



# Ordinariate and Parish Church

## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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



### PALM SUNDAY

24th March 2024



**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.

**Thank you** for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal last week. At the back there are named envelopes for all who signed a pledge form. If you missed signing a pledge, please complete one today - they are available at the back of Church. Once again, thank you! Please keep our parish in your prayers.

**Holy Week** begins today - the most important week of the Church's year.

**Holy Week and Easter** liturgies are printed overleaf, Mass of the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday), Liturgy of the Passion (Good Friday) and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday).

**Extra Mass** times this week, Mon 13.05 & 18.30 and Tue & Wed at 18.30. Why not make an effort to be at Mass every day this Holy Week.

**The Chrism Mass** is on Wednesday this week, 11.30 at the Cathedral.

**The Watch** on Maundy Thursday will be a collective for one hour. Stay and watch with the Lord.

**Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence, which means Catholics 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 be made on-line or in Church.

**The Easter Vigil** is at 20.00 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.

**Easter Offering**. You are always so phenomenally generous, thank you in anticipation.

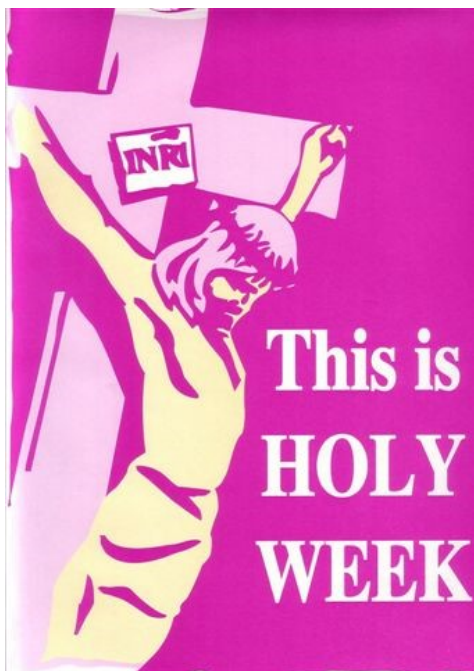
**Easter Lilies** can be sponsored in memory of someone. Also if any are willing to help flower arrange, see Maureen.

**Lots of cleaners needed** on Saturday this week, to get the church ready. Come and help prepare 10.00 - 12.30 See Martina. *Many hands....*

**Spring forward** - clocks go forward next week, on Easter Sunday morning, so we lose an hour. Don't be late!

**The Annunciation of the Lord** is usually celebrated on 25th March, which would be tomorrow. But as it's Holy Week, it will be transferred to 8th April.

**The Archbishop** has sent a Pastoral Message on the question of Assisted Suicide, which is being promoted by various groups through changes in the Law. He asks we inform ourselves of the issues and write to our Member of Parliament



**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.

**We adore thee O Christ and we bless thee; because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world!**

Our Stations were restored during the restoration. Generous donors sponsored one (or more) to be restored at £1,600. There are a few unclaimed. See website

[preciousblood.org.uk/store/p17/Stations](http://preciousblood.org.uk/store/p17/Stations)



### **Confessions before Easter.**

Every Catholic should go to confession; it's not just for some, but all Catholics. The Church asks us to go at least once a year in preparation for Easter. If you have not been for a long while, even since your First Confession, start by saying to the priest "I've not been for a while" And he will lead you through. Go on, give it a go this year.

Monday	12.30 - 12.55 18.00 - 18.25
Tuesday	12.30 - 12.55 18.00 - 18.25
Wednesday	18.00 - 18.25

### **Holy Week and Easter**

#### **Palm Sunday**

09.30 Blessing of  
Palms & Mass

#### **11.00 Palm Procession & Mass**

#### **Holy Monday**

13.05 & 18.30 Mass

#### **Holy Tuesday**

13.05 & 18.30 Mass

#### **Holy Wednesday**

08.00 & 18.30 Mass

*nb no 13.05*

11.30 *Chrism Mass at  
St George's Cath*

#### **Maundy Thursday**

18.30 **Solemn Mass**

*followed by watch  
for one hour*

#### **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**



British Summer Times begins on Sunday,  
*Spring forward, Fall back...*



## This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
<b>This Sunday</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Bryan Parry ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 25th Holy Monday</i>	13.05 18.30	
<i>Tue 26th Holy Tuesday</i>	13.05 18.30	DG - PSF
<i>Wed 27th Holy Wednesday</i>	08.00 18.30	Merle Walker ✕ <i>d.1992</i> Bernard Folléa ✕
<i>Thurs 28th Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>18.30</b>	Thanksgiving
<i>Fri 29th Good Friday</i>	<b>15.00</b>	
<i>Sat 30th Holy Saturday</i>	<b>20.00</b>	Those being baptised & Confirmed
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	09.30 <b>11.00</b>	Arthur Pearson ✕ <i>d.1960</i> Parishioners

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

**Sacrament of Confession.** Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55 Saturday 10.00-10.25

† **Mass in the Ordinarate Use** of the Roman Rite

**Last week: £648.12** (cash £134.43; card £222.00; standing orders £291.69) *Thank you!*

**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: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

**Holy Father's Intention for March 2024: *For the new martyrs***

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. .

**For your prayers:**

*In priestly formation:* Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

*Peace:* In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

*Those who are Sick:* Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John, King Charles

*Recently Departed:* Carmina Carrapa, Dennis Barratt *deacon*,  
Rev Bryan Parry, David Stanley *priest*

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