

# ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

A Parish under the care of the Augustinians

## Newsletter

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
13th April 2025

### Gospel Teaching

We Today we commemorate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, another unscripted drama, though it may have seemed anything but triumphal at the time. Jesus merely borrowed someone else's donkey and rode into the city accompanied by psalm-singing pilgrims. Yet it conveyed a powerful message. He selected his mode of transport carefully: not a warhorse nor some docile old donkey guaranteed to carry him with dignity. Instead, he chose a young colt not yet broken in. It was likely to give him a very unstately ride as it kicked and bucked its way down the Mount of Olives!

How different from that other procession taking place on the far side of the city, for Pontius Pilate was also entering Jerusalem about this time. Pilate himself understood the power of symbolic actions. He would have been seated on a fine horse, surrounded by legionaries in gleaming armour. A show of force is the kind of language everyone understands. Such contrast! The pompous and the ridiculous; the powerful and the puny! Jesus was making clear what kingship was not: not grandeur, nor the instilling of fear. He was coming as Prince of Peace, a human being like anyone else, making himself vulnerable, almost inviting contempt. This was a King coming, not to lord it over his people, but to lay down his life for them.

The Entrance Gospel began with the words: "Jesus went on ahead." He still goes on ahead, leading his Church along the humble path of self-emptying love, showing us that true greatness is not about grandiosity, nor about being stronger or smarter than anyone else. Jesus demonstrates the serene authority of a person who trusts in God; who lives out what they believe; who loves to the end.

He sensed what fate awaited him. The crowds were less aware. In high spirits, they were shouting blessings and hailing him as king! Some tried to constrain them, as so often happens when the openness of a person's beliefs is ridiculed, or their spontaneity dampened by other people's expectations. Indeed, to declare faith in Jesus still carries the risk of public disapproval, even in a free society. Jesus, however, affirmed the crowd, just as he affirms us whenever we express our love for him, or cheer on anyone who stands up for what is right and true.

Though he seemed in sombre mood, the exuberance of the crowd did not bother Jesus. Perhaps he drew strength from their love for him. They were singing well-known psalms with such gusto and laying down a red carpet of their own garments. Today's liturgies encourage us, too, to be more than passive bystanders in the drama of Christ's passion. We are called to conscious participation; to engage with heart and mind; to profess our faith in action as well as word. Jesus desires our companionship on his lonely journey towards the cross. "The Master has need of it," he said as the disciples went to fetch the donkey. The Master has need of us.

*(The Living Word, Redemptorist Publication)*

See also: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-02/sunday-reflection-vatican-news2.html>

Readings: Luke 19:28-40. Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24. Isaiah 50:4-7. Luke 22:14-23:56.

### MASS TIMES

#### Sunday:

9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm, 6:30 pm

#### Monday to Friday:

8 am & 12.15 pm

**Saturday:** 12.15 pm, 6 pm (Vigil)

#### Holy Days of Obligation:

8 am, 12.15 pm & 7 pm

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#### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Tuesday:** 10 am - 3 pm.

**Thursday to Friday:** 10 am - 3 pm.

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## PARISH DIARY

**Sunday 13th April** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Masses: 9 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 6:30pm

**COP: Candidates for the Sacraments**

**Monday 14th April** *Monday of Holy Week*

8 am Mass

11am Confession

12 noon - The Angelus

12.15 pm Mass

**Tuesday 15th April** *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8am Mass

12 noon - The Angelus

12pm Chrism Mass

**Wednesday 16th April** *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8am Mass

11am Confession

12 noon - The Angelus

12:15 pm Mass

5pm Confession

**Thursday 17th April** *Maundy Thursday*

7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 18th April** *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

12pm - Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebrations of the Passion of the Lord

**Saturday 19th April** *Holy Saturday*

8pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Sunday 20th April** *Easter Sunday*

Masses: 9 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

**Monday - Friday 21st - 25th April** *Octave of Easter*

12:15pm - One Mass Only

**Saturday 26th April** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

12pm Regina Coeli

12:15pm Mass

6pm Mass

**Sunday 27th April** *Divine Mercy Sunday*

9am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm

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## PARISH LIFE

### Announcement

Due to several incidents of vandalism experienced by the church, we regret to inform you that the interior door of the church will be closed after the rosary following the 12:15 pm Mass. However, the church porch will stay open for those who want to pray until 5 pm. On Saturdays, the doors will re-open at 5pm for the 6pm mass and on Sundays, it will re-open at 5:30 pm for the 6:30pm mass. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Parish Office Closed** - Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from the 17th April - 21st April inclusive. It will reopen again on the 22nd of April.

