

The Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday



I genuinely cannot imagine what this will be like this year without any parishioners present, but I will do my best to celebrate the Risen Christ through prayer, scripture, symbol and ritual. This as we know is the HIGH

POINT of our Liturgical Year when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, reminding us that death does not have the last word! Of the 7 Old Testament readings the one from Exodus:14:15-15:1 would be the one to read. The Gospel this year is from Matthew 28:1-10. Spend a little time REJOICING in the words of the angel to the women, "There is no need to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen as he said he would." Alleluia! For Easter Sunday Morning read the John's Gospel Chapter 20:1-9

Live Streaming of Daily Mass and Devotions from the Cathedral



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Times of the Holy Week Services from the Cathedral

Palm Sunday: Mass at 11.00am

Monday—Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass at 10.30

The Chrism Mass has been **postponed** in solidarity with Pope Francis and will be celebrated at a future date when restrictions have been lifted.

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm

Good Friday—The Passion of Our Lord: 3.00pm

Holy Saturday—The Easter Vigil: 8.00pm

Easter Sunday: Mass at 11.00am

Offertory Collections—some people have asked about bringing their weekly offerings to the presbytery. Please do fill your envelopes week by week and then when the church reopens bring them to Mass. The counters will have a field day!



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass

IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

Palm Sunday and Holy Week 5th April 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Eileen & Graham Partington
Tuesday: Ron Bedford
Wednesday: Graham Partington
Thursday: Walter (Mick) Bickers
Friday: Good Friday—No Mass
Saturday: People of the Parish
Sunday: James Joseph Crewdson

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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None of us have known a Holy Week like this one with our church remaining locked and you unable to participate in person in the most profound and moving liturgies of the Church's year which will be a source of disappointment and sorrow to many. I will be celebrating each day and will also take advantage of the live streaming from the Cathedral. Although not able to be present in person all of us can make this a very special Holy Week by spending some time each day with the Scriptures of the day, or with a reflection, or with some poetry. Let's be creative together and support each other, albeit within our own homes.



We have been asked to bless the palms this Sunday even though it will be a while before they can be collected.
"Almighty, ever living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him."

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Today we remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem with the crowds singing,
"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"

In the opening prayer we ask that we may heed Christ's ***"lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his resurrection."***

The Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7—One of the so called Suffering Servant Songs

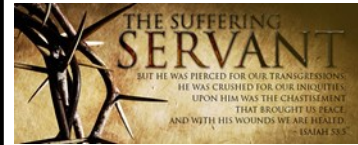
2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11—A beautiful passage of Jesus' self emptying

Gospel The Passion according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

No other Sunday in the whole of the Church's Liturgical Year reflects such a dramatic contrast as today. What begins with songs of triumph as Jesus enters Jerusalem quickly shifts into the memory of his Passion and death. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus' last words are, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me' which are part of a psalm which also expresses faith in God despite great difficulties.

Please try and read at least one of the scripture passages and unite any pain or suffering that you have or others have, with that of Jesus.

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week



The first reading each day is taken from the prophet Isaiah, Monday 42:1-7; Tuesday 49:1-6 and Wednesday 50:4-9. These are the so called Suffering Servant Songs and if you are able to read them you will easily see why the Church has interpreted them in terms of Jesus own suffering.

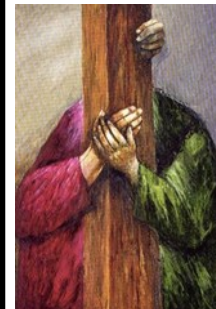
Holy Thursday



This evening we begin the sacred Triduum with the celebration of Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. During this Mass we recall the Meal Jesus ate with his disciples in the upper room when he called the bread he offered them his body and the wine, his blood. This year the vast majority of Catholics in our country and elsewhere will NOT be present in church and will only be able to receive communion 'spiritually'. Perhaps you could spend some quiet time thanking Jesus for the gift of his life, his love and himself. All of us reflecting on Jesus washing the disciples' feet could commit ourselves to be of service to others.

Scripture: First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8. 11-14; Gospel John 13:1-15

Good Friday



There will be no public Ecumenical Walk of Witness this Good Friday and our church along with all others in our country will be empty on a day when they are normally full. However, this does not mean that we cannot journey with Jesus, the innocent servant of God, who has taken our sins on himself as he walks the path to Calvary. You might like to place a crucifix on a table and read the Passion narrative in John's Gospel—Chapter 18:1-19:42. Or, you may want to make The Stations of the Cross, or pray the Five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, all of which will help you not only to remember what Jesus did for us all, but actively take part in his final journey.