

The Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St. Chad, Birmingham



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

There will be the Blessing of Palms at all Masses with a Procession to begin the 11.30am Mass on Sunday at 11.20am outside the Crypt.

The Masses & Liturgies marked with an asterisk indicate those at which 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 April 1st

4.30pm Barney Donnellan RIP

Sunday April 2nd

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Solemn Mass & Procession*

Ints of Jim Ward (90th Birthday)

Please gather outside the Crypt at 11.20am



Monday of Holy Week 3rd April

12.15pm Erland Peiris RIP (Anniv.)

Tuesday of Holy Week 4th April

12.15pm Baby Evie Parker (Anniv.)

Wednesday of Holy Week 5th April

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 Chrism Mass is open to everybody again this year and will be available to join on Live Stream

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Opportunities for Confession will be on Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week from 11am until 12 noon before the 12.15 Mass. Please note there will be **NO** confessions on Wednesday 5th April.*

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



Thursday of the Lord's Supper 6th April (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.

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the Lady Chapel until 11pm for silent Prayer and Contemplation – watching with Christ on the Night before his Crucifixion

11pm **Night Prayer** of the Church (Compline)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord 7th April (Good Friday)

10.00am Walk of Witness & Stations of the Cross

We join Archbishop Bernard Longley, Bishop Anne Hollinghurst and other Christian Leaders along with our ecumenical friends as our Walk begins at The Church at Carrs Lane, moving along the High Street and New Street this year passing behind the Town Hall; from there back onto 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.

(The Collection today is for the Holy Places & Shrines in the Holy Land)

Holy Saturday 8th April

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 *

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 a number of candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; 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.

(The only Collection this weekend is your Easter Offerings for the priests who serve the Cathedral)

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord 9th April

Easter Sunday

9.30am Michael Hake RIP
11.30am Barbara Saint RIP



**‘Resurrexit sicut dixit! Alleluia!’
‘He has Risen as he Said, Alleluia’
EASTER WEEK**

Easter Monday 10th April

10.00am Men’s Mass* (Catholic Men’s Society) **All Welcome**

Easter Tuesday 11th April

12.15pm Mary Flaherty RIP

Easter Wednesday 12th April

12.15pm Pat and Eileen Shortt RIP

Easter Thursday 13th April

12.15pm Canon Garry Byrne RIP

Easter Friday 14th April

12.15pm Fleming and Brookes families

Easter Saturday 15th April

Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter

4.30pm People of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 16th April - Second of Easter

9.30am Cathleen Regan RIP (Anniv.)
11.30am Freda Durnien RIP