

MASSES AND SERVICES

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 13th April 2025

This weekend there will be a collection for the Easter flowers.

Saturday	5.30pm	Gordon McGill Int (S&A M)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Barry Green RIP Anniv (LG)
	4pm-5pm	Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm

Weekday Masses & Services

14.4 Mon	10.00am	Monday of Holy Week	Margaret Cunningham RIP (Fr J)
15.4 Tue	10.00am	Tuesday of Holy Week	Isabel Cusack RIP (R&J G)
	7.00pm	Penitential Service and individual confessions	
16.4 Wed	10.00am	Wednesday of Holy Week	Kathleen Curry RIP (AR & AK)
17.4 Thu	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Priests and Deacons of the Parish
18.4 Fri	11.00am	Good Friday	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord	

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord – 20th April 2025

This weekend the collection will be your offering for the Parish Priest.

Saturday	8.30pm	Easter Vigil	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Rita Cummins RIP (Moroney family)	
	10.30am	Cathy MacLeod RIP Anniv (MH)	

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am Sunday 4pm – 4.50pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am-9.50am, Sunday 4pm – 5pm
Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	H Grosvenor	S Chester	
Next week	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson	
READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	E Linker	J Smith	D Bixby
Next week	TBA	TBA	TBA
TEA & COFFEE	M Lambert	G Seymour	D Morgan
This week	H Grosvenor	S Chester	M Harris

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday today heralds the beginning of Holy Week with the description of the Passion as it is narrated for us by our readers. There are no longer any parts for the congregation and I have to admit that I am not sorry. I always felt it was wrong of us to take the part of those who wanted Jesus to die, the same crowd who on Palm Sunday welcomed Jesus as he arrived in Jerusalem. Having said this perhaps the crowds who welcomed Jesus with Palms as their Messiah but days later called for his death do represent us in our sinfulness. One moment we can be thinking about our faith and how we plan to imitate Christ and the next minute we are berating our neighbour for some minor crime or misdemeanour which has upset us. One moment we are loving God with all our mind, heart and soul and the next we have turned our back on him. It is, I suppose, the flow of humanity which Adam and Eve established by choosing to listen to the devil and disobey God. This is our fatal flaw but in Jesus we have our true Messiah and Saviour who by his death and resurrection from the dead breaks or even smashes the control of the devil and as he rises from the dead he leads us to the new life of heaven.

This week those stages of the Passion of Christ are replayed in slow motion and we his disciples attend these holy services to watch, listen and show Jesus how much we love him for what he has given us. Think of the words from scripture, “by his wounds you have been healed.” For in his passion, death and resurrection Jesus gives us life and it is this new life we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

This week the Church provides for each member a ringside seat. In the Penitential Service on Tuesday evening we are invited to repent and receive a new life of Christ through his gift of forgiveness. Not receiving this gift of the Lord we deny ourselves an opportunity of grace so we should see this sacrament as our ticket to the life of Christ.

On Holy Thursday Christ gave the disciples the gift of his Body and Blood at the Last Supper and said do this in memory of me. It is a beautiful story of friendship. On Good Friday we hear the Passion of the evangelist John. In this version, Jesus fulfils his mission, “It is accomplished,” by obeying the will of God, the Father. This is why we call this Friday “Good” Friday because on this day Jesus has won our salvation.

The Easter Vigil is the story of our salvation from the beginning of time. It is the revelation of God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that it might be saved. Flawed humanity receives the gift of life which is that moment when the light of Christ appears in the darkness. In a darkened Church the light of the candles is fantastic and moving experience as the life which Christ gives to us is revealed in the water of Baptism, the Word of God, the Sacraments and Eucharist.

Sadly many parishioners only attend on Easter Sunday. I am sure you have your own reasons for this but I cannot think of anything that would be more important than showing solidarity with the person who sacrificed his life for us. It is the bond which we receive in our Baptism, and invitation by God to become a member of his family. Here at St George and St Teresa's Church we are the members of the family. I look forwards to seeing you at the Holy Week Services, not as the crowd calling for crucifixion but as loyal members of God's family.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

P.S. There are no makes me smile in Holy Week but look out for a selection on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 13th April: Masses Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.45am and 10.30am.

Penitential Service & Confessions: Tues 15th April at 7pm

Holy Thursday 7pm: Mass of Our Lord's Supper. Watching until 10pm.

Good Friday Day of Fasting and Abstinence

11am: Stations of the Cross for children.

3pm: Solemn liturgy of the Passion with veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion.

(The Collection is for the Holy Places in the Holy Land)

Holy Saturday 8.30pm: Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday 8.45am Mass and 10.30am Mass.

Your Easter Offering is greatly appreciated. There are envelopes in the narthex.

SVP Easter Week Afternoon Tea 16th April 2.15pm: Everyone welcome to join us for hot cross buns, tea and coffee and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Counters: Thank you to the three people who volunteered we could do with a few more, the list is in the narthex.

Maunder Thursday Mass 7pm. There is a list in the Narthex if you would like to sign up for the washing of the feet.

SVP Lent Appeal for Toiletries & Cleaning Products: Many thanks to everyone who has supported this initiative and so far we have received over 600 items which is fantastic and they have been sent to St Vincents school in Nechells and also some to St Chads Sanctuary. We had a great response for cleaning products over the last couple of weeks and for our final push perhaps we could switch back primarily, but not exclusively, to toiletries if possible please. Whilst Easter and the end of Lent will shortly be upon us we will be having our final delivery to St Vincents w/c 28/4, when the school return from their Easter break, so if you fancy continuing on until then, then please feel free to do so! Thank you again for your very generous support.

Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners:

January winners: £15 each to A Turner, D Williams and B May.

February winners: £15 each to R Bishop, S McGill, A P Scott.

March winners: £50 to N Robinson and £15 each to T Lester, D Walker and P McGeever.

Cheques can be collected from the sacristy.

The Chosen Season 5 episode 1 will be on in Solihull cinemas from the 10th to the 13th of April this is a wonderful opportunity for local people to be able to see it on the big screen. It's also on at the NEC.

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Dcn Stephen Saum, Jeremy Hawker, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, as well as parishioners in nursing homes and hospital.

Recently deceased: Pat Doyle RIP, his funeral will be on Tuesday 22nd April at 11.30am.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Veronica Connor, Margaret Edgington, Mary Dawson, Tony Linehan.

May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.

Offertory: 6.4.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £319, Loose Plate £299.

Shrine at Walsingham £144.

Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.

Mass Attendances last Sunday: 255.

Parish Centre News. Timetable for next week on the noticeboard. If you are having a family occasion, please consider booking our hall for your venue. **It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846-963 or oksanazurak@gmail.com**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. They can be contacted at: sg.stgeorge-steresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.