



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

29th March 2026



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 glorious resurrection.

The Archbishop met many parishioners last week, and he clearly enjoyed himself. Don't forget what we promised: that we'd pray for him at least once a week, or even everyday.

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

Palm Procession. We will gather in *Flat Iron* at 11.00 - by kind permission of Chris, the site manager.

The Archdiocesan Chrism Mass this week is on Wednesday at 11.30, St George's Cathedral. *All welcome*

Good Friday, is a day of fast and absence: fast from food (one small main meal) and abstain from meat (doesn't have to be fish).

Avoid the shops, the Market and B&Q on Friday. Please make an effort to keep Good Friday special: it's the day the Lord died.

Stations of the Cross, Friday at 2pm before the Liturgy at 3pm.

Our annual super-deep-clean will be on Saturday this week in preparation for Easter. 10.00-13.00. See Martina, or the full list of jobs is at the back. Coffee and HCBs will be available

The Easter Vigil is at 20.30 on Saturday. As it will be dark, if you want an escort home let FrC know today.

Easter is, of course, THE most important day of the year. Wherever you are you will want to be at Mass.

Going away for Easter? Give our greetings to the parish you attend on Easter Sunday. There's a great app on the App Store or Google Play to help you find a Catholic Church - it's called '*Catholic Mass*'

Easter Lilies – if you would like to buy one or some in memory of a loved one, or indeed would like to contribute something towards Easter Flowers see Maureen; and give her the person's name to be on the altar.

Easter flowers retiring collection today.

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

The end of the Tax Year approaches. If you haven't yet, be sure to *Gift Aid* donations. Higher Tax and Super Tax payers might want to reduce their tax liability by making a large donation to MPB and gain 20pc plus, back. See Chris our Finance chairman how it works

Do you have a role at MPB, either low level, or high level requiring a DBS check? You are invited to a safe guarding gathering on 19th April, at 10.15

Lent Project for your savings from fasting and your Lent almsgiving. There's a leaflet outlining the Lent projects. *Thank you.*



Holy Week is most of 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 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 blessed Palms would be 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-live the Lord's Last Supper, which the

Lord 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 would wash 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 Jesus not only instituted the Mass but also the ministerial priesthood. Priests this year will do this alone, but together before the Blessed Sacrament at 'the watch'.

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 adore a Crucifix at home at this time 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 is received from the tabernacle where the watched with the Lord was on Maundy Thursday.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. Keeping 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 his sinless death on the Cross, he gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night we renew our Baptism promises, so renew yours at home, maybe light a candle, a reminder that you too are a light for Christ.

From afar we are invited to engage wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) and re-discover that it can change us forever. This is especially so this year, entering in a different, but just as full a way, the Triduum which stands at the heart of the Easter season. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with him at his glorious Resurrection. This Holy Week we have more a chance to participate than ever, having clear schedules. Fix your heart on Jesus. Let us bear the Cross so that may be worthy of wear the Crown.



The Palm crosses used today are made in eight villages in the Masasi area of southern Tanzania: Mpetu, Namikunda, Mlundelunde, Mumbaka, Machombe, Chivirikiti, Makanyama and Marika. The project of supporting these small Christian communities started in 1965, is continuing today. They also make tote bags which can be supplied by the local agent in SE17 (£25) africanpalms.co.uk/shop/



Lent Project

Single Monthly

Select donation amount:

£20 £50 £100 + Other

Confessions before Easter

If you go regularly, or if you've not been for ages, make this Easter special, by turning to the Lord and just come clean. An even greater joy in the Resurrection is on offer!

Monday: 18.00
 Tue & Wed : 12.30 & 18.00
 Saturday: 10.00
at call or by appointment



Mass this Holy Week & Easter

Holy Monday 18.30
 Holy Tue & Wed 13.05 & 18.30

Maundy Thursday. *'Could you not watch with me one hour?'* The watch will be collective and directed: we will be led through the hour. **18.30**

Good Friday *The day the Lord died for the Salvation of the world. There will be lots demanding our attention today, the shops, friends TV even the weather might pull you to the seaside. But the only place to be, is with the Lord Jesus as he shows his love.*
 Stations 14.00
 Liturgy **15.00**

Holy Saturday *The climax of the Church's year: the Vigil and first Mass of Easter. Bring a bell!* **20.30**

Easter Sunday *The day every Catholic should want to (not have to) be at Mass. Bring your family and friends, bring everyone you can find to celebrate Jesus Risen from the dead!* **09.30 & 11.00**

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday PALM SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	Merle Walker ✕ <i>d.1992</i> Parishioners
Mon 30th <i>in Holy Week</i>	18.30	Stephen O'Connor <i>deacon</i> ✕ <i>recently</i>
Tues 31st <i>in Holy Week</i>	13.05 18.30	Len Mepstead <i>priest</i> ✕ <i>d.1999</i> Holy Souls ✕
Wed 1st <i>in Holy Week</i>	13.05 18.30	Dora ✕ Sr Madeline ND ✕ <i>school mistress; foundation</i>
Thur 2nd Maundy Thursday	18.30	Thanksgiving
Fri 3rd Good Friday	15.00	
Sat 4th Holy Saturday	20.30	New Catholics
Next Sunday EASTER SUNDAY	09.30 11.00	Margaret <i>birthday</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 Ordinary Use** of the Roman Rite

Last week: £1,439.05 (*cash £107.05 card £752.00 standing orders £580*)

Poor Parishes £102.38 (*cash £37.38 card £65.00*)

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 2026: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. .

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, the Holy Land, Syria, the Middle East

Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Amaogechi, Kathie,
Fr Alan, Luke

Recently Departed: Carlo Torri, David Brennan, Stephen O'Connor *deacon*

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