

Holy Week Celebrations

Tuesday 26.03	9.30am 10am 4 to 7pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Confessions
Wednesday 27.3	No service at MOG	
Maundy Thursday 28.3	9.30am 6.30pm	Syro-Malabar rite Service English Service
Good Friday 29.3	9.30am 3pm	Syro-Malabar rite Service English Service
Holy Saturday 30.3	9.30am 6pm 9.30pm	Syro-Malabar rite Service Easter Vigil Syro-Malabar Palm Sunday Mass
Easter Sunday 31.3	8.30am 10.30am	Syro-Malabar Mass Holy Mass

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

Maundy Thursday: One of the most important days in the church's 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.

Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death.


Holy Saturday 30th April - Easter Vigil

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 31st March, Easter of the Resurrection of the Lord - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass at 8.30am. English Holy Mass 10.30am.

Cycle of prayer during Lent: Candidates for the Sacrament. Women. The Needy and Hungry of the World. Penitents and Wonderers.

Latin Masses in Leicester: Blessed Sacrament on Sundays at 8am.
Holy Cross: see their newsletter.

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<p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>		
	<p>Sixth Week of Lent – Holy Week Palm Sunday</p> <p>24th – 31st March 2024</p>	

Sunday 24.03	10.30am 4pm	English Mass - Cristy Miraflor Albano RIP Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for March 2024.</p> <p>For New Martyrs Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.</p>
Monday 25.03	12 noon	Funeral Service of Jeremy Holmes Tims RIP	
Tuesday 26.03	9.30am 10am 4-7pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Derek Sharpe RIP Confessions	
Wednesday 27.03	No Mass At MOG	Chrim Mass at St. Barnaba's Cathedral	
Thursday 28.03	9.30am 6.30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass English Service	
Friday 29.03	9.30am 3pm	Syro Malabar Rite English Service	
Saturday 30.03	9.30am 6pm 9.30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass Easter Vigil Syro Malabar Mass	
Sunday 31.03	8.30am 10.30am	Syro-Malabar Easter Mass Easter Holy Mass	

SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY PLACES.



Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish, also let's pray for the deceased people of the parish.

We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine and for all the war-torn countries in the world.



LENT PRAYER

Loving God, when our boat is rocked by poverty, illness or disaster, you quiet the waves, and lead us safely to shore.

When we work hard, but still go hungry, you walk beside us, calling "cast your nets", there is enough for all.

Lead us, Lord to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts so all people may look to the future with hope. Amen.

Fr. John Daley IC RIP, died recently: Reception of Fr. John's body into Saint Joseph's church, Leicester on Wednesday 10th April at 7pm. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Thursday 11th April at 11am.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 15:1-39

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

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 blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that

he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember 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.

NEW ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please collect your new envelope set. Anyone not on the list for envelopes and would like a set, please fill in the form at the back of the church. If any of your details have currently changed, please pass on your new data. If you would like to use a standing order instead of envelopes, please see Hope Eruchie or Fr. Hans. If you are a tax payer, the church can gain an additional 25% of your contributions at no cost to yourself - only your signature is needed!

300 Club Draw 10th March 2024: £50 P McC (107). £25 K F (116), J W (160).


Search for the Light at the Briars. Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between Thursday 28th - Sunday 31st March, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS - The Briars) or call (01773 852044). Volunteer year at the Briars Applications for The Briars Team 24/25 are now open! Contact email programmeleader@ndcys.com.

Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 15 June. 11am - 4.30pm. Join with Bishop Patrick as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. For more information contact Father Neil Peoples 01283 564814 or vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or Deacon Seamus O'Looskan 0116 251 1437 or seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

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