



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am

(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasion)

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First & last Friday of the month after Mass

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)
29 March 2026**

Dear Parishioners

As we are preparing to start once again to intensely experience the powerful moments of our Liturgical season in Holy week, I would like to look back to the 5 weeks of our Lenten season. The precious time in which the Lord calls us to return to the essential aspects of renewing our journey of faith.

Our Lenten journey included various initiatives that accompanied us on the journey toward Easter, rediscovering ourselves as true disciples, brothers and sisters called to bring the Gospel into our daily lives and supporting our candidates and enquirers of our parish RCIA.

I would like to thank the parish RCIA team, who organised the Tuesday evening time of prayer and bible reflection, creating a time prayer and the space for profound listening of the word of God.

A very special thank you to all those who supported these evenings by generously offering their time and talent to make them prayerful times, strengthening our parish members as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you to the various parish ministries, musicians and all those who came in the dark and cold nights of winter.

May this Holy week be a time of renewal that prepares us for the joy of Easter and may the Lord keep us united in his love.



God Bless
Fr Habte

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11,
Matthew 21:1-11 , Matthew 26:14-27:66

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -

Today's liturgy concentrates on two very different events, the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as Messianic King and the events of a few days later which culminated in his agonising and shameful death. This seeming end-point was to be reversed by the explosion of new life in the Resurrection after three days, an explosion which constituted God's vindication of Jesus' loving obedience and the affirmation that it has overcome and wiped out the sin of Adam, human sin. How much time did Jesus spend in Jerusalem? The Gospel of John recounts four separate visits to Jerusalem, whereas Mark (and Matthew and Luke, who follow Mark's outline) compresses all Jesus' Jerusalem ministry into one visit, inaugurated by the solemn entry, as narrated in the gospel we hear today before the procession with palms. This event is recounted by the evangelists in the light of their fuller understanding of Jesus after the Resurrection. We see the colourful, festal atmosphere of crowds going up to Jerusalem, waving palm branches as banners in their enthusiasm and singing as they march. Jesus and his disciples join in. But it may be only later that the significance of this event was grasped: this entry was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Zechariah about the Messiah coming into his inheritance, to complete his God-given mission and to proclaim peace to the nations. Matthew especially, writing for a community steeped in Judaism, actually quotes the prophecy and also the psalm-verse about 'him who comes in the name of the Lord'. He stresses that Jesus is this Son of David, whose eschatological kingship is about to be established.

Next week is known as Holy Week: how and when will you take time to listen to God and grow in holiness?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Acts 10:34a,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR EASTER FLOWERS: -

We will have a second collection for Easter flowers. We ask you to help make our church beautiful for the Triduum and Easter. Something from everyone will make that possible. Thank you in advance.



HOLY WEEK POSTER - The Knights of St Columba have kindly produced a Holy Week poster which you can pick up from the back of the church and display in your window.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES - Please take a copy of the Easter Card containing the timetable for Holy Week, Easter Sunday including children’s services and beyond up to 11th April or download a copy **HERE**.

This will relieve you from having to make telephone enquiries about the times of Holy Week services.

HOUSEBOUND / NURSING HOMES If you know of a parishioner, who would like Fr. Habte to visit, please let the parish office or Fr. Habte know

EASTER OFFERING TO FR HABTE - As we approach Easter, please see the yellow Easter Offering envelopes, available in the Narthex, the Finance committee ask you to be as generous as possible to our parish priest at Easter. It is our way of supporting his expenses and saying thank you for his ministry among us . If you are going away at Easter, please use the envelope and post it in the letter box of the presbytery whenever you can. For those of you in the gift aid scheme, please write your gift aid number on the Easter offering envelope as the parish will benefit. You may also give via the Contactless device. QR code or via the parish bank account details:- Sort Code 60-50-01 -Account number 79124437 - RCAS FOREST HILL Reference - Your surname/Gift Aid no/Easter. Many thanks



CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER: Our church cleaning team will be cleaning the church on Friday 3 April after the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy, we will appreciate any helping hands. Many thanks

LENTEN ALMS - Almsgivings is one of the three pillars of our Lenten practices. Almsgiving is charity towards our neighbour. The parish is thankful for your donations during Lent and the money you place in the Poor Boxes near the Church entrances. The Lenten collection on Maundy Thursday, will be going in support of the families in need fund.

HOLY WEEK NOTICES

All Holy Week main services will be livestreamed: www.facebook.com/swoyse/live/

Bells for Gloria on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil

Please bring bells to Mass on Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil to ring during the Gloria.

Maundy Thursday Café York

On Maundy Thursday Café York will be open from after Evening Mass until 23:15.

Children's Services

(Please be aware that the adult services are longer than usual)

Good Friday 10:30: Service with Good Friday story lasting 30 minutes.

