



ST JOSEPH'S and HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Times and Intentions for -PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 24th March 2024

Saturday 23 rd March	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Mary Duffy (37 th Ann.)	
Sunday 24 th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	James McCall (1 st Ann.) Elizabeth Talbot (Ann.) Mary Josephine Fitzsimons (RIP) People of the Parish	Tea and Coffee at SJ after 11.00am Mass Stations of the Cross & Night Prayer 8.30pm. (SJ)
Monday	12.00 noon 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Anna Law (17 th Ann.) <i>Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Stations on the Screen</i>	Ferial 'Passion of the Christ' – film SJ Parish Centre. 7.30pm
Tuesday	9.30 am HF 12.00 noon	Fr. David Peters Mum and all Conroy Family	Stations of the Cross & Night Prayer 8.30pm. (SJ)
Wednesday	9.15 am	Ria, Ian and Nicky	7.00pm Chrism Mass St Michael's Woodchurch
Thursday HOLY THURSDAY	9.30 am 7.30 pm	<i>Morning Prayer & Office of Readings</i> Thomas Moylan (Ann.) <i>(Followed by watching until midnight)</i>	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday GOOD FRIDAY	9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm 3.00 pm HF 7.00 pm	<i>Morning Prayer & Office of Readings</i> <i>Children's Way of the Cross</i> LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Stations of the Cross with Veneration</i>	GOOD FRIDAY The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 30 th March HOLY SATURDAY	10.00 am 10.30 am 8.00 pm (Vigil)	<i>Morning Prayer & Office of Readings</i> Cleaning & decorating of the church Norah Mullin (RIP)	HOLY SATURDAY (No Confessions) EASTER VIGIL
Sunday 31 st March EASTER SUNDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am HF 11.00 am 5.30 pm	Raphael Kene Philomena McGinity (3 rd Ann.) Simon Johnston (RIP) People of the Parish	HAPPY EASTER

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION**
11.00am – 11.50am Saturdays
or by appointment

SACRED HEART LAMP
This week the lamp is lit for
Bernadette Daly
(Get Well)

OFFERINGS WEEKEND
17th March 2024
SJ £2016.86 HF £330.10
Many Thanks

Walking The Walk

What are we thinking when we pick up a palm and process into church on Passion Sunday? It's likely that we feel we are commemorating an historic event. When Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem all those centuries ago, he was the centre of attention. Some thought he would be a powerful leader who would lead the people in an uprising against the occupying Romans. Others were just swept along in a sense of pageant. Few had grasped the true significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Jesus had not come merely to overturn the Romans. Jesus' picture was a much more universal one. Jesus' mission was the salvation of the whole world for future generations.

How many of us would remember Jesus today if his mission had been simply to lead an uprising against a Roman occupation? Jesus was riding into Jerusalem to meet his destiny. He could have heeded the warnings of his disciples and bypassed Jerusalem altogether. He could have continued his ministry of teaching and healing into old age; but whatever else Jesus was about, he wasn't about compromise. In riding into Jerusalem, Jesus was telling us that his mission to save each and every one of us was more important than life itself.

We can all walk into church waving our palms. We can all commemorate an historical event, but the more discerning of us know that this day is about 'walking the walk'. We are the reason Jesus rode into Jerusalem. On this day we honour him not with palms but with the quality of our lives.

Entrance Antiphon: **Hosannah to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosannah in the highest.**

Responsorial Psalm: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

Communion Antiphon: **Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

Year B

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalms 21

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

HOLY TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Triduum, marking the days of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, is the most important time of the Church's year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

The term Triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter Triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We look at the East Triduum as on single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection.

We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together.

Because the Triduum tells an ongoing story, try if you can to make all the services.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY

The Mass will speak of Jesus wanting to celebrate the **PASSOVER MEAL** with his friends. He transforms the Passover Meal into the giving of himself to his father as the Paschal Lamb. Jesus invites us all to this banquet. He gives us his very self **BODY AND BLOOD** and offers us signs of how we are to love one another. In the washing of the feet, Jesus reminds us that we are all called to serve. We shall witness some of our brothers and sisters of the Parish having their feet washed. Our Ministers of Communion will renew their promises to serve our sick, the housebound and each of us in their offering of Jesus in the Eucharist.

At Mass, we consecrate sufficient hosts to enable us to receive Holy Communion on Good Friday. At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the sacred hosts are carried in solemn procession to our Altar of Repose. Watching begins and continues until Midnight. We encourage one another to watch with Jesus, mindful of his agony in the garden.

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
The Church will stay open until midnight.*

GOOD FRIDAY

We celebrate the Lord's Passion and Death. The Church keeps this day in a most special way.

The service is divided into four parts:

The Word of God - Prayers of the Faithful - Veneration of the Cross - Holy Communion.

It is not Mass, rather it is a service recommending that we be filled with gratitude for this Perfect Act of Love for us on Calvary. On Good Friday evening we follow the Stations of the Cross, commencing at 7.00pm.

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

The Holiest day of the year, one filled with joy and celebration as we proclaim ***Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

The services during Holy Week tell a continuous story so try, if you can, to attend them all.

The garden Crucifix, dedicated to the Holy Souls, was blessed on Good Friday 2012.

It is a wonderful place of sanctuary and prayer for many people. Do feel free to make a visit any time you wish.

CHRISM MASS

Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm at St Michael's, Woodchurch. Sat Nav. CH49 5LB. **All welcome**

**THERE ARE SPECIAL RED SHEETS FOR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ONE HOME**

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Will take place at 10.30am on Good Friday. If any child in the parish (Reception and above) would like to take part, please email Alison Macdonald – ali.macdonald.937@gmail.com with your child's name, age and a contact phone number. Names will be needed by this **Monday 25th March**. After the performance, there will be the tea and coffee in the Parish Centre, with arts and crafts for the children.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION (Good Friday)

'Peter's Pence'

The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday to help Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The 'Peter's Pence' Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. *Please be generous on Good Friday.*

33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

The consecration (prayer) to St Joseph begins (Day 1) on the 30th of March and is completed on the 1st May. Books will be free and available to collect from the back of church on Good Friday (29th).

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

The Cafod Lenten Soup Lunch, 23 February, raised £300 and the Family Fast Day Collection raised £1,300. Thank you everyone for your continued generosity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex at St. Joseph's & Holy Family.

GIFT AID: If you have been in the scheme and are no longer paying tax or, alternatively, if you wish to join the scheme please contact our Planned Giving organisers Anne Stanley on 973 9159 for St. Joseph's and Veronica Saunders on 973 3773 for Holy Family

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 7th April 2024 at St Hugh and St John Church, Timperley, WA14 5HL. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3.00pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

You are invited to recite the 9-day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

MANCHESTER MARATHON

is on Sunday 14th April and, once again, access to St. Joseph's and Holy Family will be affected by road closures.

To see route maps and how this will affect you visit <https://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/>