**Cardinal Lenten Alms Appeal** - There will be an appeal for the Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal starting on the 9th of March. We appreciate all of your ongoing support.

**Data Protection Regulations** - Please note that on account of GDPR law we can only provide certificates (Baptism, Confirmation, etc.) to the person who has the rights to their data. This will be the parents or carers if the person is under eighteen, or the person themselves if they are eighteen or older.

**Website** - To view the newsletter via our website; from the Homepage, click on News and Events, click on Newsletters from the drop-down menu, click on "Latest Newsletter".

**Car Parking** - The management agents have installed ANPR. Please note that for weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday up until the 12.15 pm, the gate will be open around Mass times). **For any Masses or services during the week, ie, Weekday Masses, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings, you will have to book a space, which can be done online at <https://parkbee.com>**

**Piano Lessons** - Our organist, Antonio who is a dedicated and passionate Piano Teacher for over ten years (currently working as a Piano Tutor at the Royal College of Music in London), is offering fun but professional piano lessons to both adults and children. It does not matter what age you are! Please contact him at [antonio.morabito95@hotmail.it](mailto:antonio.morabito95@hotmail.it) if you are interested.

**Live Streaming Masses and Services** - To view, either click on the link on the parish website or visit: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv). Church Live Streaming is 24/7 in St Augustine's Church, Hammersmith.

**CCTV in the Church** - There is ongoing 24/7 CCTV recording in the Church.

### 7 to 9 Votive Day Candle Stands

(located near St. Anthony's/St. Patrick's Statues)

Please **only** use candles which can be purchased from the Repository or Parish Office

Price per Candle **£5** (available in Blue, Red & White)

## OPENING TIMES, DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### Church Opening Times for Individual Prayer

Weekdays: 7 am to 5 pm

Saturdays: 10 am until after the 6 pm Mass

Sundays: 8 am until after the 6.30 pm Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Saturday 10.30 am - 11.45 am.

**Reconciliation** - Saturday 10.30 am to 11.45 am and by appointment.

**The Angelus** - Every day at 12 noon.

**Novena Mass to Sto. Niño** - Every First Friday of the month at 7 pm.

**Rosary** - (Led by parishioners) recited daily after the 8 am Mass (Monday to Friday) & 12.15 pm Mass Mondays to Saturdays.

### Church Shop - Opening Times

Monday to Friday - 11.45 am to 1.30 pm  
Saturday 11.45 am to 1.30 pm 5.30 pm to 7 pm  
and every Sunday between 8.30 am - 2 pm

## VOLUNTEERING/JOB VACANCIES

**Can you Help?** We still need of more volunteers to come forward for the various ministries in the Church.

**Would you like to join the Choir?** - Please pick up a form from the Church Porch and return it to the parish office.

**Church Cleaning** - Please speak to Antonia if you can help on Mondays after the 8 am Mass.

**Readers** - If you would like to read at any of the Sunday Masses, please email Annabel, [staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk)

**Diocesan Job Vacancies** - For current job vacancies, visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>

## LITURGY

### Table of Moveable Feasts 2025

Easter Sunday	20 April
<b>Ascension</b>	29 May
Pentecost	8 June
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	22 June
<b>Ss Peter and Paul</b>	29 June
<b>Assumption of BVM</b>	15 August
<b>All Saints</b>	2 November
Christ the King	23 November
First Sunday of Advent	30 November
<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	25 December
<b>Epiphany</b>	5 January

*Bold entries denote Holydays of Obligation in England and Wales.*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Baptism Course** - 26th April, Saturday at 10am, will be the next schedule for the course. Kindly email or call the parish office if you wish to be listed on the course.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** - More information from the Parish Office.

**Confirmation 2025** - The date for Confirmation 2025 is the 7th of June 2025 at 12:15pm. We are no longer taking applications for 2025.

**First Holy Communion 2025** - The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is the 21st June 2025 Saturday at 11am & 2pm. We are no longer taking applications for 2025.

**Home Visit for the Sick** - Please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriages** - If you would like to get married, we need at least six months notice or longer if you wish to marry abroad. You also need to attend a Marriage Course. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults)** - For Adults who wish to become Catholic, Adult Catholics who wish to be confirmed, any Catholic Adult who wishes to learn more about their Catholic faith. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## SCHOOLS

### St Richard Reynolds Catholic College Vacancies

The college is currently looking for:

- Teacher of Religious Education
- Teacher of French
- Teacher of PE (Girls)
- Part-time Art Technician

For more information, view our website [HERE](#).

Please contact [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk)

or phone 020 8325 4630.

