



Ordinariate and Parish Church

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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



PALM SUNDAY

28th March 2021



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Jesus is king! The triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is king and within a week he will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.

Holy Week begins today - the most important week of the Church's year. Put up a poster.

Holy Week and Easter liturgies are printed overleaf. All will be live-streamed. Easter Sunday will be busy, so sign up soon. And remember, if you sign up and plans change, please cancel your reservation.

Extra Mass this week on Mon, Tue & Wed at 6.30pm which will be in the Ordinariate Use. Why not make an effort to be at Mass every day this Holy Week.

The Chrism Mass for the Diocese is on Wed, 11.30am at the Cathedral. It is by reservation only and will be live-streamed.

The Liturgies will be different this year, so, please be prepared. There will be no service sheets available in Church. However they are all on-line either to print and bring, or use in Church on your smart phone or tablet.

The Watch will be on-line only. FrC will lead a collective Hour, then the live-stream will continue till midnight for you to spend some time at home, watching with the Lord.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence, which means we should eat nothing, (except one small main meal) and abstain from meat (ie eat no meat).

The Good Friday Collection, is for the Holy Places in the Holy Land. This can only be done on-line or at registration.

The Easter Vigil is at 8pm on Saturday. As it will be dark, anyone wanting an escort home let FrC know today.

Wear something white for Easter Sunday: we will renew our baptismal promises.

Easter is, of course, THE most important day of the year and whether you are isolating or not you will want to be at Mass....won't you. Live and/or on-line.

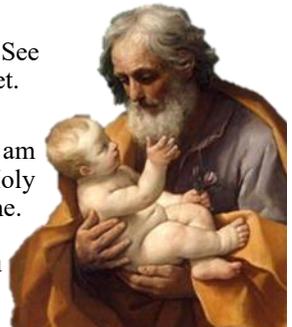
Easter Offering for the clergy. Like everything these days, these are on-line this year. You are always so phenomenally generous, thank you in anticipation. You can also use the station at the back of Church. Clever eh?

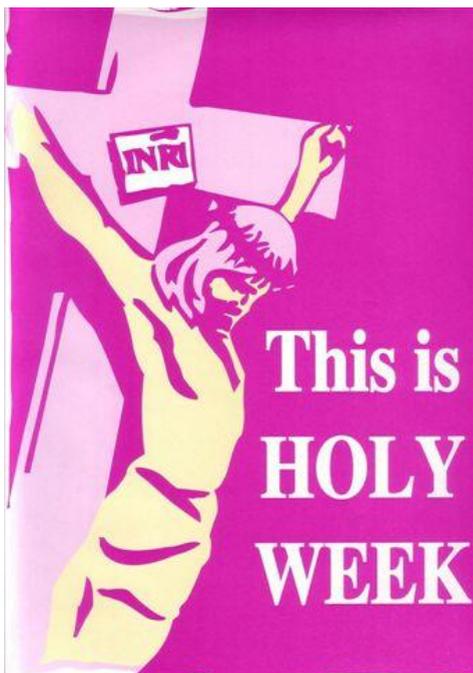
Confession before Easter will be by appointment only, or grab FrC after any Mass.

Easter Flowers. Thank you to those who have responded to the call. Donations can be made on-line (see the drop down menu). Helpers, see FrC.

Cleaners needed - See Martha and/or Genet. Many hands....

Sunday Mass at 11am and each day this Holy Week will be on-line. Take part as much as you can as if you were physically present.





