

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER BULLETIN



## **PALM SUNDAY the gateway to Holy Week**

As we commemorate the journey of Christ riding on a donkey into Jerusalem, we begin our own journey into Holy Week. Palm Sunday is also a feast of CHRIST THE KING, greeted by the people of Jerusalem, waving palms in his honour and crying out HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID. We, too, receive a palm, which should be kept as a symbol of loyalty to our King, and our willingness to follow Him.

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## **CHRISM MASS Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11.30 am**

This morning the Chrism Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral by the Archbishop and priests of the diocese and during this Mass the Holy Oils are blessed and the priests renew their ordination commitment. The Oils of the Sick, Catechumens and Chrism are brought back to the parish to be used during the year for Baptism, Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Sick. To emphasise the unity of the People of God, religious and laity from throughout the diocese are invited to the Cathedral for this very special celebration.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8.00 pm**

**This evening** we celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. The Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood are great signs of God's love, and this is what we celebrate today. During the Mass the priest washes the feet of twelve parishioners and we recall the words of Jesus:

**'I give you a new commandment  
Love one another as I have loved you'**



Maundy  
Thursday



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## **GOOD FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 3.00 pm**

This day has a spirit and celebration quite different from all others. It is the only day on which Mass is never, and has never been said. The mood is not sad but restrained and solemn as we gather to celebrate the triumph of the Cross. At the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**, the clergy and servers enter in silence and, as they reach the altar, the priests prostrate themselves in a centuries-old gesture of submission and humility. After the Gospel and General Intercessions, the Cross, symbol of the love and mercy of God, is placed on the sanctuary steps for veneration. Then the Blessed Sacrament is carried from the Altar of Repose and Holy Communion is distributed. The clergy and servers leave in silence. The collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Our Lord's Passion, which have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage.



# HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Rejoice heavenly powers, Sing choirs of angels,  
Jesus Christ, our King is risen,  
Sound the trumpet of salvation.

So sings the priest at the proclamation of the Exsultet.

This is the night of all nights for all Christians. This is the night of creation, liberation and resurrection. The congregation gather in the darkness to await the entrance of the great candle that will make the night bright for all. The readings span the whole of our salvation history and are followed by the Gospel story of the Resurrection.

The Litany of the Saints is sung and the Baptismal water blessed.

**‘May all who are buried with Christ in the death of Baptism rise also with Him to the newness of life’  
All renew their Baptismal promises. The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows**

A JOYOUS CELEBRATION of the RISEN CHRIST with us.

The Vigil is **THE** celebration of **EASTER WILL YOU BE THERE?**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2019

**Palm Sunday**  
**14<sup>th</sup> April**

Blessing of palms at every Mass  
Vigil Mass **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** 6.15 pm. **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** 8.30 am. 10.00 am  
**Solemn Procession at 9.45 am** by lower new halls. 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.  
Stations of the Cross 5.30 pm.

**Monday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass 10.00 am & 6.15 pm  
6.45 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Tuesday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass 10.00 am & 6.15 pm  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00 am M  
6.45 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

**Wednesday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass 10.00 am & 6.15pm  
11.30 am **CHRISM MASS** at St. George’s Cathedral  
(All welcome – see overleaf)  
6.45 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April**

**NO MORNING MASS.**  
8.00 pm **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER.**  
9.30 pm – 12.00 midnight – Silent Adoration.

**Good Friday**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00 am Morning Prayer. 9.15 am Stations of the Cross.  
9.45 am Confessions.  
10.30am Procession of Witness from Salvation Army, Balham  
to St. Boniface, Tooting (arriving 12.30pm).  
12.00 noon Children’s Stations of the Cross.  
3.00 pm **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION.**  
Confessions after 3.00 pm service. 8.00 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday**  
**20<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00 am Morning Prayer. **No 10.00am or 6.15pm Mass today.**  
8.00 pm **THE EASTER VIGIL.**

**Easter Sunday**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April**

Mass 8.30 am 10.00am 11.15am & 6.15pm.

**Easter Monday**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Mass 10.00 am. (Bank Holiday). **No Evening Mass.**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> -Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr**

Mass 10.00 am. **No Evening Mass during this week.**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass 10.00 am (Church closes 12.30pm) Re-opens at 5.00 pm for 6.15 pm Mass.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Normal Masses 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.15 am & 6.15 pm.

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Apr -**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Mass 10.00am. **No Evening Mass during this week.**

