

**Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of  
St Chad**  
St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**  
**2015**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*There will be the Blessing of Palms at all Masses with a Procession to begin the 11am Mass on Sunday at 10.55am outside of the Crypt.*

*The Masses & Liturgies marked with an asterisk\* indicate that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be the Principal Celebrant.*

*We will be joined by the Staff & Seminarians from St. Mary's College, Oscott for Holy Week.*

**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

4.30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am Mass

11.00am Solemn Mass & Procession\*

*Please gather outside of the Crypt at 10.50am*

**Monday of Holy Week March 30<sup>th</sup>**

12.15pm Mass

**Tuesday of Holy Week March 31<sup>st</sup>**

12.15pm Mass

**Wednesday of Holy Week April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**11.30am Mass of Holy Chrism**

*This Mass symbolises the unity of the Presbyterate as the Bishops, Priests & Deacons gather around the Archbishop. During this Mass the Bishops & Priests renew their Priestly Promises. The Holy Oil for the Sick & Catechumens are blessed; and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated for use in the Sacraments throughout the following year.*

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Opportunities for Confession will follow immediately after Masses on Monday, & Tuesday. During the Sacred Triduum, Confessions will follow the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; and after the Stations of the Cross and the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday.*



## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### Thursday of the Lord's Supper April 2nd (Maundy Thursday)

#### 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper\*

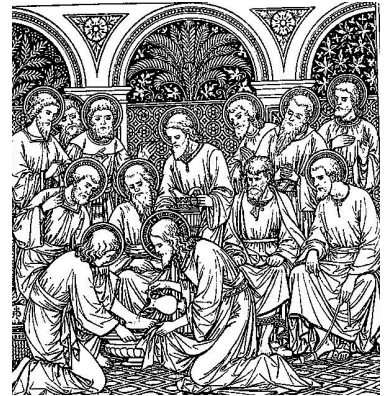
*During this Mass we recall the Institution of the Eucharist & Priestly Orders.*

*The Washing of the Feet reminds us all that we should imitate the Lord who came among us in love to serve and not be served.*

*Followed by an opportunity for Confession.*

*The Blessed Sacrament will repose in St. Edward's Chapel until Midnight for silent Prayer & Adoration.*

#### 11.45pm Night Prayer of the Church (Compline)



### Friday of the Passion of the Lord April 3rd (Good Friday)

#### 10.00am Walk of Witness & Stations of the Cross

*We join Archbishop Bernard Longley, and Bishop David Urquhart, and our ecumenical friends as our Walk begins at St. Michael's Church, Moor Street moving along High Street and New Street to the Town Hall; from there along Colmore Row to St Philip's Cathedral. Finally, we continue along Colmore Row and down Snow Hill to end at St Chad's Cathedral.*

**12.00 noon** conclusion of our Walk of Witness.



#### 3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.\*

*The narrative of the Lord's Passion according to St. John concludes with the Solemn Intercessions followed by the Showing & Adoration of the Holy Cross. Holy Communion is distributed. As we leave the Cathedral we genuflect to the Cross.*

*(Collections today are for the Holy Places & Shrines)*

### Holy Saturday April 4th

*On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection.*

#### 8.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night\*

*The greatest and most noble of all Solemnities. We begin outside of the Crypt with the Blessing of the Fire & Preparation of the Paschal Candle. We process to the Cathedral with lighted Candles for the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet). In the Liturgy of the Word, Holy Church meditates on the wonders the Lord God has done for his people from the beginning. In the Baptismal Liturgy we welcome new members into the Church; and with the Renewal of our Baptismal Promises the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again.*

## Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord April 5th

### Easter Sunday

- 9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass  
2.30pm Messe en Français



## Resurrexit sicut dixit! Alleluia!

*(Collections this weekend are your Easter Offerings for the priests who serve the Cathedral)*

### EASTER WEEK

#### Easter Monday April 6th.

- 9.00am Men's Mass (Catholic Men's Society\*)  
12.15pm Mass

#### Easter Tuesday April 7th.

- 12.15pm Mass

#### Easter Wednesday April 8th.

- 12.15pm Mass

#### Easter Thursday April 9th.

- 12.15pm Mass

#### Easter Friday April 10th

- 12.15pm Mass

#### Easter Saturday April 11th

- 10.00am Mass

#### Vigil for Second of Easter

- 4.30pm Vigil Mass

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Sunday 12th April - Second of Easter

- 9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass



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