



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

13th April 25



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 starts today. Keep this week in a different and special way. Make time for the Lord : it's the most important and holiest week of the year.

Extra Mass times week, so you can go to Mass every day.

Avoid the shops, on Friday. Make an effort to keep Good Friday special: it's the day the Lord died! It's a day of Fast and Abstinence: Catholics should eat nothing except one *light* meal, and no meat that day.

Easter Sunday is of course, THE most important day of the year, so you must be at Mass next Sunday! Why would Catholics *not* to be at Mass on Easter Sunday?

Easter Lilies can be bought in memory of a loved one. Thank you to those who have; you still can. Names and donations to Maureen.

Preparing the Church for Easter. Come on Saturday morning this week to help get things ready for the celebrations.



Confessions before Easter - plan well ahead. Either come to MPB, or somewhere you know, like Westminster or St George's Cathedral. It doesn't matter where you, just go and hear the Lord loves you.

Easter Offerings can be made using the pay-stations or the yellow envelopes which are at the back of the church.

The Holy Places (ie in the Holy Land) is where the offering traditionally go on Good Friday. Come prepared!

Mary Murphy, sad to say, died last week. Long time members will remember her and her husband John who were greatly involved here at MPB before retirement. Please keep her and Joseph in your prayers. Funeral arrangements to follow. *Jesus have mercy!*

The Chrim Mass is on Wednesday this week, so there's no lunch-time Mass here that day, just 08.00 & 18.30

Away for Easter? It's not too early to check Mass times at the Catholic Church were you are going.

The Suicide Bill may be delayed in it's next stage, so still time to write to your MP. Fing yours here: righttolife.org.uk/asvote.

Resources on this Bill are available here: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

The Archbishop's letter last week is still available at the back, or on-line.

Safeguarding is taken very seriously at MPB. Anyone with a role will soon receive an invitation to commit to it's high importance.



Holy Week is most the most 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 death) 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, in many parishes people 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 of wearing the crown.

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Monday 18.30
Holy Tuesday 13.05 & 18.30
Spy Wednesday 08.00 & 18.30

Maundy Thursday 18.30

'Could you not watch with me one hour?'

The watch will be collective and directed: we will be led through the hour thoughtfully, meditatively and prayerfully.

Good Friday 15.00

There will be Stations of the Cross at 14.00 which is addition to and not instead of, the Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm

Holy Saturday 20.30

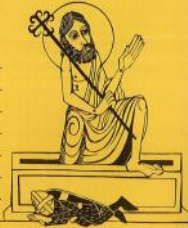
The climax of the Church's year: the Vigil and first Mass of the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus

Easter Sunday 09.30 & 11.00

The day every Catholic should want to (not have to) be at Mass. Bring your family and friends, bring every you can find to celebrate Jesus Risen from the dead!

Easter Gift

optional message from



Fill in other side

Most Precious Blood, Borough SE1
preciousblood.org.uk

CHRISM
MASS



Wednesday 11.30
St George's Cathedral, SE1

Write to your MP on Assisted Suicide

You can find who they are here
righttolife.org.uk/asvote.

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Things to consider when writing

- ✘ Write a proper letter
- ✘ Use hand writing, or at least top & tail
- ✘ Give personal experience
- ✘ Raise concerns for due process
- ✘ Express your own fears
- ✘ Point out the lack of safeguards
- ✘ If they voted in favour last year, ask them to consider the new factors
- ✘ Thank them for their time and work
- ✘ If they voted against, still write, thank them and ask them to attend
- ✘ Even if you can't/don't vote, write!

Confessions
before
Easter



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday PALM SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	John O'Toole <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
Mon 14th <i>Holy Monday</i>	18.30	Elizabeth Almeida ✕
Tues 15th <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	13.05 18.30	Preciousa Godinho ✕ Mary Murphy ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 16th <i>Spy Wednesday</i>	08.00 18.30	Felix Godinho ✕ DG Pope Benedict XVI
Thur 17th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	18.30	Thanksgiving
Fri 18th <i>Good Friday</i>	15.00	
Sat 19th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	20.30	
Next Sunday EASTER SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	Sergiusz Dziemianowicz ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 10:34-37-43 2 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Sacrament of Confession. Tue-Fri 12.30-12.55 Sat 10.00-10.25 *and at request*

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

Last week: **£1,014.63** (*cash £156.63 card £138.00; standing orders £720*)

Flowers: **£218.00** (*cash £18.00 card £200.00*) **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 Representatives: Pamela Gatti, Aminata Keita & Daniela Guzzardo. www.preciousblood.org.uk/safeguarding

Holy Father's Intention for April 2025: *For the use of the new technologies*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Live-streaming is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip Gerlomes OP

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land, Syria

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Hermon, Amaogechi, David, Pope Francis, Michael, Norman, Julietta

Recently Departed: Francis Leo Mooney *priest*, John O@Toole *priest*, Mary Murphy

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