Easter Sunday 09:30: Family Mass

Morning and Evening Prayer during Holy Week

CHURCH

Morning Prayer

09:30 Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Night Prayer

23:30 Maundy Thursday to conclude the time of watching

ZOOM

[Click this link for SWOY Evening Prayer over Zoom](#)

Zoom meeting ID: 813 9177 6863 **Password:** 061154

Evening Prayer

18:00 Palm Sunday, Mon-Wed., Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday

Veneration will include some time of quiet reflection in front of the Cross followed by individual veneration for those who wish.

Retiring Collections on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Maundy Thursday: Lenten Alms

Good Friday: Holy Places

The Good Friday collection supports pastoral, charitable, educational and social works throughout the Holy Land.

Donations

- Contactless card reader in Narthex
- Scan QR code
- In cash
- Parish Bank Account



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Reference: "Lenten Alms" or "Holy Places". Please include your name and Gift Aid number

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MINISTRY: Please look out for a special rota for Holy week and the Easter Triduum. We need as many collectors, Eucharistic ministers, Stewards, Readers and Altar servers as possible from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday. Thank you.

REMINDER - As we observe the solemnity of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday please leave the church quietly.

REFRESHMENTS ON GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SATURDAY

Good Friday children's liturgy in the morning will be followed by tea and coffee and hot cross buns in Cafe York. Also on Saturday morning on the 4th April we will have refreshments after the Office of Readings (Matins) in the morning with RCIA candidates and their sponsors and families, everyone is welcome and invited.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL - CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL AT 11.30AM - During Holy Week, we celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral with our Archbishop, bishops, priests, and the faithful of our diocese. During this Mass, the bishop blesses the oils—the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

Please join us for this year's Chrism Mass in our Cathedral. Address: Cathedral House, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.

(Please note our 9.30am Mass is cancelled on Wednesday 1 April)

WINTERSHALL PASSION OF JESUS Good Friday April 3rd, Trafalgar Square **Free** performances at 12pm and 3.15pm. A dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus which should not be missed. Get there early to get the best views in Trafalgar Square. Come prepared to sit on the ground in whatever the weather may be. You won't regret witnessing this extraordinary event. For those who cannot get to the Square it is also livestreamed: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

WOOLLY HATS FOR SEAFARERS Thank you to everyone who has added a woolly hat to the basket in the narthex. I have parcelled them up and sent them to Stella Maris in Tilbury where I am sure they will be much appreciated. The basket and yarn (for anyone to use) is still there for any more hats. Anyone who wants to branch out to balaclavas or fingerless gloves will find more patterns here [Knitting for Charity - Stella Maris](#)

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

July 11th, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk

As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Forest Hill

Marriage and Family Life South East, RC Archdiocese of Southwark

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE.

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [Apply here](#). Applications close on the 6 April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has [a number of upcoming activities](#) for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. For queries on youth activities email youth@rcaos.org.uk

MASS ATTENDEES

7/8 Mar - 347 14/15 Mar - 365 21/22 Mar -336

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 19 April 2.45pm Eucharist 3 Session Church

Sunday 19 April 6pm Confirmation 7th Session Church

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026 - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Saturday 28 March 2026

18:00 John Garvey RIP

Sunday 29 March 2026

09:15 For the Parishioners

11:30 Resty Navarette RIP

Monday of Holy Week - 30 March 2026

09:30 Appudurai Immanuel Sattiarajah RIP Anniversary

Tuesday of Holy Week - 31 March 2026

09:30 Jackie Mulrey RIP

Wednesday of Holy Week - 1 April 2026

11:30 Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 2 April 2026

20:00 Adrian McGurran & Matthew McGurran RIP

Good Friday - 3 April 2026

10:30 Children's Service

15:00 Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday - 4 April 2026

Easter Vigil Mass

20:30 Josephine O'Hara RIP

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

Sunday 5 April 2026

09:30 Family Mass

For the Parishioners

11:30 Kathleen Redmond RIP Anniversary

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/



WINTERSHALL

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The Passion of Jesus

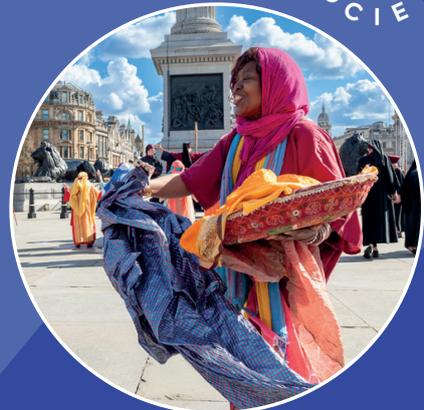
live in Trafalgar Square, London

Good Friday 3 April 2026

FREE performances

12 noon and 3.15pm

Also live streamed on Facebook



These performances contain a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion - parental guidance is advised

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