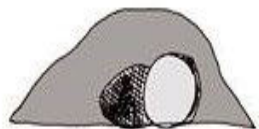


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SUNDAY



  
**CHRIST THE LORD**  
IS RISEN TODAY!

**Sunday 31st March**

**Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am (no 6pm)**

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ continues into Easter morning, as we now begin Eastertide. The forty days of Lenten fasting now give way to fifty days of Easter feasting and joy. Joy to the world! Christ is Risen, Alleluia, He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Easter Week

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Mass 9.15am

Wednesday Mass: 7.30am & 12noon, Friday 6pm

## Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 6.00pm

Mass at 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour 3.00pm



**WISHING YOU a TRULY Holy HOLY WEEK &  
EVERY BLESSING & JOY for the EASTER SEASON!**

*Fr Richard      Fr Ephrem*

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From *HOSANNA*  
to *ALLELUIA!*



Holy Week  
Journey Together

Holy Week and Easter  
Our Lady of Fatima Church  
White City 2024



# Holy Week

*Please note — all the main celebrations of Holy Week will be livestreamed.  
For the links see our parish website: [www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk](http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk)*

## Sunday 24th March

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 6.00pm  
Mass at 9.00am, 10.45am (with Palm Procession from School play-ground) and at 6.00pm  
*Palms will be blessed at all Masses*



On Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday as it is also called, we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the start of the Jewish Passover celebrations. The crowds are almost uncontrollable in expectation that Jesus might be the promised Messiah, but Jesus rides quietly through it all on a humble donkey knowing that these same onlookers in just a few days' time will be shouting "Crucify him!" We hear these cries in our reading of the Passion.

**Monday 25th March** Mass 9.15am **Reconciliation Service 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 26th March** Mass 9.15am *Westminster Cathedral* **Chrism Mass 12 noon**, when the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises and the Holy Oils are blessed by Cardinal Vincent for use in our parishes over the coming year.

**Wednesday 27th March** Mass 7.30am, 12noon

## Thursday 28th March

No morning Mass  
**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8.00pm**  
Watching at the Altar of Repose after Mass  
Night Prayer 10.50pm



Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday and the Church enters the Paschal 'Triduum', or Three Days, which are the culmination of the Church's year, as we celebrate Christ's passion, death and resurrection by which we are redeemed. The liturgies of these three days are in essence a single celebration, following Jesus in his agony, desolation and risen joy.

At the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper we enter the Upper Room where Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples. At the end of Mass there will be a time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament as we are invited to remain with Jesus in prayer just like the disciples during Jesus's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.



## Friday 29th March (Day of fasting & abstinence)

**Children's Stations of the Cross 10.00am**  
**SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3.00pm**

**Meditation around the Cross 7.00pm** A very simple time of reflection on the mystery of the Cross led by Fr Richard in the stillness and silence of the church.

The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion is the most sombre celebration of the whole Church year. Indeed Good Friday is the only day in the year when the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist. The church is bare, we are focused on the Cross. The priests enter in silence and prostrate themselves on the floor at the foot of the sanctuary as a sign of submission to God. We listen to the Passion of Christ from John's Gospel and are then invited to come forward individually to venerate the Cross, which through Christ's sacrifice is transformed from an instrument of torture into the means of our redemption.



## Saturday 30th March

**Blessing of Polish Easter Food - 3pm**  
**EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION 8.30pm**



During the day on Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The church is empty and silent.

Then, as the evening darkness falls, we gather around the Easter fire to light the Paschal Candle and fill the darkened church with the proclamation of the Lord's Resurrection. During the celebration we are all invited to renew our baptismal promises and our commitment to be living witnesses of the Risen Christ. We once again sing 'Alleluia' in praise of God, streaming forth from the church into the world in exultant joy!