

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION & ST GREGORY



DEDICATED TO THE LIFE OF THE
PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

6PM (SATURDAY); 10.30AM (SOLEMN); 5PM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (SPY WEDNESDAY)

6.30PM SUNG MASS

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

6.30PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

3PM SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH OF OUR
LORD

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

8.30PM SOLEMN VIGIL

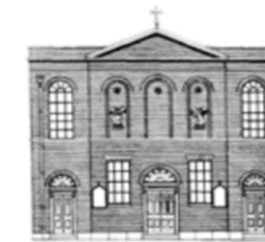
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SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

If you have ever experienced injustice or rejection, you understand the feelings expressed in this first reading. The one who is speaking is the Suffering Servant of God. It is easy for us as Christians to identify this servant with Jesus. When he was made to suffer, despite his innocence he did not rebel or seek revenge against his enemies. He trusted that God was at his side and knew that he would "not be put to shame." On this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we honour the Suffering Servant who laid down his life for us.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

This reading is a hymn to Jesus Christ that serves as a preview of the events of Holy Week. It describes how the Son of God "emptied himself" of divine glory and became human like all of us. Out of love and obedience, he accepted his own death on a cross. Because Jesus humbled himself and did not cling to any of his special privileges as God's Son, he was glorified by his heavenly Father. We are called to have the same attitude of humility and obedience as Christ had.

Gospel

Luke 23: 1-49

"To St. Luke again we owe our knowledge of no less than three of the seven words from the Cross: the prayer for His murderers; the episode of the penitent thief; and the last utterance of all, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit". Finally it is St. Luke alone who tells us of the effect produced upon the spectators, who so short a time before had been so full of hatred, and how they returned home 'striking their breasts'." (New Advent Encyclopedia)

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.

NEWS & EVENTS

Holy Saturday Morning Cleaning

Volunteers needed! Are able to spend a couple of hours on Holy Saturday morning (19th April) to help with polishing and generally help make ready the church for the Easter celebrations? Every offer of help greatly appreciated. We will begin at around 10am. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Holy Week and Easter

Please see the poster for times of all the Holy Week liturgies.

Confessions before Easter

On Holy Thursday: from 5.45-6.15

Good Friday: from 2.15-2.45

Good Friday

On Good Friday all Catholics of the Latin Rite observe the obligation of fasting and abstinence. This applies to all those from the age of 14—59, though it may be observed by those above this age who are in good health. Fasting means one full meal and two small meals which do not equal a full meal.

Flowers

It's not too late to make a contribution! Please see Diana if you would like to donate to the cost of flowers.

Thursday 1st May at 6.30pm

The Feast of our Lady, Protectress of Bavaria Mass will be celebrated that day in German, and the Celebrant will be Fr Daniel Lloyd, a Priest of the Ordinariate. Music will include Schubert's Mass in G major, and Mendelssohn's anthem *Verleib uns Freiden*.

—Ordinariate Festival

Tuesday 20th—Thursday 22nd May at the Church of the Precious Blood & All Souls Kingsland Avenue, Coventry CV5 8DX . Please note this date in your diaries. More details next Sunday.

Sunday 13 th April	PALM SUNDAY	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	Bethsaida Mancuyas Aurelio RIP	Please pray for: THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Charlie O'Donnell, Norma Skeggs, Paul, Jackie, Katherine Lewis, Belinda Marsh, HH Pope Francis FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 14 th April	Monday in Holy Week	No Mass		
Tuesday 15 th April	Tuesday in Holy Week	12.45pm 6.00pm Rosary	Deceased members of the Sheehy and Ahern families	
Wednesday 16 th April	Wednesday in Holy Week	12,45pm 6.30pm (Sung)	Susan McMenamin RIP	
Thursday 10 th April	MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.30pm		
Friday 11 th April	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion		
Saturday 12 th April	HOLY SATURDAY	8.30pm Solemn Vigil & First Mass of Easter		

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MASS PROPER & READINGS SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 5PM

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backwards.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second reading

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

At that time: The whole company of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.' And Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' And he answered him, 'You have said so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no guilt in this man.' But they were urgent, saying, 'He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.' But they all cried out together, 'Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas' — a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him

no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.' But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us", and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called 'The Skull', there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!' And having said this he breathed his last.

All kneel for a period of silence. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, 'Certainly this man was innocent!' And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 23:1-49

Mt 26: 42