**St Augustine's Catholic Primary School** are looking for a school governor. If you would like to be part of supporting the Catholic formation and Education of our pupils, or are interested in finding out more about the role, please feel free to contact the school office on [admin@staugustinesrc.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustinesrc.lbhf.sch.uk) or call on 0207-385-4333

## COMMUNITY MASS LIST

**13th April - 19th April**

### Recently Deceased:

Michael O'Mahony, Bianca Cassino,

### Anniversaries:

Fred Smith, Aidan Moffitt, Jose Manuel Rodrigues Costinha, Juana Maria Morales

### Intentions:

Maura & Patrick & extended family, Arcangelo Ignoscia, Ann Whelan, Tony & Eilish Murphy, Maureen Donaghey & Family, Eimear Murphy & Family, Bernie Martin Forde & Family, Geraldine King & Family, Marion Mike Higgins & Family, Mae Murray, Mary Lombardi, Holy Souls, Amy Nolan, Victoria Humphreys, Fernand Gastrein

### Get Well:

Edward Pryce, Patrick Rushe, Peter Nixey, Anita Cormac, Timothy O'Sullivan, Mary T. Clancy, Peter Humphrys

### Birthday:

Catherine Tully

## STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these times.

If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code:



or use the following details:

**Name:** WRCDT - HAMMERSMITH  
**Account No:** 11308262  
**Sort Code:** 40-05-20  
**Bank:** HSBC  
**Ref:** Your name

If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can complete a Gift Aid form from the Parish Office. We can claim back 25p in every £1 you donate.

**Gift Aid & Planned Giving** - This scheme enables parishes to claim back the tax element of your gift from those who pay tax and donate regularly to the Parish. This gives the parish an extra 25% on top of your donations at no cost to yourself.

### Ways you can Give

**Gift Aid Box** - If you feel that you are able to make regular donations, and would like a gift aid box, please complete the Parish Gift Aid Form/ Standing Order Form (available from the Church Porch) and return it to the Parish Office.

**By Standing Order** - You may wish to set up a standing order for your donations, if so, please complete the standing order instruction on the Parish Gift Aid Form and return the completed form to the Parish Office.

**One Off Donations** - If you are visiting the parish and would like to make a one-off donation, please pick up the blue donation envelopes available from the Church porch, fill in and place in the offertory collection. Your donation can help our parish and make your gift go further.

**Not donated in a while and would like to start giving again?** If anyone has not donated for a while, we have ended your box. If you would like to start giving again by planned giving envelopes, please complete the Gift Aid form and return it to the Parish and you will be issued with a new number and box.

**Mass Collection** for last week: **£963.51 (loose plate)**

**Contactless Payment Machines** - If you wish for your donation to be gift-aided, please ensure that you fully complete the gift aid section. If you prefer, or if the machines are not working, for whatever reason, you can scan the QR code, which you will find above the machines, just enter your donation amount, input your card details in the normal way. Please don't forget to Gift Aid!

**Foodbank** - We are still collecting items for the Food Bank that can help families who are struggling. Please use the box in the porch for dried, tinned and packet foods (especially fish, vegetable/fruits) and toiletries. Thank you.

## ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

### Holy Week Programme 2025

All Masses/Services will be live-streamed on [parish.rcdow.org.uk/hammersmith](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hammersmith) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**13<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
(Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses)  
**Masses:** 6pm Sat. (Vigil), 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm

#### 14<sup>th</sup> April, Monday of Holy Week

**Masses:** 8 am & 12.15 pm  
**Confession:** 11 am to 11.45 am

#### 15<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday of Holy Week

**Masses:** 8 am  
**NO CONFESSION**  
(12 NN Chrim Mass at Westminster Cathedral)

#### 16<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday of Holy Week

**Masses:** 8 am & 12.15 pm  
**Confession:** 11 am to 11.45 am & 5 pm to 6 pm

#### THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

#### 17<sup>th</sup> April, MAUNDY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30 pm

#### 18<sup>th</sup> April, GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - 12 nn  
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3 pm

#### 19<sup>th</sup> April, HOLY SATURDAY

SEASON OF EASTER  
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8 pm

#### 20<sup>th</sup> April, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

**Masses:** 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm (no evening Mass)

#### 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April, Monday to Friday

**Mass:** 12.15 pm (only)

#### 26<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday

**Masses:** 12.15 pm & 6 pm (Divine Mercy Sunday Mass)  
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession)

#### 27<sup>th</sup> April, Divine Mercy Sunday

**Masses:** 9 am, 10:30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm  
**Normal Liturgy & Mass Schedule Resume**

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