



# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**18th March 2018**

**"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest"**

## Mass Times

<b>17th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>St Patrick</b>
	10.00	
	18.00	<i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	<i>with Children's Liturgy</i>
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	12.30	
	18.00	
<b>19th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
<b>20th</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	<i>Requiem Mass for Margaret O'Halloran +</i>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
	19.00	
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
<b>24th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	10.00	
	18.00	<i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	<i>with Children's Liturgy</i>
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	12.30	
	18.00	

## Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11.00 & 19.00-19.30. First Friday 18.15-18.45

**Adoration & Benediction:** Saturday 19.00-19.30

First Friday 18.00-18.50

**Baptisms:** Saturdays at Noon - by appointment

**Form Signing:** Mondays & Wednesdays in the Presbytery

18.00 for one hour - during school term time only

**Public Rosary:** Tuesday & Thursday evenings 18.45

**Sunday Readings:** Year B      **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

**Cycle of Prayer for England & Wales - Lent:**

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women;

The Needy and Hungry of the World;

Penitents and Wanderers



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we move into the season of Passiontide - it is a season within a season. During this time the church focuses more earnestly upon the Passion and death of our Blessed Lord and so accompany him on his journey to Calvary. As such, our liturgies in church become more sombre and sorrowful. One obvious example of this is the veiling of the statues and crosses in the church. This practice helps us to get into the right frame of mind for the Sacred Triduum - the holiest three days in the life of the Church.

Attached to this bulletin is a little reading to help us all understand more fully as to what the Sacred Triduum is about, and why it is so important to all Christians. I commend this little bit of reading to all parishioners and ask that careful consideration be given to your attendance at these celebrations.

Over the page, you will see a list of all the liturgical celebrations over Holy Week. Please make sure to note the various times carefully so as not to miss out. As we journey together during this sacred time I gently remind parishioners to continue to maintain a sacred silence in the church, most especially before and after mass.

Finally, and on behalf of the Cardinal, a very sincere thanks to all of you for responding so generously to the Lenten Appeal. Two thousand pounds was raised for this important work.

*With my love and prayers,*

*Fr Paul*

## Please avoid loud chatter in the church!

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONS 2018**

*Every Wednesday during Lent*

**Stations of the Cross at 6pm**

**Confessions at 6.30pm**

**Mass at 7pm**

*Every Sunday during Lent*

**Stations of the Cross at 4pm**

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

**Saturday 24th March: 10.30am**

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS**

**Good Friday: 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Holy Saturday: 10.30am - 12.30pm**

#### **First Confessions**

First Confession takes place in the Church on Monday 19th March at 6.00pm - please don't be late, and avoid noisy chatter beforehand.

#### **The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal**

£2,000 was raised for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. On behalf of the Cardinal, Father Paul sincerely thanks all parishioners for their generous support of this important work.

#### **Water Damage**

Owing to water damage in the catechist's office, children's liturgy will be cancelled until after the Easter holidays in order to bring the room up to good standard. Children are encouraged to take an activity sheet available at the back of church during this time.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council - PPC**

A meeting of the PPC will be held on Tuesday 20th March, 7.30pm in the hut. A number of important issues will be on the agenda, including the provision of a new parish hall. PPC meetings are open to all parishioners and Father Paul appeals for greater parishioner input, so please make a good effort to come along.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

Two lamps constantly burn before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The candles burn for 7 days - Saturday to Saturday. Parishioners may offer these candles for their intentions at £10 each. Please enquire at the Repository.

#### **Celebration of Marriage 2018**

Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the annual Celebration of Marriage Mass on Saturday 19th May, 3pm at Westminster Cathedral. All couples who are celebrating 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of a Catholic marriage are invited to attend. Please make contact with the parish office to register, leaving both names, wedding date, full postal address and a contact number. Please do this at your earliest convenience.

#### **Family Bingo**

Our next Family Bingo will be held this Friday 23rd March - 7.30pm for 8.00pm start, in the hut. Donations of unwanted gifts for prizes would be gratefully received.

