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HOLY WEEK MASSES

Monday - Wednesday: 8.30, 9.30, 11.00, 4.00pm.
Divine Mercy Mass: Monday at 8.00pm.

There will be Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday in St Augustine's Church at 10.30am.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 4.00pm.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 11.00am.
Communal Penance Service 11.30am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8.00pm.
English / Polish Ceremony, with
St. Augustine's Choir & Polish Choir.

Easter Sunday Masses: 10.30, 11.30, 1.00pm
Polish Masses: 9.00, and 6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday: 10.45am - 6.00pm.

Good Friday: 11.30am - 6.00pm.

Holy Saturday: 10.45am - 6.00pm.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

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Most people experience the elation of triumph, many times during school and college life, be it graduation from Transition Year, from school or college. Another, particularly for many women, is the triumphal entry at their wedding.

Jesus only experienced one triumphal entry, coming into the city as a king, astride an ass, passing over a bed of palm branches amid the cries of "Hosanna". But, like all earthly accolades, his triumphal entry was short-lived, as was Jesus himself. He only had a few days left to live.

For the Church of God throughout the world, that all Christians may celebrate these holy days with deep faith.

For the Jewish people, our brothers and sisters, that they may continue to grow in faithfulness to the covenant.

For the city of Jerusalem, where many faiths meet, that it may be a place of forgiveness and reconciliation.

For those who suffer torture and humiliation, that the sufferings of Christ, and his glory, may bring them hope.

For all those who have gone before us in faith... that they may journey through the valley of death to resurrection.

A man dies and went to heaven. As he stood in front of St Peter at the Pearly Gates, he saw a huge wall of clocks behind him. He asked, "What are all those clocks?"

St Peter answered, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has a Lie-Clock. Every time you lie, the hands on your clock will move."

"Oh," said the man, "whose clock is that?" "That's Mother Teresa's. The hands never moved, indicating that she never told a lie."

"Incredible," said the man. "And whose clock is that one?" St Peter responded, "That's Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have moved twice, telling us that he told only two lies in his entire life."

"Where's Hilary Clinton's clock?" asked the man.

"Hillary's clock is in Jesus office. He's using it as a ceiling fan.

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION SUNDAY)

Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the week before Easter, commemorating events in the last days of Christ's life. It begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Monday. Holy Week is the last week of Lent.

Palm Sunday is a time of celebration as well as sadness because Jesus died on a cross less than a week after he had entered Jerusalem.

What is Palm Sunday ?

The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It marks the end of Lent and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. Great crowds of people lined the streets waving palm branches to welcome him. The people were very excited. They spread branches on the road - and even laid down their clothes. They shouted "Hosanna !" which means "Save us now!"

Why is it called Palm Sunday ?

The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday because the crowds waved palm branches as they followed Jesus' procession into Jerusalem.

Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem ?

It was the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. Many Jews travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate this feast together.

Traditionally, many churches will have a procession in or around the church while people sing songs of praise and wave palm leaves. This is to help them imagine what Jesus' entry into Jerusalem might have been like.

What happens to any palm left over ?

Any palm left over is kept and burned to make ashes for next years Ash Wednesday.

It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion.

It spins suspicion, generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry on their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called **gossip**. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself three questions: Is it True? Is it Fair? Is it necessary? If not, keep your mouth shut.