



HOLY WEEK AT SJF

Sun ☩ 10 April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 11 April	Monday of Holy Week	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 12 April	Tuesday of Holy Week	Confessions 9.00am Mass at 9.30am	For Matilda, in thanksgiving for her family
Wed 13 April	Spy Wednesday of Holy Week	Confessions 9.00am Mass at 9.30am	For Juan Siri RIP (one months mind)
Thur 14 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	No Morning Mass 8.00pm	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Watch at the Altar of Repose up to 11pm (Confessions from 9.00pm) Night Prayer at 10.50pm
Fri 15 April <i>Day of fasting & abstinence</i>	GOOD FRIDAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	11.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Children's Stations of the Cross Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Stations of the Cross
Sat 16 April <i>(Beginning at nightfall)</i>	HOLY SATURDAY SEASON OF EASTER THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	No Morning Mass 8.00pm	Church cleaning and decorating from 9.00am - Everyone welcome! Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ☩ 17 April	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

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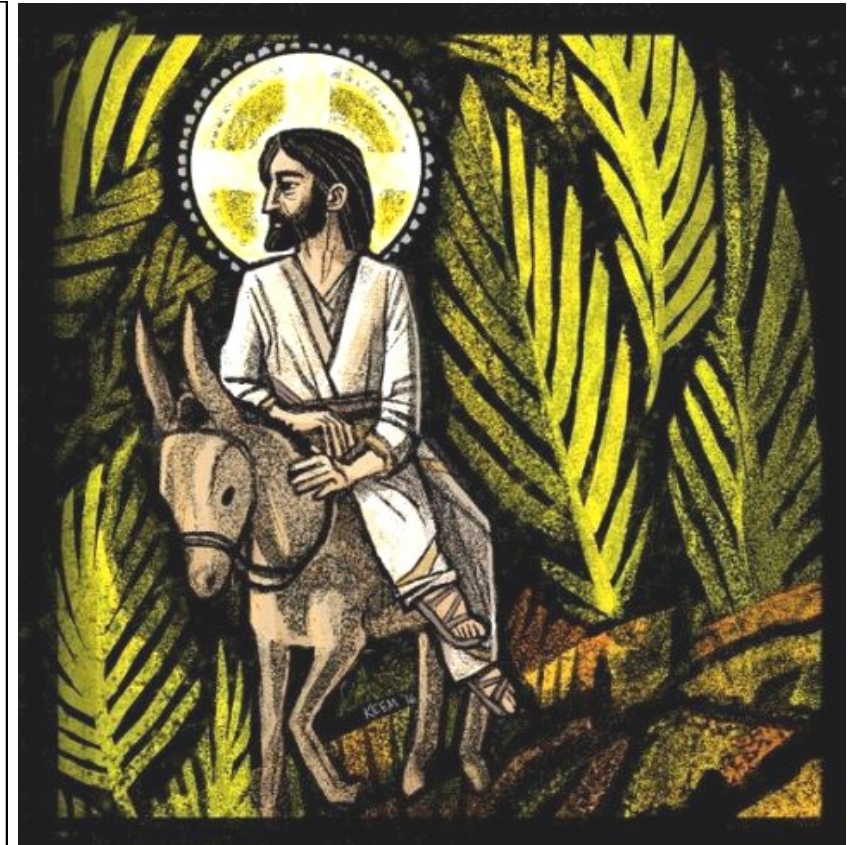


Sunday 10th April 2022 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the King
who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Divine Office
Holy Week

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



✠ THIS IS HOLY WEEK ✠



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Don't miss out! Please make it a top priority to come to SJF this Holy Week. Reserve some time to be with the Lord. Suspend errands and jobs around the house, especially on Good Friday. Drop everything and enter into the mystery of the faith. For Catholics, this is the most important time of the year. It is our opportunity to renew our Christian identity, to feed the soul, to stand proud and be counted. The great week begins with **PALM SUNDAY**, Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem - the Holy City. He came as a King, but he came in great humility, riding on a colt. The crowds welcomed the Lord, they waved palm branches and shouted "Blessed is the King who come in the name of the Lord". A simple journey thus became a procession. At Holy Mass on this day, we join in with the first disciples, we bless palm crosses and welcome Jesus Christ as our King!

