

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH—SALTDEAN

Dear Friends

We are entering the strangest Holy Week any of us will have known; no Christ mass, no foot washing, no watch of the passion in the lady Chapel, no veneration of the cross after stations on Good Friday and no glorious celebration of the first light at the Saturday vigil.

We cannot be together, but we are still the church. Each year we ask all Christians to walk with Christ on the way of the cross in Holy Week, this year is no different. I have been very cheered to know that many of you are following the services on Facebook and that those of you who do not have access to social media are following in the Spiritual Resources booklet. We have produced another booklet, this one to help us walk through the way of the cross to the glorious paschal mysteries of Easter. Brothers and sisters, please continue to follow our parish worship in any way you can, please continue to pray for one another, and in this way, we will know that we are building up the Kingdom of God in this place.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, we would usually be processing in the parish to remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, how can we publicly acknowledge this important day on our calendar when so many of us will be behind closed doors?

The Missionaries of the Holy Spirit posted this idea on their Facebook page:

What if everyone on Sunday, April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter the Holiest of Weeks.

Let's make the biggest 'procession' Saltdean has ever seen by having our 'Palm' branches on display across the parish.

We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

We are the Church.

With my continued love and prayers

Father Jim

Morning Prayer Mon-Thurs 9am (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

Evening Prayer Mon- Wed 5pm (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

Eucharist Mon-Wed 12:30 (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

Maudy Thursday Mass 8pm & Vigil at 9.30pm (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

Good Friday—Beside the Cross at 3 (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

Holy Saturday—Vigil at 8pm (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

Easter Sunday 10:30 Eucharist (Live streamed on the Facebook page (facebook.com/StNicholasChur3/))

A Sermon for the Sunday service will be recorded and posted on the Facebook page and on the website.

Please send prayer requests to frjim50@gmail.com or 07545-896146.

Keeping in touch

We are all learning how to be church in these difficult times, be assured we are praying for you and if you need any support; spiritual, emotional or practical please let us know.

God bless

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