

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER BULLETIN



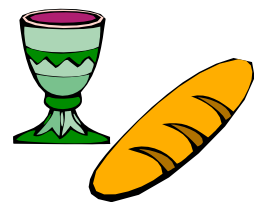
PALM SUNDAY – the gateway to Holy Week.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

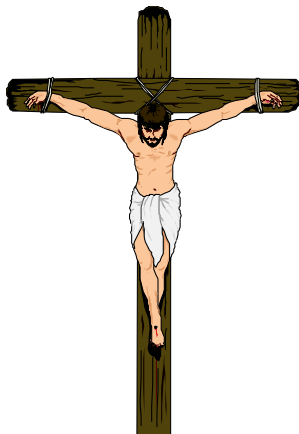
This morning the Chrism Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral by the bishop and priests of the diocese and during this Mass the Holy Oils are blessed and the priests renew their ordination commitment. The Oils of the Sick, Catechumens and Chrism are brought back to the parish to be used during the year 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. **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 ‘



GOOD FRIDAY

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

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 – 2009

Palm Sunday 5th April	Blessing of palms at every Mass Vigil Mass Saturday 4 th April 6.15pm. Sunday 8.30am. 10am Solemn Procession at 9.45am by lower new halls. 11.15am & 6.15pm.
Monday 6th April	Mass 8.00 am & 6.15 pm 6.45 pm WAY OF THE CROSS
Tuesday 7th April	Mass 8.00 am & 6.15pm 6.45 pm WAY OF THE CROSS
Wednesday 8th April	Mass 10.00 am & 6.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10 am Mass 6.45 pm WAY OF THE CROSS
Maundy Thursday 9th April	NO MORNING MASS 11.15 am CHRISM MASS at St. George's Cathedral (All welcome – see overleaf) 8.00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 9.30pm – 12 00 midnight – Silent Adoration
Good Friday 10th April	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Way 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 Way of the Cross 3.00 pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Confessions after 3 pm service. 8.00 pm Solemn Way of the Cross followed by prayers around the cross in the upper new hall.
Holy Saturday 11th April	9.00 am Morning Prayer 8.00 pm EASTER VIGIL
Easter Sunday 12th April	Mass 8.30 am 10.00am 11.15am & 6.15pm
Easter Monday 13th April	Mass 10am. (Bank Holiday). No evening Mass.
Tuesday to Friday 14th – 17th April	10am Mass only. Church closes after 10am Mass NO EVENING MASS DURING THIS WEEK
Monday to Friday 20th – 24th April	10am Mass only. Church closes after 10am Mass NO EVENING MASS DURING THIS WEEK



Allelujah!