

Easter Sunday - 16th April

Masses at 8.30am

9.30am (Extraordinary Form)

10.30am (Latin)

Coronation Mass Mozart

Haec dies Byrd

Regina caeli a 8 Victoria

12 Noon

Missa brevis in D K194 Mozart

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem Stanford

4pm & 7pm



Easter Monday - 17th April

Mass at **10.00am** only

Masses will resume at the normal times on Tuesday 18th April

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."

A priest will be available to hear confessions:

Saturday 8th April: 10.30am - Noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

Sunday 9th April: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Monday 10th April: 12 Noon - 1pm

Tuesday 11th April: 12 Noon - 1pm

Wednesday 12th April: 12 Noon - 1pm

Thursday 13th April: 12 Noon - 1pm

Friday 16th April: 11am-1pm & after the Liturgy

Saturday 17th April: 10.30am - Noon & 5pm - 6pm

St James's Roman Catholic Church
Spanish Place, 22 George Street, London W1U 3QY

Holy Week & Easter 2017

Palm Sunday - 9th April

"Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!"



The events we recall today at Mass might almost seem like a grand finale, if we did not know that the most significant part of Christ's life - his suffering and death - are still to be

recalled by the Church during the week ahead. Today we begin to relive this greatest mystery of suffering, death and resurrection. When the Church celebrates Holy Week, she is not simply dramatising something that happened many years ago. Jesus Christ is still alive. That is fact. And the truth we celebrate this week is the invitation to share in his suffering which will become our glory.

Palms will be blessed before each Mass

8.30am

9.15am (Extraordinary Form)

10.15 am Solemn Latin

Ingrediente Domino Malcolm

Improperium expectavit Palestrina

Missa Sine nomine Palestrina

O Domine Iesu Christe Victoria

12 Noon,

4pm & 7pm

Please gather in Manchester Mews before the Solemn Mass for the blessing of Palms and procession into Church.

On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week
Mass will be celebrated at 7.15am, 12.30pm & 6pm

Maundy Thursday - 13th April



The Blessed Sacrament
[which will be used
for Holy Communion
tomorrow]
is taken in procession to
the altar of repose
(in the Lady Chapel)
where a Watch of Prayer
is kept until Midnight.

SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

at 6.30pm

No autem gloriari *Palestrina*
Mass for five voices *Byrd*
Ubi caritas et amor *Durufle*
O sacrum convivium *Tallis*
Ave verum Corpus *Byrd*
Pange lingua *Palestrina*

This is the day of the Lord's great command: we are to love as he has loved us. Jesus showed by his example what he expected of us. To the great surprise of his disciples he washed their feet. In many churches on this day the custom will be re-enacted during the evening celebration of the Lord's Supper. In the latin texts "Mandatum" means command or mandate. It is easy to see how the word "Mandatum" gradually developed into "Maundy" So this is Maundy Thursday, the day of the Lord's great command.

Good Friday - 14th April

This day is called "Good" because it is the day on which Christ showed his love for us and gave his life to overcome sin and death. It is a day when we reflect with sadness at his suffering but at the same time find ourselves filled with joy because we realise his victory and triumph. We are not simply calling to mind an event of centuries ago. The Church is alive with faith in the living Christ. Our liturgy will take us into the heart, not only of what Jesus did, but also what he is doing for us all this day.

The tradition is that the collection on Good Friday is given to the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land.



SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

at 3pm

Christus factus est *Anerio*
Passion according to St John *Byrd*
Improperia *Victoria*
Stabat mater *Palestrina*
Vere languores *Victoria*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AND VENERATION OF THE RELIC
OF THE TRUE CROSS at 7pm

Holy Saturday - 15th April

This day begins in the quiet prayer of faith. We are confident in the hope that the work God has begun will be accomplished. It is a time for calling to mind the day when the body of Jesus rested in the tomb. Our church buildings are empty of ornament, empty even of the Blessed Sacrament. The day begins in quiet but will end in the glorious song of light and praise that heralds the new dawn of Easter.



EASTER VIGIL MASS (including Receptions and Confirmations)

8pm

Sicut cervus *Palestrina*
Credo Mass *Mozart*
Easter Hymn *Mascagni*
Regina caeli a 5 *Victoria*