

Holy Week Celebrations

Monday 14.04	5 to 7 pm	Confessions
Tuesday 15.04	9.30am 10am 5 to 7pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Confessions
Wednesday 16.04		No Mass at MOG Chrism Mass at Nottingham Cathedral Confessions
Maundy Thursday 17.04	9.30am 6pm	Syro-Malabar rite Service English Service
Good Friday 18.04	9.30am 3pm	Syro-Malabar rite Service English Service
Holy Saturday 19.04	9.30am 3pm 6pm 9pm	Syro-Malabar rite Service Easter Service Syro Malabar rite Easter Vigil Syro-Malabar Palm Sunday Mass
Easter Sunday 20.04	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 19th 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 20th April, Easter of the Resurrection of the Lord - Syro-Malabar Rite Mass at 8.30am. English Holy Mass 10.30am.

Cycle of Prayer during Lent, we pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; especially on the Sundays of Lent. Women. The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers. Victims of Trafficking and those who Work to Combat it. The Unemployed.

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		<p>Sixth Sunday of Lent Holy Week 13th – 20th April 2025</p>	
Sunday 13.04	8am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Claudio Rosoria Good Health Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for April 2025</p> <p>For The Use Of New Technologies Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.</p>
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† RETIRING COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE.

Easter Collection this year will be towards paying for the heating system.

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.
We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon and Syria and for all the war-torn countries in the world.
We also pray for the people of Myanmar, after the devastating earthquake.

'CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal'. Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.'

Please note that refreshments will not be available on Easter Sunday. Thank you.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Luke 23:1-49

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

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.

NEW ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION!

Please collect your new set of envelopes from the table in the church porch.
Please pick boxes with the appropriate name as your number might be different from what you previously had.

300 Club Results 6th April 2025: £50 B J (277). £25 P Mc, (107), J W (160).

Weekly Collection: Sunday 6th April £338.16.

Chrism Mass - Wednesday 16th April. Bishop Patrick will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11.30am at Nottingham Cathedral. Please note that seating and capacity will be limited. Feel free to join us online using the live stream link.

[Find out more](#)

SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. Spend the weekend with us taking 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 young people who are in Year 10 to 13 and will take place from the 17th to the 20th April 2025. We are running this retreat for £55 per person, but there will be bursaries available through the St Francis of Assisi fund. There will also be lifts available from our local train station Ambergate. Presale starts in January, sign up for the presale link now to secure your place! Come and join us for this amazing adventure as we unpack Easter together! If there are any questions get in contact with us! Send us a message on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS - The Briars) or you can give us a call (01773 852044).

Third Reading Vote on Assisted Suicide Bill. Our nation stands at a crucial juncture regarding how we value human life, particularly the lives of people in the most vulnerable situations. If this significant proposal to introduce assisted suicide becomes law, thousands of individuals will be placed at risk in the coming years. Mounting evidence from the small number of places around the world that have legalised assisted suicide shows that these laws are incremental, that safeguards do not work, and that the changed law can have devastating consequences. It is therefore imperative that this Assisted Suicide Bill is defeated at third reading. **Please take one of the postcards available at the back of Church and post it to your MP as soon as possible,** The Bill is expected to occur on Friday 25th April. One of the most effective ways to persuade MPs to oppose this dangerous Bill is through physical letters or postcards from constituents asking them to vote NO to the Bill. Thank you.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983. Out of 21 couples who joined the Retrouvaille programme in February, two couples have turned away from divorce, and others have now found hope to restore their marriages. Your bulletin announcements, referrals, and prayers made this possible.

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.



Jubilee Prayer

God our Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us this Jubilee Year a missionary heart for the coming of your Kingdom. May the gift of your grace transform us, Pilgrims of Hope, into your missionary disciples,

blessed with the gifts and talents you give us. Strengthen us to share our Saviour's message of love, joy, and peace with all the people we meet this year, so that we may help build up your Kingdom on earth.

To you our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen.