

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Week

2nd April, 2023

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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 2nd April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.45 am <i>Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 5.00 pm Stations of the Cross 6.00 pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sabas and Lourdes Balbag</i> <i>Mick Mullagh</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The People of the Parish</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, 3rd April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sr. Helen Carey</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 4th April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 1.30 pm Requiem Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mary Bailey (Anniversary)</i> <i>Johanna Berg</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 5th April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Public Mass Today</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mick Mullagh (Anniversary)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, 6th April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>11.30 am-12.30 pm Confessions</i> <i>(1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Saveliis Bogatirjovs</i></p>
<p style="margin: 0;">THE EASTER TRIDUUM</p> <p style="margin: 0;">7.00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>Patrick Mulholland</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><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></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>"Can you not watch with me one hour?"</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, 7th April Good Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today is a day of fasting and abstinence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>10.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>12.00 noon Stations of the Cross</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.00 pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>This is not a Mass, but a solemn celebration held at the time of Our Lord's death on the Cross.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 8th April Holy Saturday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>10.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>12.00 noon – 1.00 pm Confessions</i> <i>Today we join Jesus in His "Sabbath Rest" in the tomb, until ...</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.00 pm THE EASTER VIGIL <i>The People of the Parish</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9th April Easter Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> N.B. NO EVENING MASS TODAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Larry Gardner & Richard Bolton</i> <i>Antonietta Aprea (Birthday)</i></p>
<p>Confessions: Thursday, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm; Saturday, 12.00 noon - 1.00 pm</p>		

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.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If someone you know is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

Our Parish Prayer: Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.
May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.
Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away
or who have never known you. Amen.

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall
after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.
Come and have a chat with friends.



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)



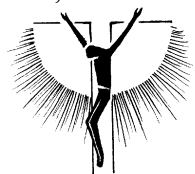
Maundy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm on Maundy Thursday evening is the end of Lent and the start of the Easter Triduum. At this Mass we celebrate the institution of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and the Priesthood.



Watching at the Altar of Repose. When the Mass of the Last Supper ends we shall go to the Altar of Repose and keep watch with Jesus, 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, the hour at which our Lord died, 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 at 8.00 pm we begin our Easter celebrations with the Easter Vigil, the greatest event in the Church's year. This year we celebrate with Raymond Clement as he is baptised and becomes a child of God. 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*



If you wish to join us for Mass from your home go to
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion:

"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."

Please pray for those who have died recently, especially **Bishop David McGough, Nicholas Dawe, Johanna Berg and Dermot McMahon**, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop Anthony Emery, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Frs. Lawrence King, Michael Glynn, Timothy Burke and Kevin Preston, and also Mary Batten, Samuel E. Williams, Larry Gardner, Jack and Kathleen Duffy, and Joan Ann Kelly. May they rest in peace.

Easter Flowers. There will be a retiring collection today towards the cost of the flowers that will adorn our church for the coming celebration of Easter.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. The idea is to walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends, have fun or take time to pray and reflect. There is a fundraising page for Sacred Heart if anyone would like to walk and fundraise online

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/sacred-heart-blackbird-leys>

To sponsor Rachel go to:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/rachel-beward-oxford>

To sponsor me go to:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/harry-curtis>

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 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 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be coming to Sacred Heart on Sunday 21st May to celebrate this Sacrament during the 6.00 pm Mass. If you want to be confirmed please fill in an application form found at the back of church and give it to me. Lessons will be starting after Easter.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.
Fr. Harry