



Maundy Thursday brings Lent to an end. The sacred Triduum commences with the Mass of the Last Supper thus beginning the three days that are central to our Liturgical year.

Everything we do through the other fifty one weeks takes its meaning from these three days. They are days to be enjoyed, and certainly not to be missed.

Please set aside all engagements and make every effort to participate fully in the life of the Church from the Thursday night to the Saturday Vigil. **The Church asks**

us to make Good Friday a day of fasting and abstinence and Holy Saturday a day of fasting. Others begin to prepare for the Vigil by doing extra periods of prayer and reflection. It is important that we make these days special.

Please make every effort to attend, I realise that because of other commitments it may not be possible to attend all three liturgies but try to come to as many as possible especially the Easter Vigil (the Easter Vigil fulfils the Sunday obligation). You are asked to wear bright clothes to emphasise the joy of the Resurrection.

Each time we gather over these three days, we celebrate in word and song, in sign and ritual, the most beautiful and moving proclamation of God's never-ceasing care for our world. Maundy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion; Holy Saturday, the Vigil of the Resurrection manifest the great wonder of our Christian faith..

Maundy Thursday Evening

We enter into this Triduum together, listening to the Scriptures and then something unusual is done, **washing the feet** of some parishioners. Those who usually lead our worship go down on their knees with a basin of water and towel. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like: is one of service.

The **collection by the St. Vincent de Paul** members emphasises our need to care for the needy and the poor in our local area. So please be generous in your offerings. Like the washing of feet, this is a reminder of our need to be of service to others less fortunate than ourselves. In the light of this service we celebrate the Eucharist. **The Ministers of the Eucharist renew their commitment** to respect the Holy Eucharist and to live like Christ. This evening's liturgy has no ending; the ministers leave in silence to return the next day in the same manner to continue the Good Friday Liturgy. You are asked to stay in the Church and spend reflective time at the altar of Repose. Please leave the church in silence and so maintain a spirit of prayerfulness and reflection. There will be night prayer at 10 pm

Good Friday Afternoon

We gather in the same quiet, reflective mood as we left last night and listen to scriptures, including the passion from John's gospel. We pray at length for all the world's needs. There is no celebration of Mass today, the only day that we are forbidden to do so. Then there is another once in the year event: **At the veneration of the holy cross** we come forward one by one to reverence it with a kiss, or a bow, or a genuflection. All the while we sing not only of sorrow but of the glory of the cross. The liturgy concludes with administration of Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday Night

With a feeling of great anticipation, **the church gathers in the darkness to light a new fire, the great Paschal candle and the proclamation of the exultet that will bring light and dispel the darkness.** We listen to some of the most powerful scripture readings in the Bible: stories of creation, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Miriam and the crossing of the sea, poems of promise and rejoicing, the gospel of the resurrection.

Then we ask all our saints to stand with us and we go to the font and bless the waters. This year two adults will be baptised and one will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. After this we renew our baptism promises. For us, these are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promise to God. All of this is expressed in our gathering together as God's People around the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter day begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday 28th March at 11.30am.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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14th - 21st April 2019 Palm Sunday - Cycle C



Palm Sunday

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In ancient times, palm branches symbolised goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple (*1 Kings 6:29*). Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honour Jesus (*Revelation 7:9*)



Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (*Matthew 21:1-9*), when palm branches were placed in his path singing "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord. But the mood changes: the authorities have him arrested on Holy Thursday and he is crucified on Good Friday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

In the Catholic Church, palms (or in colder climates some kind of substitute) are blessed with holy water outside the church building (or in cold climates in the narthex when Easter falls early in the year). A solemn procession also takes place. It may include the normal liturgical procession of clergy and acolytes, the parish choir, or the entire congregation.

In the Catholic Church, this feast now coincides with that of Passion Sunday, which is the focus of the Mass which follows the service of the blessing of palms. The palms are saved in many churches to be burned the following year as the source of ashes used in Ash Wednesday services. The Catholic Church considers the blessed palms to be sacramentals. The vestments for the day are deep scarlet red, the colour of blood, indicating the supreme redemptive sacrifice. Christ was entering the city to fulfil his Passion and Resurrection in Jerusalem.



All parishioners, newcomers and visitors are very welcome to visit St Mary's Parish Hall for a cup of tea or coffee after 10am Mass today.

Holy Family Masses

Palm Sunday

6pm Vigil Mass Hugh Burrows
11.00 Kathleen Welsh

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday

3pm The Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday

11.00 Myra Webber

Confessions available before each Sunday Mass.

St. Mary's Masses

Palm Sunday

10.00 Veronica McCarthy
12.00 Thanksgiving Joseph family
6.00 Mike Burke

Monday

9.30 Joseph Lee

Tuesday

9.30 Brady, Hopkins & O'Donovan families
12.15 Keiron Vizard

Wednesday

9.30 Vittorina Bord

Maundy Thursday

11.45 Funeral Service for Sean Joy
7.30 Mass of the Last Supper
(Patricia Clare)

Good Friday

3.00 The Lord's Passion
7.30 Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8.30 Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.00 Mario Azzopardi
12.00 Margaret Conway

**Confessions: Saturday 9.30 - 10am
11.30 - 12noon**

News & Activities from Holy Family



Children preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Holy Family Church

Lessons will begin again after Easter for all children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. They will take place immediately after school at Holy Family School. Children will need to be collected at 4.30pm. Dates are as follows: **Friday May 3rd, Friday May 10th, Friday May 17th and Friday May 24th. It is essential that the children attend all 4 sessions.**



Church cleaning - Group C w/b 1st April.

