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Mass this Sunday: Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B) 24th March 2024

Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7 The true disciple doesn't abandon God and so, in turn, is not abandoned by God.

Philippians 2:6-11 Jesus did not exploit his equality with God.

Mark 14:1-15:47 An unnamed woman ignores convention and anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and her tears.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday 23 rd	6:30pm	Mass	<i>Intention</i> Christina Heather (anniversary)
Sunday 24 th	9:00am	Mass	For Our Parishioners

10:30am	Procession & Mass	For our Keeping of Holy Week
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Monday of Holy Week	9:15am	Mass	Dante Villa (anniversary)
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Tuesday of Holy Week	9:15am	Mass	Alice Bristow (RIP)
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Wednesday of Holy Week	9:15am	Mass	Kathleen McHugh (Intention)
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Holy Thursday	8:00pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper	Vocations
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Watch by Altar of Repose in Martyr's Chapel

10:45pm	Night Prayer
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Good Friday	10:40am	<i>Ecumenical Walking with The Cross</i>
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Starting at Queen's Road Methodist Church

12 noon	Children's Stations
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3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the Liturgy

6:00pm	Stations of The Cross
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Holy Saturday	8:30pm (GMT) EASTER VIGIL <i>beginning in the garden (if dry)</i>	The Baptised
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EASTER SUNDAY	6:30am Sunrise Service, East end of St John's Church	
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9:00am(BST) Mass of Easter Day	Hannah Brownjohn (anniversary)
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10:30am Mass of Easter Day	The People of our Parish
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Missio Red Boxes The time has come to empty your *Missio* Red Boxes. Please pick up an envelope and return it as soon as possible to the sacristy. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th to 26th July 2024 Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage is now open <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or 020 7798 9173. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend the Mass, please give the following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). *This information is required by 10th April at the latest.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: This is an extra-ordinary roller coaster of a ride, condensing every aspect of Holy Week into one liturgy. It begins with the blessing of palms and the remembrance of the excitable crowds at Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. If dry the 10:30am Mass will begin with an outdoor procession. However, the liturgical mood rapidly changes and most of the Mass focusses upon the Passion of the Lord, and the long dramatized reading of the Passion. But, as with every Sunday, this is also the Day of resurrection. We will greet Pilgrims on *Pilgrim Cross* in the afternoon/evening. Please be in Church for 4:30pm (with hi-vis if possible) if you want to be part of the small group who will walk out to meet them for their last stretch into Royston.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week These allow us to prepare gently for the great Three Days, the Triduum. We journey with Jesus from Bethany, to the upper room and to his betrayal. Please note that on Tuesday in the Cathedral, the Cardinal, Bishops and Priests of the Diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 12noon. This is where priests renew their vows and we bless the holy oils to be used in the sacraments for the next year.

Triduum – this is in many ways one connected liturgy spread over three days. Please try to participate in as much as you are able as it all belongs together.

Holy Thursday Is a rich liturgy in which we join Christ and his Disciples for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We dramatically relive the call to service in the footwashing as we recall the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. There is a prayerful watch after the mass as we stay a while with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. **If you are willing to lend pot plants, such as Parlour Palms, to form our pop-up Garden of Repose, please let Fr Philip know.** He will be available to receive any pots you are willing to lend for 24 hours at 9:30am on Thursday morning, but we can arrange other times if this is inconvenient. Your plants may be collected on Good Friday.

Good Friday is our day of prayer and reflection before the cross of Jesus. Children are especially welcome at the 12 noon Stations of the Cross. We will gather as a community before our crucified Lord at the Solemn Liturgy at 3pm.

The Easter Vigil is a time of light and joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Weather permitting, we will begin around the New Fire at 8pm in the garden. We will keep vigil as we journey through the unfolding of God's love through the Old and New Testaments, culminating with the first mass of Easter.

Easter Day: The Day of Resurrection, the day of joy and hope and new life,
"The feast of feasts" and "the solemnity of solemnities" (CCC 1169)
Not least this day we celebrate the grace of God we receive in Baptism,
empowering us now and leading us into God's good future.