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PALM SUNDAY

(March 29, 2026)

HOLY WEEK 2026

Palm Sunday (29th) Mass Rosaria Gonsalves & Francisco Pereira (RIP) 06.00 pm (Saturday)

Mass Vance Coelho (Intention) 08.00 am

Mass Catarina Britto (Intention) 09.30 am

Mass Sheldon Pereira (Intention) 11.00 am

Monday (30th) **NO MASS** Silent Adoration 9am – 1pm

Tuesday (31st) Mass Domingos De Araujo (Anniversary) 09.00am

Wednesday (1st April) **NO MASS** – Silent Adoration 9am – 1pm

TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday (2nd Apr) Mass of the Lord's Supper (People of the Parish) 08.00 pm

Good Friday (3rd Apr) Stations of the Cross 11.00 am

LITURGY OF THE PASSION 03.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April 2026

(Saturday) (4th Apr) Easter Vigil Mass People of the Parish 06.00 pm

Mass People of the Parish 09.00 pm

Easter Sunday (5th Apr) Mass Eudociana Palha (RIP) 08.00 am

Mass Sherwin Fernandes (Intention) 09.30 am

Mass Chrissy De Melo (Good Health) 11.00 am

6th MONDAY 10.00am Mass – Fernandes Family

7th TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Celina De Sa (RIP)

8th WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – Rona Carvalho (Intention)

9th THURSDAY 09.00am Mass - Antonio Dias (RIP)

10th FRIDAY 09.00am Mass – Rony Ferrao (Intention)

11th SATURDAY 09.00am Mass – Crecilda Crasto (Intention)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

12th SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Holy Souls

08.00am Mass - Aramita Surman (RIP)

09.30am Mass – Jane & Sheldon (Wedding Anniversary)

11.00am Mass – Mario & Rocco Solimena (Anniversary)

THE THREE DAYS OF THE TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

'On the night before Jesus died for us he took bread and wine.' Jesus interprets for us the meaning of his death. He pours out his love for us so that we might have life through him. He has come not to be served but to serve and if we are to share his life then we too are called to serve one another.

Pope Benedict wrote: 'The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist, is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman. This wondrous sacrament makes manifest that "greater" love which led him to "lay down his life for his friends". Jesus did indeed love them "to the end". In those words, St John's Gospel introduces Christ's act of immense humility: before dying for us on the Cross, he tied a towel around himself and washed the feet of his disciples. In the same way, Jesus continues, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, to love us "to the end," even to offering us his body and his blood. What amazement must the Apostles have felt in witnessing what the Lord did and said during that Supper! What wonder must the Eucharistic mystery also awaken in our own hearts!'

After Mass the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the tabernacle and placed in a place at the front of the Church. Parishioners pray silently before the Lord until 10.00pm when there will be Night prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Good Friday is a day of great solemnity. The Church is bare of sacramental signs of the presence of the Lord. The tabernacle is empty; there is no holy water in the stoups. The central Liturgy is the celebration of the Lord's Passion. At 3pm, the hour the Lord died, we assemble in the church in silence.

The Liturgy is divided into three parts:

1. The Liturgy of the Word, especially the reading of the Passion, followed by the General Intercessions in which we are called to realise that God's love includes the whole of his creation.
2. The Veneration of the Cross. The Cross is brought into the church to the following proclamation: 'This is the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world'.
3. Holy Communion. Christ continues to give himself for us and to us in the Sacraments. We conclude our Liturgy by receiving Holy Communion which was consecrated for us at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 7PM FOR SILENT PRAYER AND INDIVIDUAL VENERATION OF THE CROSS.

HOLY SATURDAY

This is the day of silence and prayer when we should continue to keep the spirit of Good Friday with prayer and fasting. Spiritually we are at the tomb, waiting.

EASTER VIGIL on Saturday 6pm

Easter Mass with renewal of Baptismal promises at 9pm

Eastertide begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. The night when Christ passed from death to life is the most important of the entire Christian year. We celebrate our passing over, through baptism, from the death of sin to the new life of grace.

Christians, from the earliest times, devoted this night to watching and waiting. We keep vigil, knowing that the Lord will rise triumphant from the tomb to establish his Church among us.

The Vigil consists of four parts:

1. The Liturgy of Light. The Easter candle is lit from the Easter flame. The light of Christ gradually grows as it is shared among us to light the Church.
2. The Liturgy of the Word. The Church meditates on the wonderful things God has done for his people from the beginning.
3. The Liturgy of Baptism. As the Day of Resurrection approaches, the baptismal water in the font is blessed and all renew their baptismal promises.
4. The Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Church is called to the table of the Lord to share his risen life in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We continue our celebration of the Resurrection at the 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00 am Masses on Easter Sunday 'with the Spirit of Joy that overflows into the following period of the fifty days'.