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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

Confession

Sun 9:30AM

Tue (15th) 6PM - 7:30PM



To You, before Your passion, they sang their hymns of praise... Attending Mass, especially at Christmas and Easter, often leaves us uplifted. Confession and Holy Communion stir in us a deep awareness of God's love, placing us among the crowd that joyfully welcoming the Messiah into our hearts. As Holy Week begins, we are drawn into the heart of our faith and begin the annual liturgical re-presentation of Christ's greatest acts of love and mercy, done for our salvation. But after the joy comes the challenge: the sacrificial path to Calvary - a road that can feel difficult and overwhelming. Yet we are invited to walk it with Him. On Thursday evening, we remember the Lord's Supper, where Jesus knelt to wash the feet of His disciples and invited us to do the same. On Friday, we come face to face with the Cross - the workbench where the Divine Carpenter fashioned our salvation. And on Saturday night, the silence gives way to light as the Risen Christ bursts forth in glory. The world mocks us: *Look at what you're missing!* But following Christ, though hard, leads us to Calvary - where we turn and say to the world: *No - look at what you're missing!* The Cross stands as the ultimate witness to God's love. We follow Jesus not only in the triumph of waving palms, but in the true triumph of His Cross. Palm Sunday marks both His joyful entrance into Jerusalem and His sorrowful path to Calvary - one event, one call to follow Him through joy and suffering alike. May this Holy Week draw us deeper into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. All glory, praise, and honour to You, Redeemer King!

... to You, now high exalted, our melody we raise!

I encourage you to join what is traditionally called the Triduum (three days), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil which is the high point of the Christian year.

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Sat 12 th Apr 2025	Lent Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Sean and Jamie Morris RIP
Sun 13 th Apr 2025	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners who are Sick Rosminian Brethren
Mon 14 th Apr 2025	Monday of Holy Week	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Sarah Ingram RIP Samuel Thomas (Wellbeing)
Tue 15 th Apr 2025	Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Alellina D'Souza Sarah Thomas (Birthday)
Wed 16 th Apr 2025	Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Maureen Borg RIP George Joseph (Anniversary)
Thurs 17 th Apr 2025	Maundy Thursday	19.00 PM	Mass of the Lords Supper followed by the Altar of Repose to Midnight.
Fri 18 th Apr 2025	Good Friday	15.00 PM 19.00 PM	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross
Sat 19 th Apr 2025	Holy Saturday	20:00 PM	The Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 20 th Apr 2025	Easter Sunday	08.00 AM 10.00 AM	John Deery All Parishioners

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

This time is called "the triduum of the crucified, buried and risen"; it is also called the "Easter Triduum" because during it is celebrated the Paschal Mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father. What is the Paschal Mystery?

"The Paschal Mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us to God's grace, 'so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life'" (CCC 654). We are saved by the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To participate in the Triduum is to participate in the Paschal Mystery is to be saved. The Triduum invites us to walk with Jesus in real time: "In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real" (CCC 1363). The Triduum brings you to the Last Supper, makes you pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, allows you to walk the steps of the Stations of the Cross, and brings you to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning.

The Easter triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil.

This means that Triduum thus runs from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. But the "octave" of Easter lasts for 8 days. And the liturgical season of Easter lasts for 50 days, all the way to Pentecost.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence; it is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, in order that the Church with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection.

Therefore, it is but right and proper that these days be spent as days of prayer, reflection, and participation in celebrations. Especially the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (Saturday evening). It has been designed as ONE PRAYER spread over a period of three days. They are very much connected with each other that the sign of the cross is made first at the beginning of the Holy Thursday liturgy and will again be done to close the triduum at the end of the Easter Vigil. It follows that we should attend all three celebrations. May we all have a fruitful and meaningful Holy Week! God bless you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - A Mini Pilgrimage

One of the beautiful Lenten disciplines we undertake is praying the Stations of the Cross. St Francis of Assisi was the first person we know of, to encourage a prayer procession using a sequence of scenes from the passion and death of Christ, at the time when pilgrims were unable to go to the Holy Land because of the Crusades. In the 18th century St Alphonsus of Liguori composed a set of reflections and prayers based on a set of 14 stations.

**The Stations of the Cross
will be held on Good Friday at 7 PM.**

Walking the way of the cross means honouring Jesus' sacrifice. Seeing the horror of Jesus' suffering reminds us of something wonderful: how much He loves us. Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person that would ever live. If you were not able to attend the Stations of the Cross during the Lent, maybe you could find the time this Friday before Easter and meditate on vastness of the Jesus's love to you.

Renewal of Commitment

On Maundy Thursday, all **Lectors** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are invited to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM, during which the vows for renewal of the commitment will take place.

Children's Liturgy

There will be a Children's Liturgy on Good Friday. As there is the solemn service, this will not be announced in church in the usual way. We kindly ask that children either make their own way to the Hibbert's hall or be dropped off before entering the church. The children will return in time for the veneration of the cross. This liturgy has been added as we appreciate that it is a long service and the children's liturgy may benefit their understanding and growth in faith.

Parish Choir

The choir led by Jo, with Kevin our Organist lead the 10AM Mass on Sundays which we are most grateful for. As we head towards Holy Week, where the choir will be involved in almost every aspect, now is a great time to join if you have ever been interested. The choir are a friendly group of all ages and accept people of any age and experience. If interested, pop up to the choir loft after Mass when they practice or ask for more information from the Parish Office. A sincere thank you to the Choir team for all they do.

St. Marie's Parish Foodbank

Thank you for your generous donations to our foodbank. They are greatly appreciated. As the cost of living continues to rise, the number of struggling families in the parish who need assistance is growing. We kindly ask for your continued support. Donations of dried/tinned food and hygiene products may be left in the wire basket in the main porch. Thank you.

Volunteers for Life Charity Shop

The Rugby Life Shop has now been established as the central hub for Rugby and its surrounding areas, following the closure of several other stores. This new designation brings an increased volume of stock to manage, creating a greater need for additional staff. If you have some free time and are interested in getting involved, please contact the Manager at 01788 567435 for further details. Thanks.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are not a Roman Catholic, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing during Holy Communion. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Holy Communion is a sacred sign of unity in the faith and, therefore, cannot be given to all. It is not merely bread and wine but the **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for true unity among all Christians, as God wills. **'Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.'** A gentle reminder to everyone that as the Eucharistic Minister makes their way to the Choir Loft carrying the Body of Christ, it is respectful to step aside and bow.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2025

For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Good Friday Walk of Witness in Birmingham City Centre

Come and remember the events of Good Friday with ecumenical friends across the city. The event marks Christ's journey to the cross and starts from Church at Carrs Lane and concludes at our Diocesan Mother Church, St Chad's Cathedral. During the procession through the city centre participants meditate on the Stations of the Cross and join in prayer. All are welcome to take part on **Fri, 18th Apr at 10 AM**.

ROUTE AND APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Please note all times after the 10 AM start are approximate depending on numbers and the weather.

10.00 AM - The Church at Carrs Lane

10.30 AM - Pause on High Street

10.40 AM - Pause outside Spec Savers on New Street

11.00 AM - Outside Birmingham Council House

11.25 AM - Outside St Philip's Cathedral.

12 NOON - St Chad's Cathedral

Finishing at 12.20 PM with refreshments in Grimshaw Room

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

Catholics are asked to contact their MPs and urge them to oppose the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. The Bill's Third Reading and vote are likely on or around **Fri, 25th Apr**.

CONTACTING YOUR MP

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. Please visit

righttolife.org.uk/ASvote

ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal)

ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal) continue their monthly programme on **Sat, 26th Apr** on the Eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, with a morning Zoom retreat from **10 AM to 1 PM** on the topic of Mercy. For more details and to register visit

www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

Quiet Days of Prayer

The monthly Quiet Day of Prayer will be held on **Wed, 7th May** from **10:30 AM to 3:30 PM** at **Dupuis Retreat and Conference Centre**, St Paul's Convent, Birmingham. Contact Sr Margaret at margaret.mattison@sellypark.org / 01214156100 for more information and to book a place.

Divine Renovation Webinar

Join Michael Harvey, founder of *Back to Church Sunday*, for a powerful online event on **Thurs, 8th May** from **7 AM to 8 AM**, that will equip you to break through fear and embrace a culture of invitation. Michael will challenge us to rethink evangelization and rediscover the simple, transformational act of inviting. We like to think of our churches as welcoming; but how welcoming can we be if we don't take our welcome beyond our walls? For more details and to register visit

divinerenovation.org/events/

Certificate in Catechesis offered by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK

This two-year, online course is for catechists and for those who wish to transmit the Catholic faith to others. The Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis prepares you for these essential roles: *catechetical work in parish/school/diocese understanding and communicating the Catholic Faith to adults/ youth/children, witnessing and accompanying others in their journey of faith.* Visit www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate

Retrouvaille - Marriage Help

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty, helping couples whose relationships 'need a little help' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. The next program runs from **Fri 20th to Sun 22nd Jun**. The programmes has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. From the programme in Feb, two couples have turned away from divorce and others hope to restore their marriages. To register contact 0788 7296983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

News from Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)

CSAN the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action, is conducting a survey to assess the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the broader effects of the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. The insights gathered from this survey will play a crucial role in our advocacy efforts to address child poverty and influence policy change. We are keen to hear directly from Catholic families about their experiences. The survey is **open until Wed, 30th Apr**. Please visit www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025 at St Chad's Cathedral

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, you are invited to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage held on **Sat, 3rd May, 12 Noon**, at St Chad's Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Registration is now open. **The deadline for booking is this Sun, 13th**. contact Paul Northam on 01213215148 / marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk

WeBelieve - a festival celebrating Catholic life

This celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of Oscott College, from **Fri, 25th to Mon, 28th Jul**.

