



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

2nd April 2023



We begin the holiest week in the Church's liturgical year! It is a time to enter deeply into the solemn events of the week leading up to Easter. The Triduum is ONE liturgical celebration beginning with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. There is no dismissal at the end of the liturgy. Good Friday is a celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death and the EASTER VIGIL begins in darkness and bursts into Easter light and joy, concluding with the Solemn Dismissal to Go in the peace of Christ. ALLELUIA

WHY DO CATHOLIC CHURCHES COVER THE SAINTS DURING LENT?

Lent is meant to be a time of penance and deprivation. Covering the statues and allowing for little or no adornment of the church helps us focus on the coming passion and death of Our Lord. The Easter Vigil Mass marks the end of Lent and celebrates the glorious resurrection of Our Lord and the church is once more decorated in spectacular fashion. On Good Friday and the cross is slowly uncovered for the adoration of the cross.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

There is **no** morning mass on Thursday; the only mass allowed that day is the Mass of The Lords Supper at **7.30pm**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 3pm on the 16th April Holy Hour and Confessions. The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. . There will be a holy hour in honour of divine Mercy here in the church on Sunday 16th April at 3pm. There is a novena which begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. Priestswill be available to hear confessions during holy hour.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held after the 10.am mass on Wednesday.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday 6th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday 7th April:

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Celebration of **The Lord's Passion** at 3pm

Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence

Easter Vigil 8th April: begins at sunset at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 9th April: at 8.30am & 10.30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

16th April at 3pm An hour of adoration and meditations on Divine mercy of the Blessed confessions available.

Men's Group

All Men of the Parish are welcome to come and join our regular Men's Breakfast sessions. These take place once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and a Danish served at 8.30am. At 9.00am we settle down to enjoy an episode of the popular trending Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. This is a high quality and powerful dramatisation of St Matthew's Gospel. Time for discussion and reflection follows. We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new. Forthcoming dates are: Saturdays 15th April, 20th May, 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As usual Cardinal Nicholas will lead the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July. People are encouraged to book now via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> to avoid disappointment as places are limited

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow Airport. Booking forms are available now from Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/WHL

RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL

PARISH ENQUIRIES

CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School.

Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 23rd September. Further information will be available in due course but parishes are invited to note the date and to start making coach bookings.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Fr. Peter Maher, Peter Robinson, Patrick Sarsfield, Fr. Philip Law and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries are at this time: John Campbell; Doris Bartram; Sean Duggan; Vera Holmes-Walker; Francesca Walsh; Geoff Rota; Brian Sutton; Fr Robert Holmes Walker; Theresa Mahoney; Robert Grey; Josuah Corby; John Albone.

Annual Mass for Matrimony

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday, 13th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries: 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. As usual couples are asked to register their wish to attend with their parish,

which then sends on the details to family@rcdow.org.uk by Saturday, 1st April 2023.

Vocations to priesthood

On Wednesday 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please find your surname as they are in alphabetical, not numerical order. If you cannot find your envelope or if you would like to start using envelopes please speak to Catherine.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Open Air Mass:

2nd July 10.30 am, followed by BBQ.

Sat 1 st	Vigil Mass 6.30pm	
Sun 2 nd	8.30am 10.30am	Richard Steele RIP Fr Michael Target Recovery
Mon 3 rd	10.00am	Mick McGrinder RIP
Tue 4 th	10.00am	Adela Kazamiriwk RIP
Wed 5 th	10.00am	Margret & Bernard Looney
Thu 6 th	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 7 th	3pm	Good Friday

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, all are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**. For more information, please go to the Parish website

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Church Cleaning Our annual Easter cleaning of the church will take place on Wednesday, 5th April at 1pm. Please can everyone on the Rota try to attend. We would also be pleased to see any other willing volunteers. Many thanks.