

**PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO**  
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**Neocatechumenate:** Michael Anderson 07956281186  
**Confessions:** Tues to Fri at 12 noon before Mass  
**Masses:** Tues to Fri 12:30pm  
Thu 6pm  
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2026**



**"Lazarus, here! Come out!"**

John 11:43

*"The commemoration of Christ's saving Passion is at hand, and the new, great spiritual Passover, which is the reward for dispassion and the prelude of the world to come. Lazarus proclaims it in advance." St Gregory Palamas*

**SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2026**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY**

9am Mass  
 10am *Procession with Palms from Fitzroy Square*  
 11am Mass

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March CHRISM MASS**

12 midday at Westminster Cathedral

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April MAUNDY THURSDAY**

6pm Mass & washing of feet

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY**

3pm Liturgy with Communion

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

11:00pm Liturgies and Eucharist

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY**

9am Mass  
 11am Mass

Mass Schedule	
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9am Pro Populo 11am Jakub's Intentions
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	NO MASS
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Betty Lynch RIP
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March The Annunciation	12:30pm Pavlo Zakusilo RIP
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Valentina & Olga Zakusilo 6pm Dennise Maddox
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30pm Brian O'Donell

**PLEASE NOTE** that filming will take place on Saturday 28th March in the morning & on Palm Sunday in order to create a promotional video for our parish website. We shall have a photo-free area for those not wishing to be filmed.

Donations of non-perishable, in date food for the **Foodbank** are welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group to see the hymns we sing at our Sunday Masses.



**During Lent: Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 6:30 to 7:20am in the Crypt  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11:30am to 12:20pm Tuesday & Thursday.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Friday after Mass

# Love Unknown

*Beloved,*

"My song is love  
unknown - my Sav-  
iour's love to me;  
love to the love-  
less shown, that  
they might lovely  
be.

Oh, who am I,  
that for my sake my  
Lord should take  
frail flesh and  
die?"

Samuel Crossman

Until Christ died and rose  
from death, God remained  
love unknown and man an un-  
resolved dilemma.

The Old Testament had spoken  
about it but no one could  
imagine what this love, ful-  
ly displayed in the flesh  
for all the world to see,  
could really look like.

Most of the followers of  
Christ failed to recognise  
this love in the crucified  
Lord.

This love filled their  
hearts with terror. Yet  
those who had been overpow-  
ered by the mysterious at-  
traction of his unknown love  
stood at the foot of the  
cross overwhelmed by its  
fathomless depths.

While Jesus hung on the  
cross, the beloved disciple



saw the eternally  
beloved Son of love  
showing the fullness  
of his undying love  
to all the loveless.

And when Christ rose  
from death and  
poured the fullness  
of his Spirit in  
him, the same be-  
loved disciple unveiled the  
mystery of this unknown love  
for what it truly is: God.

"Anyone who does not love  
does not know God, because  
God is love."

1 John 4:8.

Do we know God? Then, why is  
it that sometimes we fail to  
love?

Perhaps we should acknowledge  
that we know this love only a  
little.

But do we want to know it  
more?

Then, prepare to celebrate  
Holy Week and Easter well.

The events we shall commemo-  
rate can show us the 'love  
unknown'.

This love can make the  
'loveless lovely' because it  
can infuse into them the at-  
tractive power of this un-  
known love.

May God convert us to this  
love!

*Fr Oscar,*