



Passion (Palm) Sunday

HOLY WEEK



Maundy Thursday

Thursday 13th April

St Patrick at 7pm

**Evening Mass
of the Lord's Supper**

We commemorate the Washing of the Feet and the Institution of the Eucharist.

After this we process from St Patrick's along Park Rd with the Blessed Sacrament which we then place before the Altar of Repose at Mount Carmel..

There follows a period of prayer which ends with a short night prayer at 9pm.

Good Friday

Friday 14th April

OLMC at 3pm

**Celebration
of the Lord's Passion**



After the reading of the Passion according to St John we Venerate the Cross.

Mass has never been celebrated on Good Friday but we receive Holy Communion which has been consecrated the previous night.

The service ends in silence as we await the celebration of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil 16th April Saturday 9pm at OLMC

FAITH IN FOCUS: JOURNEY

Journey is a popular word. It once just meant going on a trip or a voyage. But now it's used to sell everything. Even an afternoon at a theme park is marketed as "a journey of excitement and thrills" and a visit to your local cinema will entitle you to "a journey of discovery" as you settle into the latest special effects film.

Today we start our "journey" of Holy Week that will take us through suffering and death to the glory that is resurrection. One of the prayers for today reminds us that "We joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King... may we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him..."

The journey we make this week in the liturgy with Christ will only make sense if we are making the same journey in our

daily lives. There's always a trap with liturgy. We can be enticed into thinking that we're celebrating only a past event, the death and resurrection that took place 2000 years ago. But in fact we are renewing the events of 2000 years ago, making them present in our own circumstances today. We are inviting Jesus to work the effects of his Passion, death and resurrection in our hearts and minds in the 21st century.

No matter what we pray during this week, no matter what we sing and say, it will be empty worship if we are not trying in our own lives to die to sin and rise to a new way of life that Jesus offers.

Our liturgy will be a thermometer of faith. It will be a mirror of our lives in Christ. And we can't simply live double lives, acclaiming the Messiah inside

church but jeering with the crowd when we get outside again. Our liturgy has to reflect the sincerity of our Christian lives because liturgy and life are inextricably linked. You can't have one without the other.

So as Holy Week starts we pledge ourselves once more to respond to the promptings of God's grace, to die to sin, to seek to alleviate suffering, to offer hope and new life to those who languish in the shadows. And as we make our ritual entrance into Jerusalem today, let's not lose sight of the fact that our lives are really a journey to a new, different and everlasting Jerusalem that requires a constant refocusing of our sights.

It would be a pity to miss the point. That would be a wasted journey.

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Chrism Mass - Cathedral

This Wednesday at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated only in Cathedral churches. Traditionally it takes place on the morning of Maundy Thursday. In recent years it has proved more practical on the night before. The oils which are used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and Anointing of the Sick are consecrated. These are then distributed to parishes throughout the diocese.

Good Friday Collection

At the end of the Good Friday service a collection is traditionally taken throughout the Catholic world for the 'Holy Places', namely the churches and shrines in the Holy Land marking key moments in the life of Jesus.

This year the collection has a more specific purpose, given the perilous position of Christians in the Holy Land. This is an extract from the Vatican letter sent to Cardinal Nichols specifying the purpose:



PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- *Once again, from every part of the Church, expressions of solidarity come together effectively in the Good Friday Collection. This enables the Catholic communities of the Holy Land...along with religious communities and organizations of all kinds - to help, in their turn, the poor and suffering of every ethnicity and every faith, without distinction.*
- *Parishes will continue their pastoral service with preferential attention to the poor. Schools will enable Christians and Muslims to prepare together a future of respect and partnership. Hospitals and clinics, hospices and community centres will continue to host the suffering and the needy, refugees and asylum-seekers, people of all ages and religions hit by the horrors of war. The unforgettable faces of thousands of children and teens, fleeing violence and persecution in Syria and Iraq, continue to challenge us, even as these young people, thanks to our Collection, are being welcomed by Christian schools in neighbouring countries.*

Gift Aid Boxes The new set of boxes for the coming year are available at the back of OLMC church. If anyone would like to gift aid their weekly contribution please see me or Roland Berndt. For every £1 you give the church gets 25p back from the Inland Revenue.

Pastoral Area Retreat/Days of Reflection These were started in St Francis, Garston a few years ago. Now the organisers wish to branch out to other parts of the Pastoral Area, so a mid week session will be held in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday and Thursday 26/27 April from 10.30-2pm. See the poster and leaflets for details.

Easter Raffle OLMC Tickets available now £1.00 a strip. Thank you.
John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Monday to Wednesday usual Mass times.
- Thursday onwards is the Sacred Triduum

Sunday 9th April

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Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Maureen Smith	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Jimmy Brade	OLMC

Monday 10th April
9am Holy Souls OLMC

Tuesday 11th April
7pm Ernest Sands OLMC

Wednesday 12th April
10am Carol Brade St Patrick

Easter Triduum

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The RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 16th April
9pm at OLMC

Easter Sunday

9.45am	Patsy Reegan & Family	St Patrick
11.15am	Michael Foley	OLMC

Stations of the Cross: NONE this week because of the Chrism Mass (Wednesday) and the Evening Mass on Maundy Thursday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
NONE for the next two weeks

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday No 30

Collections

Many thanks

Mount Carmel

Sat Envelopes £83.83 Loose £133.30
Sun Envelopes £105.00 Loose £139.70
Total £382.77

St Patrick

Envelopes £0 Loose £165.96 Total £165.96

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: Robert Fowler

The sick: Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Pat & Brian Smedley, Bernadette Morgan, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Jackie Heath-Anderson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Tony Jones, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Paula Lacey, Denise King, John Dunning, Tommy Huyton, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crownly, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Peter Bengler, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks, Teresa Koo, Holly and Lucy Brown.