MAUNDY THURSDAY reminds us that the great Paschal Triduum has begun. On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his close friends together in an upper room in Jerusalem. Jesus washed their feet like a servant. He gave them a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you". And then he gave them the gift of himself: "This is my Body... this is my Blood". After Supper he went to watch and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Our celebration, of the Lord's Supper, beginning at 8.00pm on Maundy Thursday, is based on these events. At the end of Holy Mass, the Blessed Sacrament of Jesus is taken in procession to the Altar of Repose, this is our Garden of Gethsemane. The Sacrament is placed there and a Watch of silent prayer is kept until 11.00pm. On this night we have the privileged opportunity of spending some time in prayer with the Lord himself. If you can't attend the Holy Mass, try to stop by, during the evening, to pray at the Altar of Repose, even for a short while. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), will also be available on this night.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, Jesus is condemned to death. He carried his cross to Calvary. He was crucified and he died. Our liturgy, beginning at 3.00pm is not a funeral service. We recall the solemn events leading up to the death of Jesus. We read the Passion Gospel, we pray and we venerate the cross. We receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, reserved from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the night before. Good Friday completes the work of Jesus Christ on earth. He cried out as he died: "It is accomplished" it is a cry of victory. We come to the liturgy on Good Friday out of love for him, who died out of love for us. The importance and solemnity of this day are demonstrated through our fasting & abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY Throughout this day, Jesus' Body is in the tomb. This is the time to make our final preparations. From 9.00am onward we prepare the Church for Easter, cleaning & decorating. We then await the First Mass of Easter. The Vigil begins at 8.00pm outside the church, the Holy Fire is blessed together with the new Easter (Paschal) candle. The procession into the darkened church begins and slowly, the light of Christ glows ever stronger, to dispel the darkness of the night. We hear the readings and we sing the psalms. We bless the waters of Easter and renew our Baptismal promises. And then finally, the Church erupts with joy. Bells ring out and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is proclaimed. We celebrate the Holy Mass on this most holy night of the year, because death is conquered, the gates of heaven have been thrown open to believers and hope is renewed. We continue the celebrations on **EASTER SUNDAY**, the Day of Resurrection. This is a day of joy & celebration in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Mass is celebrated at 8.30am and 10.30am. The Christian hope which faith brings, is grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and what he means for us. We may not know what

the future holds, but we know who holds the future! Holy Week and Easter gives us the opportunity to renew our faith and hope. Come to SJF this Holy Week, invite your families and friends and catch a glimpse of heaven.

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MASS TIMES & LITURGIES during Holy Week vary from our usual times. Please check the back of this newsletter for full details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN will be at 11.00am in church on Good Friday.

REGULAR STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Good Friday are at 7.00pm

LITTLE CHURCH will be on holiday for Easter Sunday, but will be back the following week.

OUR CHURCH is a friendly place, but it's easy to reach out to those we already know. Over Holy Week and Easter there may well be visitors and people returning after some time away. A smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference and pointing out where Mass sheets are can be invaluable. Thank you.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES available from the back of the church contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests working at SJF throughout the year. They are not a personal gift, to the priest. They are however, much appreciated.

THE VEILING OF IMAGES & STATUES IN CHURCH There is a change in the appearance of our church. The statues are now veiled and remain covered until the First Mass of Easter. Only the Stations of the Cross remain visible, for devotion. The veiling, with purple material, makes us stop and ask - Why this emptiness? Why this sombre purple? The purpose of veiling is to help us to refocus, to create a wilderness in our lives which is free from distractions, even for just an hour at Mass. In this brief wilderness, we pray that we may discover a closeness with God, more vividly, more strongly and more perfectly than before.

HOLY BAPTISM Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

is sponsored this week anonymously,
for the work St John Fisher Church.
For growth in our faith and love for the Lord

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward,
Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly,
Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith,
Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones,
Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose,
Fr Anton Cowan.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

Sacrament, with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

TOILETS in the church hall are available for use when the church is open for Mass. Please access them via the outside route, using the hall front door, rather than through the sacristy. Thank you

A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates available. To request an intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home) My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £143
Giving using offertory envelopes £62
Giving via bank Standing Orders during February:
£2255.33/4 = £563.83/week

Please check from time to time, the Standing Order on your Bank Statement, to ensure that it is still active. Thank you for your support, in whatever way you give, to St John Fisher Church.