Holy Week is sacred time of the year, because we commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents show that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins today on Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The feature of today, as in the earliest times, is the Palm Procession. The Palms are blessed and are then carried in joyful procession to church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony. The other notable and very ancient feature today is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

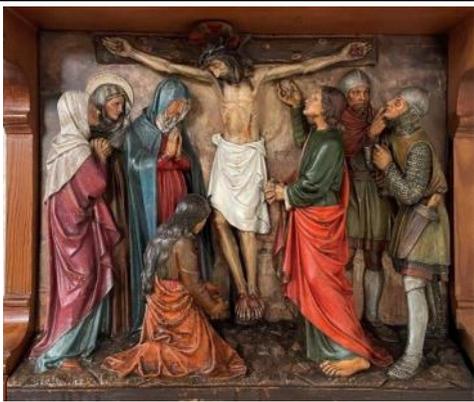
And especially important for Catholics is the Triduum (three days). On Maundy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, which he shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most

beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest washes the feet of twelve people, just as Jesus did. This is also the day, priests all over the world renew their sacred priestly promises, because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass but also the ministerial priesthood.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, the veneration of the Cross is very moving. A service held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour Jesus died). All are invited to venerate the Cross with a kiss to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, so in Holy Communion we receive from the tabernacle where we watched with the Lord on Maundy Thursday.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour. This day he went down into the underworld in order to bring back up with him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, he gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what he did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy to wear the crown.



The Stations of the Cross have been returned, and look splendid. Thank you to those who sponsored one or more.

Some are still available for sponsorship. preciousblood.org.uk/store/p17/Stations



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A priest...? Me.... ?

The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd - 5th September at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. [Link here](#)

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

09.30 Palm Blessing & Mass

11.00 Simple Procession & Mass

Holy Monday

10.00 & 18.30[†] Mass

Holy Tuesday

10.00 & 18.30[†] Mass

Holy Wednesday

10.00 & 18.30[†] Mass

11.30 Chrism Mass at St George's Cath

nb the Chrism Mass will be on-line only

Maunder Thursday

18.30 Solemn Mass
on-line watch till midnight

Good Friday

14.00 Stations of the Cross

15.00 Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday

20.00 Easter Vigil & First Mass

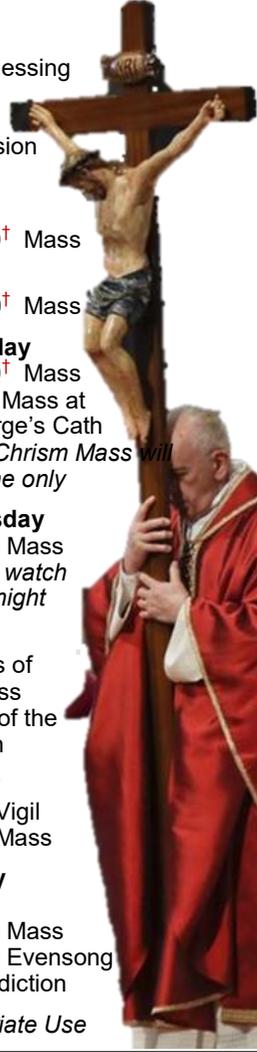
Easter Sunday

09.30 Mass

11.00 Solemn Mass

16.00 Solemn Evensong & Benediction

[†] *In the Ordinariate Use*



“ God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son ”
John 3:16



Wash
HANDS



Cover
FACE



Make
SPACE

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	09.30 11.00	Powell family Parishioners
Mon 29th <i>in Holy Week</i>	10.00 18.300	Eva Hall ✕ <i>d.2011</i>
Tues 30th <i>in Holy Week</i>	10.00 18.30	Sr Madeline ND mistress <i>foundation</i>
Wed 31st <i>in Holy Week</i>	10.00 18.30	Those who work in the NHS
Thur 1st Maundy Thursday	18.30	In Thanksgiving
Fri 2nd Good Friday	15.00	
Sat 3rd Holy Saturday	20.00	All those to be baptised at MPB this year
Next Sunday EASTER SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	Bridie Dooley ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 10:34.37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Sacrament of Confession. *By appointment during lockdown*

Evensong 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday
6.00pm, Thursday *term-time*

Last week: £ -.- Standing Orders and On-line payments

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for April: *Fundamental Rights* We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

For your prayers:

In formation: for Ministry, Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Those who are Sick: Mary, David, Elizabeth, Fr Scott, Dean
And for all those with Coronavirus

Coronavirus: The medical profession, doctors, nurses, first responders, support-staff, research scientists, those who make big-impact decision,

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