



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

13th April, 2025

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| Sunday, 13 th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | (5.30 pm Saturday Mass at Our Lady's) 7.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass | Fr. Peter Dooley SDB (Anniversary) Private Intention Larry Gardner Mercy Nash and Peter Nash The People of the Parish |
| Monday, 14 th April | (7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer | Joao Gama |
| Tuesday, 15 th April | No Public Mass Today | Patrick Murphy (Anniversary) |
| Wednesday, 16 th April | (11.30 am Chrism Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral) | In Thanksgiving for the Priesthood |
| Thursday, 17 th April THE Maundy Thursday | 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm Confessions EASTER 7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm Watch and Pray | TRIDUUM Joaquim Antonio and Family 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. |
| Friday, 18 th April Good Friday Today is a day of fasting and abstinence | 10.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 12.00 noon Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion | This is not a Mass, but a solemn celebration held at the time of Our Lord's death on the Cross. |
| Saturday, 19 th April Holy Saturday | 10.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Confessions 8.00 pm The Easter Vigil | The Sacraments of the Church are not celebrated today. We join Jesus in His “Sabbath Rest” in the tomb, until.... Edward and Mary Murphy |
| Sunday, 20 th April Easter Sunday | 7.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) NO EVENING MASS TODAY | Private Intention Cecilia Michael Patricia Cuddy |
| The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm.; Saturday, 12.30 – 1.30 pm. (At Our Lady's: Thursday, 10.00 – 11.00 am; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am). | | |

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today

especially if you are new to the parish or visiting for the Easter holidays.

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual building up and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

**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.**

| | Counting | Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass) | Eucharistic Ministers' Rota | | Flowers rota |
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| This Sunday | Kylla & Lilian | J. Esteban & A. Elizebeth | Chris Donovan | Rolly Esteban | N/A |
| Holy Thursday | N/A | D. Wallace & Blossom | | | N/A |
| Good Friday | N/A | D. Silva, A. Elizebeth, D. Wallace, V. Robbins | | | N/A |
| Easter Vigil | N/A | J. Esteban, D. Silva, D. Wallace, A. Elizebeth | | | Jacqui |
| Next Sunday | N/A | D. Silva & D. Wallace | Josh Peter | John Thomas | N/A |

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Claudio Serra Vaz, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Keelin Trahearn, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davies, Cathleen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy and Ella Dawson and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Sr. Mary Cecilia Treacy and Rosemary Griffiths who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Bernard Gerald Hodgson, Frs. Wilfrid Sheeran, Walter Edwards, Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, William Smith, Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey and Antony Conlon, and also Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Joseph Kelly, Anne Doherty, Philomena Hilsdon, Bryan Frederick Styles, Dorothy Byrne and Edward Murphy. May they rest in peace.

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.



Today is Palm Sunday.
We remember how Jesus was first welcomed into Jerusalem as a King. We shall begin with a procession, and I invite all the children to take part with me in that. Don't forget to get a palm to wave.



Wednesday: The Chrism Mass. The Archbishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11.30 am on Wednesday morning in St. Chad's Cathedral. It is the occasion when the Holy Oils are blessed, and also when priests renew their commitment of service to God and the Church.

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. After the Mass 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, the hour at which our Lord died, there is a "Solemn Celebration" of the Passion of our Lord.



Holy Saturday: The Lord's Day of Rest in the tomb. In the evening at 8.00 pm we begin our Easter celebrations with the Easter Vigil, the greatest event in the Church's year.

Gift Aid Envelopes. If you gift aid your weekly offerings in the collection (thank you), please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of church today.

Easter Duties. Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Church says that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance.

Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned during the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places – i.e. for the upkeep of the sites in the Holy Land.

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 be here on Friday, while I am at Our Lady's. On Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday I shall be here and Fr. Martin will be at Our Lady's.

Easter Triduum. There is a list on the table at the back of church for people to sign up for roles at the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

July 5th! July 5th! July 5th! This Jubilee Day for Young People is an opportunity to celebrate the great joy of being Pilgrims of Hope! Parish youth groups, families and Young Adults can register to join the 14m Pilgrimage Walk from 08.30 at the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis to St. Chad's Cathedral for Mass with Bishop Tim at 4.30 pm. If you are interested, please tell Joyce Kamugisha.

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