



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Week

10th April, 2022

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Sunday, 10 th April Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Jimmy & Mona Doherty The safe delivery of a baby</i>
Monday, 11 th April	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, 12 th April	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Fr. Peter Dooley (Anniv.)</i>
Wednesday, 13 th April	No Public Mass Today	<i>Laurie Debono (1st Anniv.)</i>
Thursday, 14 th April Maundy Thursday	2.30 pm <i>Requiem Mass (at Our Lady's)</i> 5.00 – 6.00 pm <i>Confessions</i>	<i>Martyn Spackman</i>
THE EASTER TRIDUUM 7.00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. <i>In Thanksgiving</i> After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession from the main altar in the church to the Altar of Repose where there will be watching until 9.00 pm. <i>"Can you not watch with me one hour?"</i>		
Friday, 15 th April Good Friday Today is a day of fasting and abstinence.	<i>(10.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at Our Lady's)</i> 3.00 pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION 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. 6.00 pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday, 16 th April Holy Saturday	<i>(10.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at Our Lady's)</i> 12.00 - 1.00 pm <i>Confessions</i> Today we join Jesus in His "Sabbath Rest" in the tomb, until ... 8.00 pm THE EASTER VIGIL. <i>For Peace</i>	
Sunday, 17 th April Easter Sunday	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 9.00 am	<i>Mary and Edward Murphy</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church 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.

Easter Duties. All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

Please pray for Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry, and all those we know who are sick.

PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday there will be no evening Mass here at Sacred Heart.

Mass at Home. We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. But as an alternative you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed 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 a Livestream Mass:

"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."



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. 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. It is also the occasion when the priests of the diocese renew their commitment of service to God and the Church. [Chrism Mass, live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

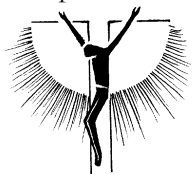


Maundy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm on Maundy Thursday evening is the end of Lent and the start of the Easter Triduum. At this Mass we celebrate the institution of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and the Priesthood.



Watching at the Altar of Repose. When the Mass of the Last Supper ends we shall keep watch with Jesus until 9.00 pm, remembering His Agony in the Garden and His acceptance of His Father's will.

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*



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stephen Fontaine, Pat Markham, Martyn Spackman and all who have died recently, or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canons Peter Jones and Bernard Hodgson, Frs. Kenneth Collins, Joseph Barr, Michael McManus, Wilfrid Sheeran, Walter Edwards, Peter Dooley and Anthony Browne. May they rest in peace.

Volunteers Needed. During the services this week there is the chance for people to take part – foot washes, servers, readers, welcomers. Please sign up to show that you would like to do this. Thank you.

Church cleaning. On Tuesday of this week there will be a church cleaning session to get the church ready for Easter and what follows. It will start at 10.00 and all help will be gratefully accepted.

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes. The new Gift Aid envelopes are available to collect from the church porch. If you would like to start or stop using the Gift Aid scheme, or your circumstances have changed (e.g. you no longer pay income tax, or you have changed your address) please let Sally McVeigh know (01865 779078). [We do need more people to be involved in the Gift Aid scheme, please.](#)

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.

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

Wanted! Someone to cut the bushes down to a manageable size around the church, and clear up. We do have tools. If you can help, please talk to Jacqui.

Refreshments are available after the 9.00 Mass in the hall. On Good Friday there will be Hot Cross Buns.

Diocesan Directories. The new directories are now available. Spiral-bound £4.50, normal binding £3.50.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.
Fr. Harry