

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 2026

PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH
6PM (SATURDAY); 10.30AM (SOLEMN); 5PM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
6.30PM SUNG MASS

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
6.30PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
THE WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE
WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL
3PM SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION
& DEATH OF OUR LORD
6.30PM MARIA DESOLATA

HOLY SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
8.30PM SOLEMN VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL
10.30^{AM} SOLEMN MASS; 5^{PM} MASS

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SUNDAY 29TH MARCH
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
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Isaiah 50:4-

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,

SUNDAY MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk.

NEWS & EVENTS

Our Website: www.warwickstreet.org.uk

Please visit our website for further information about our activities, for upcoming events, to access past newsletters, or to learn about the Ordinariate!

Music at Today's Solemn Mass:

Plainsong: *Hosanna filio David*; Pueri Hebraeorum Introit: Orlando Gibbons *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Giovanni da Palestrina *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*; Francisco Guerrero *O Domine Iesu Christe*

Good Friday Morning Cleaning

Volunteers needed! Are able to spend a couple of hours on Good Friday morning (3rd 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.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday: Maria Desolata

There will be the traditional Good Friday devotion of **Maria Desolata** at 6.30pm. For those who might be unfamiliar with this, the Stations of the Cross are prayed in reverse order, in which our Lady is depicted returning home after the Passion, retracing her steps through the way of sorrow, and reflecting on the suffering of her Son.

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 Rose if you would like to donate to the cost of flowers.

Sunday 29 th March	PALM SUNDAY	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	<p style="text-align: center;">Please pray for:</p> <p>THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul</p> <p>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</p>
Monday 30 th March	Monday in Holy Week	No Mass		
Tuesday 31 st March	Tuesday in Holy Week	12.45pm 6.00pm Rosary	Kathleen Tucker (Health)	
Wednesday 1 st April	Wednesday in Holy Week	12.45pm 6.30pm (Sung)	Exodus 90 Group	
Thursday 2 nd April	MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.30pm Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Lord's Supper		
Friday 3 rd April	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	The Holy Places	
Saturday 4 th April	HOLY SATURDAY	8.30pm Solemn Vigil & First Mass of Easter		

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MASS PROPERS & 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.

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm

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

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

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.

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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Philippians 2:8-9

Gospel

At that time: Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You have said so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Luke 23:1-49

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' And he said, 'Why? What evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' And all

the people answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, "I am the Son of God." ' And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, 'This man is calling Elijah.' And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

All kneel for a period of silence. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'

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.

Mt 26: 42

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.**