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

Palm Sunday..... 25th March  
Easter Sunday..... 1st April  
Sr Avril's Reflection..... 10th April  
First Communion..... 5th, 12th & 19th May  
Confirmation..... 20th 21st & 22nd June

## **HOLY WEEK 2018**

**Holy Monday** - Masses at 7.30am & 10am

**Holy Tuesday** - Masses at 7.30am & 10am  
*Westminster Cathedral Chrism Mass at 12noon*  
Adoration & Benediction: 6pm till 7.30pm

**Holy Wednesday** - Masses at 7.30am & 10am  
Tenebrae sung by the Choir at 7pm

### **THE SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS**

#### **Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm  
followed by watching at the Altar of Repose  
until Midnight

#### **Good Friday**

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm  
*Additional devotions*

*Children's Stations of the Cross at 10am*

*Solemn Stations of the Cross at 12noon*

*Evening Reflection led by the Folk Group at 7pm*

#### **Holy Saturday**

The Easter Vigil at 8pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8.15am; 9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm  
NO EVENING MASS



**No mobile phones**

#### **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

- 1: Savio & Fernandes families
- 2: Alec & Kay Moody.

#### **Last Week's Offertory Collection**

11th March £3,051 - for which, many thanks.

#### **Counting Group**

Today Group 3: Next Sunday Group 4.

#### **Church Cleaning**

Thursday 22nd March, Group 1, 11.30 - 12.30.

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota**

**18th** Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 M Correa, R Yep, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 G Sumpungwe, I Walker; 12.30 L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **25th** Sat 18.00 C D'Souza, G Teague, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 M Correa, R Yep, E D'Souza; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, M Kelly; 12.30 J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

#### **Readers' Rota**

**18th** Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 A Yep, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 **Reader Required**. **25th** Sat 18.00 A Goldwyn; Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 **Reader Required**.

#### **Recently Deceased**

*Margaret O'Halloran*, Woodland Hall Nursing Home (sister of Teresa Pearse). Funeral: Tuesday 20th March at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpenter's Park Cemetery.

*Bridie Cassidy*, (mother of Margaret, Anna and Audrey). Funeral to be confirmed.

*Frank Cochrane* (Hairy Frank), Durrant Court, Harrow Weald. Funeral to be arranged.

*May they rest in peace*

## ***Understanding the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday - Good Friday - Holy Saturday)***

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It is more sacred than Christmas! This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened. However, in most parishes, it is perhaps the most misunderstood three days of the year. This is a great shame as it is also the most beautiful and most important three days, not only of the Church's year, but in the history of Christianity.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday. As Holy Week progresses to its final days the solemnity heightens.

### **THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. **This three-day period is referred to as the *Easter Triduum*, also known as the *Sacred Triduum*, or *Paschal Triduum*.**

In brief, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. So, if you don't attend all three of these liturgies, you have not kept the Sacred Triduum!

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover, which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed, and that night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the Passion, death, and resurrection of God-made-man, Jesus Christ. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days.

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. This is where the Church remembers the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified.

After the homily there is an optional washing of the feet ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant, just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose", a place where the consecrated host is kept other than the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. Because of the Last Supper, Holy Thursday is a day especially given to adoration of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; many parishes will have Eucharistic Adoration at this altar of repose late into the night.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday, it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the Tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the “altar of repose” to signify Jesus’ death. The candle by the Tabernacle is blown out, and the Tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, highlighting that Good Friday is a solemn day of prayer and mourning.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass, but rather a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. It often takes place as close to 3pm as possible, the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross. Veneration of the Cross also takes place at this service, processing to kneel before a cross and either touching it or kissing it. Often the priest will begin the service prostrate in front of the altar.

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow, the final one before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We remember, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as he lay in the tomb. The faithful often continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday.

In the Apostles Creed we pray “He descended into hell” (Hades, the abode of the dead) which describes what Jesus did in the time between his burial and Resurrection. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls, such as the Old Testament patriarchs, who died before his crucifixion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus’ descent into the realm of the dead “the last phase of Jesus’ messianic mission,” during which he “opened heaven’s gates for the just who had gone before him.” Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven!

A vigil service is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil, **the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy in the Catholic Church.**

## **THE EASTER VIGIL**

The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to two hours: 1) the service of light, which begins around the Easter Fire lit outside the church, from which the Easter Candle is lit and processed into the darkened church representing the Light of Christ. 2) the liturgy of the Word, where the history of God's dealing with his people and our salvation is recalled. 3) the liturgy of Baptism, when we consecrate the fresh water of baptism in the font, and renew our baptismal promises, and 4) the liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass where adults are baptised, confirmed and brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Easter Sunday is what we’ve all been waiting for! The 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Pascal mystery: the Resurrection.

“Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the ‘Feast of feasts’, the ‘Solemnity of solemnities’, just as the Eucharist is the ‘Sacrament of sacraments’. St. Athanasius calls Easter ‘the Great Sunday’ and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week ‘the Great Week’. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1168, 1169)