurchAttendance>. You can also call the priests or send an SMS or WhatsApp with your details to be registered.

3. We are encouraged to adhere to all the covid protocols and directives namely: The Online or Manual Registrations, hand washing, checking of temperature, using of hand sanitizer and socially distancing during mass. Let us kindly cooperate with the ushers in keeping our church safe.

4. **The Knights and Ladies of the Alter, Lectors and ushers need new members. Interested parishioners should see their presidents or the church secretary to register.**

5. **The Archbishop will be in our deanery for Confirmation in May. Those who wish to receive the Sacrament should register and attend catechism classes starting from the 4th of April.**

6. Marriage Banns 2nd Publication between Vincent Yao Azorli and Joyce Baffour.

7. **BAWULEY VENTURES, DEALS IN PAPER TISSUES, KITCHEN NAPKINS, POCKET TISSUES, BOX TISSUES FOR DELIVERS or CAR USERS, TABLE NAPKINS and in all TISSUES PRODUCTS. Location: New ACHIMOTA opposite KINGSBY hotel. Tel:0548018765/0246896107 please note.... All PRICES ARE PURELY WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION PRICES. PARISHIONERS WHO ARE RETAILERS CAN SEE MR. STEPHEN BAWULEY IN CASE THEY DO NOT HAVE READY CASH TO PAY AND PICK UP GOODS, he can give you on credit base.**

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: *First Saturday of every month. Please call at the Church's office for a baptismal form. Instructions: Thursday preceding the date for baptism @ 5pm*

Visitation to the Sick and Aged: *Thursdays at 7.00 am. Contact the office if you have a sick or aged Person(s) to be visited.*

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made ***at least six months to a year*** with the priests. The couple or one of them must be a registered member of the Church for ***at least 6 months***.

Consultation of Priests: (STM) Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. **(SIF) Wednesdays at 5:00pm.** In case of an emergency, call on the Priest.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday: 9am -1pm & 2 pm - 5pm: and Sunday: 9 am - 1.30pm

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FINANCE CORNER

WEEKDAYS	MAR. WEEK1	MAR. WEEK2	MAR. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1303.00	380.00	-----
MONDAY	2219.00 + \$100	-----	20.00
TUESDAY	1515.80	615.00	150.00
WEDNESDAY	1847.30	50.00	55.00
THURSDAY	1743.00	70.00	-----
FRIDAY	4738.00	50.00	-----
SATURDAY	1517.50	-----	-----
MAR. BORN	314.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	15197.60 + \$100	1165.00	225.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collection

MAR. WEEK 3	TOTAL
MAIN COLLECTION	4172.90
SECOND COLLECTION	2243.20
TITHE	270.00
TOTAL	6686.10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.