

This is Holy Week

Palm Sunday (also known as ***Passion Sunday***) marks the last lap of our Lenten journey with Christ through suffering to glory. We hail Him as our king, who through death and resurrection will establish His kingdom as the hope of our salvation. Palms are blessed and distributed at Mass in memory of Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are like a single drama in three acts, with Easter Sunday as a glorious celebration of its conclusion. Each act celebrates one aspect of Christ's Passover from death to life – a Passover that is to be ours with Him in spirit now, as a sign of our ultimate Passover with Him into eternity.

The Jewish people celebrate their Passover from slavery in Egypt to the enjoyment of the Promised Land by way of an annual memorial meal. In celebrating that meal with His disciples, Jesus elevated its meaning so that it became a memorial of the Passover from death to life that He was to accomplish. On ***Holy Thursday*** (also known as ***Maundy Thursday***) we celebrate His memorial meal, the Eucharist, with particular thanksgiving at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; we celebrate the Last Supper, during which Our Lord instituted the Mass when He took bread and wine and said, *Take and eat, this is my Body... Take and drink, this is my Blood.*

On ***Good Friday*** afternoon, we recall the obedience of Jesus to His Father's will during the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death and we ponder on the cross of suffering that was also the gateway to life.

So we come to ***Holy Saturday*** and the ***Easter Vigil***, that blessed night when the Church enfolds to us the whole history of our redemption. We rejoice around the Paschal Candle, burning brightly as a sign of the risen and living Christ in our midst, whose light we share as His brothers and sisters by baptism. Accordingly we renew our own baptismal promises and make our Easter communion with Him at the banquet of His Body and Blood.

On ***Easter Sunday*** our thoughts are lifted to spiritual heights as we contemplate Christ's victory and look forward in hope to the promises which His resurrection holds out for us. At Mass we have the opportunity of renewing our baptismal promises after the homily.

PALM SUNDAY (12th/13th April)
Mass and Blessing of Palms at
6.00pm (Saturday), 10.00am & 12noon (Sunday)
4.00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

HOLY MONDAY (14th April)
10.00am Mass
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

HOLY TUESDAY (15th April)
10.00am Mass

HOLY WEDNESDAY (16th April)
10.00am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY (17th April)
8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Watch until 10.30pm

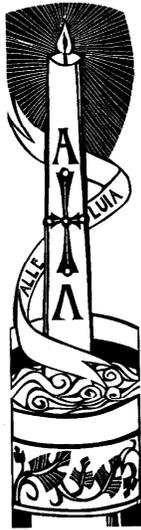
GOOD FRIDAY (18th April)
11.00am Stations of the Cross (for children)
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
8.00pm Stations of the Cross (Maria Desolata)

HOLY SATURDAY (19th April)
8.00pm Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY (20th April)
Mass with Renewal of Baptismal Promises at
10.00am & 12noon

CONFESSIONS before EASTER
MONDAY / TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY after Mass
HOLY THURSDAY 7.30-7.45pm
GOOD FRIDAY after the Solemn Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY 10.00-10.30am

We proclaim
your Death,
O Lord



and profess
your
Resurrection

until you come again!

*Father Jean-Claude Selvini
& Fr Daniel Kulangara
wish you and your families
a Happy Easter
and the Blessings of Easter
throughout the year*

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