Foodbank Collections

Collections of food are as follows:-

St Mary's - 21st April

Holy Family - 4th/5th May

SVP National Raffle winning tickets

The list of winners is on the noticeboard at the back of church. As the Society's biggest fundraising event, the raffle not only raises vital funds but also helps raise awareness of the SVP's work, Thank you for taking part and making the raffle as great as ever, and helping to raise all-important funds for the people who need it most.

Sunday Collections

Many thanks for your generosity

St Marys	Holy Family
Gift Aid: £217.56	Gift Aid: £270.50
Loose: £920.32	Loose: £328.02
Church in Need £1320.12	Church in Need £462.24

Cycle of Prayer

Please include these in your Cycle prayers this week:

St Peter's, Roath

St Peter's Primary School

Mariapolis in Wales

Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys 24-26 May 2019

A Mariapolis is a gathering organised by the Focolare Movement. People of all ages, backgrounds and cultures come together to put into practice the universal values of the Christian Gospel. How can we put the words of Jesus into practice? How can we both respect diversity and live unity when we come from different cultures and beliefs? Daily registration fee £10 adults £5 children. For more details visit www.focolare.org/gb Email 2019.unity@gmail.com or call 01568 611708 / 07769 819565.

Recently died

Please pray for the following who died recently:

Sean Joy Funeral Service 11.45am on Thursday 18th April in St Mary's Church.

We offer his family our sincere condolences. **May he rest in peace.**

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Sheila Ferriter, Joan Lewis, Collette Griffin, Edward Brown, Bernard Perry, Kay & Paul Parris, Vivian Miller, Gary Sutton, Mary Bodman, Brian Webster, Martin, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Chris Collins.

St. Mary's: Bethan Williams, Cath Kemp, Jean Allen, Jean Hayman, Will Johnson, Madison Lane, John & Marian Lamb, Jim & Heugette Skinner, Laurence Tobin, Ivan Sadka, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, Bets Sullivan, Tom Hopkins, Teresa Francis, James Church, Margaret Griffiths, Anthony Jackson, Sarah Coakley, Joanne Coakley and Andrew Norman.

Holy Week in both Parishes

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Holy Saturday (St Mary's Church only)

Easter Vigil 8.30pm

Easter Sunday Masses

Holy Family at 11am

St. Mary's at 10 & 12 noon

No evening Mass

Holy Week Ministries

The volunteer list for the various ministries during Holy Week is at the back of both churches. Please add your name to any you wish to be involved in. It would also be helpful if you could include a contact number. Thank you.



Holy Saturday - Please assemble outside the **Parish Hall** (weather permitting) for the lighting of the fire and then process into the Church. Please wear something white to celebrate the Paschal Feast.

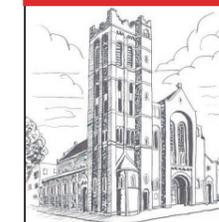
Sacrament of Reconciliation before all **morning** Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during Holy Week.

On **Maundy Thursday** there will be a collection for **St Vincent de Paul** and on **Good Friday** for the **Holy Places**.

Easter Offering Envelopes - are available at the back of the Church. This collection is one of the main parts of the overall income for your parish clergy. If you wish to Gift Aid this please put your Gift Aid number on the envelope.



News & Activities from St Mary's Parish



Children's Liturgy for Primary School children every Sunday during the 10am Mass. The Liturgy is specially adapted to suit the ages of the children involved.

Ministers of the Word: the new rota is now available.

Urgent appeal for your help.

Volunteers are needed to clean St Mary's church **tomorrow Monday 15th at 7pm**, in preparation for Easter. It would be most helpful if you also brought dusters etc. **Please come along and help! Thank you.**

Altar Servers Rehearsal - Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10.30am.

Readers Rehearsal - Holy Saturday at 11am

Piety Stall

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the Piety Stall when we opened at each Mass on 31st March.

Today will be the last chance to buy Easter cards. The stock is now very low. However, looking to the future, we do have cards and a few gifts for First Communion and Confirmation. We also have a few books for small children.

Dot & Mike Howells

Dates for your Diary

14th April	Palm Sunday		
17th April	Chrism Mass	11.30am	St. David's Cathedral
18th April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	in both Holy Family and St. Mary's churches
19th April	Good Friday	3pm	in both Holy Family and St. Mary's churches
20th April	Polish Blessing of Food	12 noon	St. Mary's Church
20th April	Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	8.30pm	St. Mary's Church
21st April	Easter Sunday	10 & 12	in St. Mary's Church 11am in Holy Family Church
12th May	St Mary's PAC meeting	7pm	St Mary's Priory
19th May	First Holy Communion	2pm	St Mary's Church
1st June	Confirmation	6pm	Holy Family Church
8th June	First Holy Communion	10.30am	Holy Family Church