

**Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)
Divine Mercy Sunday.**

Saturday 6 April Mass at **6pm** (1st Mass of the Sunday).
Sunday 7 April Mass at **9am,
10.15am &
12noon**



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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15.
Easter 2024**

**St Francis of Assisi. Grove Crescent Road, Stratford,
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*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.*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 23rd March 10:30am - 12noon
4:30pm - 5:30pm

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 23 March Mass at **6pm** (1st Mass of Palm Sunday).
Sunday 24 March Mass at **9am,
10.15am &
12noon**

*Palms will be blessed at all four Masses. **Red vestments.**
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark is read.*

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week: 25, 26, 27 March
Mass at **12.15pm Purple vestments**
Confessions available after Mass.
(St Anthony Novena on Tuesday).

Triduum



The Sacred Triduum

Of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire Liturgical Year.

Thursday 28 March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Morning prayer: 10am

Mass at: 8pm White vestments

Mass of the Lords Supper. Altar of Repose; Watching after the Mass

Night Prayer 9:30pm



Friday 29 March **GOOD FRIDAY** (Day of Fasting and Abstinence).

Morning prayer: 10am

Children's Station of the Cross 10.30am

Confessions: 11am to 12noon

LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD at 3pm Red vestments

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 the passion and death of Jesus.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John is read.

The Adoration of the Cross Holy Communion

Stations of the Cross 7pm

The collection today is for the Holy Places.

Saturday 30 March

Morning prayer:

10am

Confessions:

10:15am - 11:0am

Blessing of the Food

11:00am

Vigil & First Mass of Easter

8pm

White vestments

Receptions into the Church with Baptisms and Confirmations,

(NO 6pm Mass)



The Easter candle is lit; Easter Proclamation is announced; it expresses Christ our Light. The Baptism font is blessed. We renew our baptismal commitment (with the sprinkling of Holy Water).

British Summer time begins at 1am on Easter Sunday. Clocks go forward 1 hour .

31 March **Easter Sunday. Mass at**

9am

10.15am

12noon

Renewal of baptismal commitment (with sprinkling of Holy Water) at each Mass.

Collections at Easter Masses are for the Franciscan Fraternity.

Mass in Easter Week: **Mon: 10am White vestments all week**

Tues: 12.15pm (with Novena)

Wed – Fri (3 – 5 April) 12.15pm

Sat: 10am (preceded by Morning prayer at 9.40am)