

St. Francis of Assisi, Isleworth

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday March 17th, 2024**

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. The feeling of the season changes today as we enter 'Passiontide' and our eyes are drawn to the cross. You will see now that the statues in church are veiled. The hymns and prayers reference the cross. The gospel reading has Jesus speak of his being 'glorified' which means 'crucified.' It will soon be Holy Week, when Christians walk with Jesus the way of the cross.

For your prayers

For the Franciscan Order, and all who take inspiration from St. Francis of Assisi
For the Holy Land, and all affected by conflict there;
For The King, and for wisdom for all in authority, for all MPs
For the Church especially Sarah our bishop, and Emma our area bishop
For peace in our world especially Ukraine
For our community
For the sick and suffering, for those in hospital, in different forms of care or supported at home, and for any we know particularly in need of prayer at this time
For the departed, and for those who mourn

Notices

Today's Mass during Lent we are looking at what we can learn from the people depicted in statues in the church. Today: St. Francis of Assisi.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the service. Do come and share them, and enjoy fellowship together.

Thursday eucharist as usual this week at 10am.

Homemade marmalade at the back of church are jars of homemade marmalade. £3 a jar, and proceeds to church funds.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 24th. Services that week: Maundy Thursday, March 28th, Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm; Good Friday, March 29th, Stations of the Cross at 10.30am and Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

***Next Sunday, March 24th 2024, at 11am
Palm Sunday***

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 15.1-39

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