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# W E E K

*The week before Easter Sunday begins with Palm Sunday. It ends on Holy Saturday. On **Palm Sunday**, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey,*

*On **Maundy Thursday** Jesus celebrated the Passover feast (the Last Supper) with the disciples.. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.*

***Good Friday** is the day we commemorate the trial, maltreatment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.*

*On **Holy Saturday**, we remember that Jesus was descended into hades, (Sheol in Hebrew) where He preached the Gospel to those who died before, and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.*

*This concludes Holy Week.*

## **PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday 27 March Mass at **6pm** (1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Palm Sunday.

Sunday 28 March Mass at **9am,**  
**10.30am &**  
**12noon**

*Palms will be blessed at all four Masses and distributed at the end of Mass as you leave.*

Wednesday 31 March Mass at **12.15pm**

# Triduum



## The Sacred Triduum

Thursday 1 April **MAUNDY THURSDAY Mass at 8pm.**

*Mass of the Lords Supper. No Altar of Repose; no Watching after the Mass.*

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Friday 2 April **GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence). LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD at 3pm.**

*The passion and death of Jesus is expressed in the liturgy of Good Friday. It is the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. The service held in the afternoon recalls the "hour" of Jesus' crucifixion. The red vestments signify the blood that Jesus shed. The readings are sombre; we listen to John's Gospel account of passion and death of Jesus.*

***The Adoration of the Cross will be all together in a moment of silent prayer.***

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*The collection today is for the Holy Places.*

Saturday 3 April

**Vigil & First Mass of Easter**

**8pm.**



*This year the Solemn Vigil is shortened. The Easter candle is lit; the Exultet (the Easter Proclamation) is announced; it expresses Christ our Light. The Baptism font is blessed. We renew our baptismal commitment (without the sprinkling of Holy Water).*

*Numbers at all the Easter Masses are severely restricted by Government decree. The doors will be **closed** when the permitted number is reached. The Diocese recommends that those who can should have a time of silence and prayer in tune with Bishop Alan and the whole Diocese.*

Sunday 4 April **Easter Sunday. Mass at**

**9am**

**10.30am**

**12noon**

Renewal of baptismal commitment (without the sprinkling of Holy Water) at each Mass.

Collections at Easter Masses are for the Franciscan Fraternity.

**“Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.”**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

St Franciscan of Assisi, Stratford, E15.

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