



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Week

28th March, 2021

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Sunday, 28 th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i> 9.00 am Mass 5.15 pm Stations of the Cross 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Ellen McGarry (Anniversary)</i> <i>Adoio & 10 other - RIP</i>
Monday, 29 th March	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i>	
Tuesday, 30 th March	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i> 9.15 am Mass 11.00 am Requiem Mass of John Flanagan <i>(livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Michael Cullen</i> <i>John Flanagan</i>
Wednesday, 31 st March	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 1 st April Maundy Thursday	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i> THE EASTER TRIDUUM 7.00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>Richard Bolton (Anniversary)</i>	
Friday, 2 nd April Good Friday Today is a day of fasting and abstinence.	9.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(live and livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i> 3.00 pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION This is not a Mass, but a solemn celebration held at the time of Our Lord's death on the Cross. 5.00 pm-6.00 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, 3 rd April Holy Saturday	9.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(live and livestreamed from Our Lady's)</i> Today we join Jesus in His "Sabbath Rest" in the tomb, until ... 8.00 pm THE EASTER VIGIL <i>Frederick Gardner (Anniversary)</i>	
Sunday, 4 th April Easter Sunday	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Larry Gardner (Anniversary)</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 5.00-6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart for our celebration of Mass. Today we begin Holy Week.

Holy Week is the greatest week in the Church's year, so please take part as much as you can. *By taking part in the celebrations of the Liturgy we can enter into the events that happened about two thousand years ago. But we enter in, not as bystanders or casual observers but as believers, recognising our own part in what is unfolding, and also recognising the great things that God has done for us.* We can share with Jesus His triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His special celebration of the Passover with His disciples at the Last Supper and then His agony and betrayal in the Garden on Maundy Thursday, all the horrible events of Good Friday, His "Sabbath Rest" on Holy Saturday, and thus we can truly share in His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **John Flanagan, Bridget Willoughby, John Kinyungu** and the souls of all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Thomas Leighton Williams, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Canon Brian Withers, Frs. Thomas Cockburn, Matthew Sheridan, John Callaghan, Philip O'Reilly, Lawrence King and Deacon Raymond Zacaroli, and also Richard Bolton, Charlie O'Conner, Betty Kellett, James Craig, Mary Batten, Ellen McGarry, Frederick Gardner and Larry Gardner. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

John Flanagan's funeral will be at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 11.00 am. As usual it will be streamed and, if you can, I invite you to attend virtually and to pray for John and his family.



Today is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week

Wednesday: The Chrism Mass. The Archbishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11.30 on Wednesday morning in St. Chad's Cathedral, joined by the Auxiliary Bishops, Deans, Chapter Canons and our recently ordained priests to mark this important celebration. The Chrism Mass is the occasion when the Holy Oils are blessed which are used for all Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, and Anointings of the Sick in the diocese during the coming year. [Chrism Mass, live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians)



Maundy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm on Maundy Thursday evening is the end of Lent and the start of the Easter Triduum. At this Mass we celebrate the institution of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and the Priesthood.



Watching at the Altar of Repose. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle and we shall leave the church. If you wish to keep watch with Jesus, remembering His Agony in the Garden and His acceptance of His Father's will, please go to the livestreaming from Our Lady's. I shall pray Night Prayer at 10.00 pm.

Good Friday: On Good Friday there is no Mass, but at 3.00 pm in the afternoon there is a "Solemn Celebration"



of the Passion of our Lord. There are four parts:

1. *The Introductory Rites*
2. *The Liturgy of the Word*
3. *The Veneration of the Cross*
4. *Holy Communion*

Holy Saturday: We do not celebrate Mass on Holy Saturday, the Lord's Day of Rest in the tomb, but in the evening starting at 8.00 pm we begin our Easter celebrations with the Easter Vigil which is the greatest event in the Church's year. There are four parts to the service

1. *The Service of Light*
2. *The Liturgy of the Word*
3. *The Liturgy of Baptism*
4. *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*



Mass at Home. You are welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass, but if you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we can Zoom the Mass to you. Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch the Mass at home:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

Welcome to Fr. Martin Flatman. I am very grateful to Fr. Martin who will help me with the services on Holy Week. He will be here at Sacred Heart on Thursday and Saturday, while I am at Our Lady's. On Good Friday I shall be here and Fr. Martin will be at Our Lady's.

Gift Aid Envelopes. The new envelopes are available. Please take your box from the hall as you leave the church today, and if you have neighbours who are not here today, please do take their box and deliver it to them. If your circumstances have changed in a way that affects your income tax please let Sally know (01865 779078). Similarly, if you wish to start gift aiding your weekly donations to the church, please give Sally a call.

The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places – i.e. for the upkeep of the sites in the Holy Land associated with the life of Our Lord.

Traditionally the collection at the Easter Masses is your personal offering to your priest. There are envelopes at the back of church to use if you wish. Thank you.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

May God bless you all this Holy Week.
Fr. Harry