

Holy Week Celebrations

Wednesday 13th April at 11.30am - The Chrism Mass at St. Barnabas Cathedral. Bishop Patrick is joined by the priests of the Diocese to manifest their unity. The Blessing of the Oils for Catechumens and the Sick and the consecration of the Oil of Chrism take place during this Mass and then brought back to our parishes at the Mass of the Lord's Supper to be used throughout the coming year.

Wednesday: Confession Day - No Mass at MOG

Holy Thursday 14th April, Maundy Thursday - One of the most important days in the churches liturgical year in which many important events took place.

1. The last Supper was the **first place where mass** was celebrated. Every mass, we celebrate even to this very day re-enacts the celebration of the Last Supper, our priest is in the place of our blessed Lord, we the people take the place of the apostles round the table, now in the form of our altar. Therefore on Holy Thursday we celebrate the anniversary of the very first mass.
2. At the Last supper **First Holy Communion was instituted** for the very first time when Jesus takes just ordinary bread and wine and consecrates into His Own Body and Blood.. " Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, "This is my body, which is given for you" Luke 22:19 and "this cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you." Luke 22:20. So therefore Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion.
3. Thirdly at the Last Supper, Jesus made **his apostles his first priests** when he gave them the special gift of being able to consecrate bread and wine into His Blessed Body and Blood in all future masses when he said the words "Do this in memory of me." Luke 22:20.

We are reminded of this very special event by the picture in front of our altar.

The Sacred Triduum... Three Most Holy Days of our Liturgical Year

Friday 15th April, Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death.
9.30am Malayalam Service - 3pm English Service - **A collection is taken for the Holy Places.**

Saturday 16th April, Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
9.30am Malayalam Service - 6.30pm Easter Vigil - 9pm Malayalam Service

Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. The vigil is divided into four parts:
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Sunday 17th April, Easter of the Resurrection of the Lord - Holy Mass at 10.30am.

GodCalls Adventure from the National Office for Vocation, is a free, 40-day self-guided course which aims to help you grow in holiness, and root each day in prayer. You will find resources on the website <https://www.godcalls.co.uk/godcalls-adventure> to guide you in how to plan your days putting God at the centre of your life, engage in prolonged prayer and journal your progress. The downloadable resources focus on cultivating different virtues, ranging from meekness to purity, gratitude to courage. There is also guidance on using the Bible, how to pray and reflect with the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. Join the private Facebook group where you can find support and fellowship, (type GodCalls Adventure into the search bar in Facebook to join). GodCalls Adventure is not just for Lent, try the 40 days at any point of the year.

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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>10th – 17th April 2022</p>	
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Sunday 10.04	10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	English Mass Stations of the Cross Malayalam Mass
Monday 11.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Tuesday 12.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Wednesday 13.04 Confession Day	10am to 1pm and 3pm to 6.30pm	No Mass at MOG - Chrism Mass at St. Barnabas Cathedral
Thursday 14.04	9.30am 6.30pm	Malayalam Service English Service
Friday 15.04	9.30am 3pm	Malayalam Service English Service - A collection is taken for the Holy Places
Saturday 16.04 Easter Vigil	9.30 am 6.30pm 9.00pm	Malayalam service English Service Malayalam Service
Sunday 17.04	10.30am	Holy Mass - No Malayalam Service

LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your will by becoming man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

Words of the Holy Father. A king who, with his word, his example and his life immolated on the cross saved us from death, and – this king – indicates the path to those who are lost, gives new light to our existence marred by doubt, by fear and by everyday trials. But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life – at times even put to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins – merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its 'kings'.



Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

Gospel background for Palm Sunday 4th April – Luke 22:14-23:56

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.

Leicester West Saturday Seven Steps Scripture Sharing at the Upper Room, West Holme St, LE3 0TA or on first Saturdays by Zoom from 10 to 11.30, almost every Saturday - with Easter, summer and Christmas breaks. Our Scripture Sharing is open to all baptized adults who can attend regularly. When we have more than twelve members, new groups are formed. Next term: 30 April - 9 July. Enquiries to criscus@me.com.

The Pope's prayer intention for APRIL. For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

300 Club Results 3rd April: £50 Mr N Phelan (132). £25 Y Shaw (113), N Dyer (257).

Catholics in Health and Social Care are invited to three events on ethics and practice in health and social care, hosted by Saint Mary's University, the Anscombe Centre, and the Bios Centre. The events will consider the challenges of assisted dying, the care of the dying and questions of conscientious objection in the workplace, and will be held by zoom on 14th May. For further information email marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk

Nottingham University Hospitals is undertaking an **independent review of maternity services**, and is asking for feedback from as many families as possible, across all faiths, who have experience of maternity services at NUH between 2006 and 2021. This feedback will help to provide the very best local maternity services in the future. To participate please visit <https://independentmaternityreviewnotts.nhs.uk/get-involved>, or email ncccg.nottsmaternityreview@nhs.net.

The Leicester Ukrainian Community is indicating ways of supporting refugees via this website: <https://linktr.ee/KalyaHome>. The Ukrainian Catholic Community, which is in communion with Rome, celebrates Mass in the Byzantine rite on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 2.00pm at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, on the corner of Hinckley Road and Fosse Road South. Please help if you can.

A full list of items you can donate is available from the church porch.

A prayer for Ukraine

We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love

amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies, so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth.

Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen



Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. **Thank you.**