This festival is a bringing together of Catholic ministries and creatives from across the UK to mark the 2025 Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, with a celebration of Catholic life. Featuring a diverse range of Catholic musicians, creatives and speakers, including Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees and many more. The event is for everyone, and you can book as a family, group of friends, parish group or individual. This festival is brand new, and you are invited to build it with us. It will feature stories, music, worship, conversations, community and more. For more information visit www.webelievefestival.com

Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

This Week's Gospel – Luke 22:14-23:56
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Please follow the Gospel and Responsorial Psalm in the Palm Sunday booklet or your Missal or the Universalis App.

Catechism Classes for Children

Catechism classes **will not be held in April** due to Easter and school holidays. Classes will resume as usual in May.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday (18th Apr).

Lenten Penitential service

The Lenten Penitential service will be on **Tue 15th Apr** from **6PM to 7:30PM**. Deepen the closeness to Jesus Christ by availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation where there will be several priests available to hear your confessions. We have all made a special effort in Lent with Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as an acknowledgement of our need to grow closer to God and one another. We have become more aware of Jesus's passionate love in giving up his life for us and His doing of the will of the Father. As we draw towards our celebration of Easter may we be strengthened in our passionate love towards Jesus and one another. We can deepen our closeness to Jesus by availing of the Sacrament of Confession. All are welcome, no matter how long it has been since your last confession.

Good Friday Collection

A parish collection will take place after the Lord's Passion Service on Good Friday to support Catholic Churches in the Holy Land. Your kindness and generosity will provide much-needed aid during these difficult times of war and anxiety.

Easter Sunday Collection

The offertory collection at Easter is your Clergy Offering in support of the work of the Rosminians. Taxpayers can Gift Aid their donation by using the Institute of Charity white envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you!

Christian Films in cinemas at Rugby

Two new Christian films are currently being shown in local cinemas. The film **'The Chosen: Last Supper'** (12A) and **'King of Kings'** (PG) are in Rugby Cineworld and several other cinemas in nearby towns. For more details on the timings and to book tickets check the website of the cinemas. May these shows enhance your experience of Holy Week and Easter.

Rite of Initiation into the Catholic Church

We welcome Aaron, Holly, Joshua, Julie and Rebeca into the Catholic Faith on Sat, 19th Apr in the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM. The parish warmly welcomes each of you as you embark on this sacred journey of faith, a path that will serve as a lifelong guide for your spiritual growth. Throughout Lent, we embrace growth and fortitude, as the Church journeys toward her heavenly home. Each of you brings unique gifts that will enrich both the parish and the Church's mission. Your journey begins with Jesus, and you will spend the rest of your life focusing on Him. He is the one who has been calling you. Even in moments when you may feel distant, remember that He is there filled with love. Join us in discovering new joy and life in the living Christ. May God bless each of you, your families, and your sponsors."

Divine Mercy Sunday and Novena

There will be a nine-day Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Novena shall be prayed privately on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. **From Easter Monday onwards, novena will take place in the church after the morning Mass.** The Novena will conclude with a solemn service on the feast day, **Sun, 27th Apr, at 2:45 PM.**

Pilgrims of the Heart: A Journey to Fatima

My name is Veronica Santos. During the month of May, I will be walking the 130 km pilgrimage from Lisbon to Fatima, and I would like to invite you, my fellow parishioners, to **join me spiritually as "Pilgrims of the Heart."** To make this possible, I have prepared ribbons, which can be found in the basket at the back of the church. **If you wish to join me on my journey, please write your prayers, intentions, and messages on these ribbons and place them in the green box next to the basket.** I will carry them with me on my pilgrimage, and upon arriving at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, the ribbons will be blessed, and a candle will be lit. All the ribbons will then be left there as a sign of surrendering our prayers to Our Lady. I will collect the green box on **Sat, 3rd May**. I also humbly ask for your prayers as I follow the Way of St. James. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATION TIMINGS

Monday of Holy Week – Adoration 9 AM to 7 PM, Mass 10 AM & 7 PM

Tuesday of Holy Week – Mass 10 AM & 7 PM, Reconciliation Service 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Wednesday of Holy Week – Mass 10 AM & 7 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday) – 7 PM followed by the Altar of Repose to Midnight

Good Friday – The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 PM, Stations of the Cross 7 PM

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil Mass 8 PM

Easter Sunday – Solemn Dawn Mass 8 AM & Mass of the Resurrection 10 AM

Easter Monday – Morning Mass 10 AM (No Adoration or evening Mass)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joseph Deery, Theresa Phillips, Anita McDade

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Elizabeth Harries, Anne Sen, Margaret Copson, Margaret Copland

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Stuart Woodcock, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Raymond Bunning, Filipa Faro, June Hargadon, Joevi Suniga, Angela Harries, Marie Kelly