



HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2018

PALM SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH

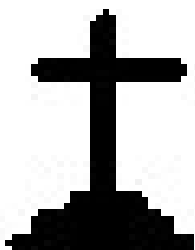
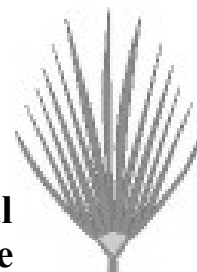
Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.

The solemn entrance beginning with the blessing of palms, so bring olive branches with you to be blessed. The Passion is read to offer us a meditation on the passion of the Lord, which will be celebrated more specifically at the end of the week.

Mass times: Saturday 24th March (English) at 6.00pm; Sunday 25th March at 9am (English) and 11.00am (Italian).

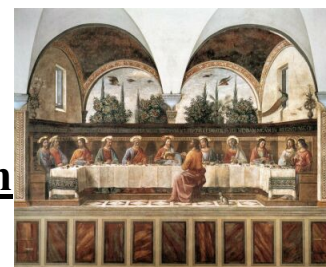
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. **Times for Confessions: Monday (26th March) and Wednesday (28th March) following the 10am Mass; and all year round every Saturday at 11am and 6.45pm.**



HOLY THURSDAY - 29th March 7pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



The Mass of the Lord's Supper begins the Easter Triduum. Jesus performed two symbolic actions at the last supper: He washed his disciples' feet; he shared the bread and cup as signs of his broken body and blood poured out. Christ gives an example for his followers. As his death was a total self-giving at the service of others, so his disciples are to be marked by humble service.

At the beginning of the Celebration, gifts for the poor may be presented. This would be a good time for people to make their Project Compassion offering in the box prepared in front of the Lectern.

After Mass, Silent Adoration takes place at the Eucharist Chapel.

GOOD FRIDAY – 30th March



On this day we are called to reflect on Jesus on the cross. The cross of Jesus refers both to Jesus being lifted painfully on the cross and to his being raised up to glory. The cross we lift up today is the empty cross from which the Lord has risen, the cross which represents both his suffering and his triumph. In honouring the plain wooden cross, we honour the whole mystery of Jesus' death/resurrection which has won us salvation.

Good Friday and Ash Wednesday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Church Law, Canon 1252).

10.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Way of the Cross in English

03.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

07.00pm Way of the Cross in Italian



Good Friday (Holy Places) Appeal. The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

EASTER WEEKEND 31st March and 1st April

The Easter Vigil is a vigil, a time of prayer and silence, a time of waiting and watching. It is the high point of the Church year. It is a festival of light and water, of enlightenment and life, not only for the privileged, but for all.

Easter is that time of life when we are invited to dare new visions and to affirm life in all its fantastic possibilities. The difference that resurrection makes is that death is no longer the end of life. If resurrection means anything at all it means that death is not a full stop but a pause to make sense out of the sentence of life.

Easter Vigil Saturday, 7pm

Sunday Masses 9am (English) and 11.00am (Italian)

(A special collection for Priests in all three Masses)



Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.