

St. Francis of Assisi, Isleworth

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday March 26th, 2023**



Today's celebration sees a shift as we move into 'Passiontide' on this fifth Sunday of Lent. Hymns and prayers reference the cross today, and statues are now veiled until Easter. 'Glory be to Jesus' we will sing today. In the gospel reading Jesus calls himself 'the resurrection and the life.' Glory indeed.

For your prayers

For the Church especially Sarah our bishop, and Emma our area bishop

For our Lenten observance, for a closer walk with God, that we may stay close to Christ, and know him crucified for us

With thanks today for mothers and all who care for and nurture others

For the mission of the Church

For peace in our world and especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine

For the King, national and devolved government in the UK

For all affected by industrial disputes

For the sick and suffering, for those in hospital

For the departed

Notices

Refreshments are served in the hall after the service.

Thursday Eucharist this week at 10am.

Lent group continues on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the church hall. This is an opportunity to learn and explore in company with others. We will be using a brand new course 'Bread of Life—The Christian Life through the lens of the Eucharist.'

Sunday School next meets during Mass on April 2nd, Palm Sunday.

Holy Week services Monday April 3rd and Tuesday April 4th, Mass at 5pm; Wednesday April 6th, Mass at 10am; Maundy Thursday, Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Watch of Prayer at 7.30pm; Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at 10.30am and Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

**Next Sunday, April 2nd, at 11am
Palm Sunday**

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54

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