

This week at St Lawrence's



16th/17th April 2011 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Matthew 21:9, 1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philipians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27, 66

A Prayer for Holy Week

Father in heaven,
the love of your Son led him to accept the suffering of the cross
that his brothers and sisters might glory in new life.

Change our selfishness into self-giving.

Help us to embrace the world you have given us,
that we may transform the darkness of its pain
into the life and joy of Easter.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8 pm

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3 pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - 8 pm

Easter Sunday

9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Confessions before Easter

Good Friday 10.30 am & Holy Saturday 11.30 am

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THIS IS HOLY WEEK

CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Fr Chris will be attending the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon on Tuesday 19th April. This is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of the Church, and includes the blessing of oils to be used in sacramental celebrations in the forthcoming year. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this beautiful liturgy.

PASSOVER MEAL – THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Our annual celebration of a Passover Meal takes place on Wednesday 20th April at 7.30 pm. If you have taken a ticket but find you are unable to attend, please return it to the Parish Office. We have a list of parishioners waiting to take your place!

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Mass of the Lord's Supper takes place on Maundy Thursday at 8 pm.

Please sign your name on the list in the porch if you are willing to have your feet washed during the service.

The Mass will be followed by watching until midnight.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

Children are encouraged to take part in the special Children's Stations of the Cross at 10 am on Good Friday morning and then to participate in the Walk of Witness with their parents.

WALK OF WITNESS – GOOD FRIDAY MORNING

Our silent Walk of Witness along the High Street with members of other local Christian churches starts at St Lawrence's at 11 am on Good Friday morning and ends at Tesco. Please join in this powerful event.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP – GOOD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Children aged 3 – 10 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy Workshop, which starts at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre. The workshop will explain the events of Holy Week through songs, prayers and crafts and will end with the children being brought into the church at the end of the service.

Please note that all children must be signed in at the beginning of this event and that under 5s will need to be accompanied by an adult throughout. Places are limited and will be offered on a "first come first served" basis.

BLESSING OF POLISH EASTER BASKETS ("ŚWIĘCONE")

Fr Chris will be available to bless Polish Easter baskets on Holy Saturday at 11 am in St Lawrence's School Hall.

Święcenie potraw wielkanocnych odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę o 11tej w szkole St Lawrence.

EASTER VIGIL – HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil starts in the School playground at 8 pm. During this service, Ruolan Alley, Sonia Kinnear & Edward Campbell will be Baptised, Richard Alley, Mark Hazlehurst, Chantel Kryza, Catherine Trott & Nicola Irene Yeh will be Received into the Catholic Church and Cynthia Awor-Ojera, Alexandra Hanlon, Tesmi Hose & David Macedo will be Confirmed. Please pray for them in the coming days.

CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Confessions will be available on Good Friday from 10.30 am to 12 noon and Holy Saturday from 11.30 am to 1 pm.

PARKING IN HOLY WEEK

Please remember that parking restrictions apply in the local roads during Holy Week. Every year, a number of parishioners receive Penalty Notices whilst in church because they have parked inappropriately.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A few boxes of envelopes are still awaiting collection at the back of the church. If you would like to join the Planned Giving scheme, please fill out a Pledge form (available in the porch) and post it into the presbytery.

SPECIAL EVENT

SISTER MARY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Sister Mary celebrates 50 years as a Sister of Mercy next month and to mark this wonderful occasion, we shall be holding a special parish celebration for Sister Mary on Saturday 7th May, with Mass at 12 noon and a reception in St Lawrence's School Hall afterwards. Everyone is most warmly invited!

Please sign your name on the list at the back of church if you can help with the catering.

REST IN PEACE

PHILOMENA BOOKER RIP

In your kindness please pray for the repose of the soul of Philomena Booker RIP who died peacefully following a long illness.

Her Requiem will be celebrated on Monday 18th April at 11 am. May she, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and may the Lord send comfort to all who knew and loved her.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 16th Lent Feria	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Manuel Gonçalves RIP
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
+ 1st Mass of Sunday	17.15	Rosary
	18.00	For the intentions of the Lock family
+ Sunday 17th Palm Sunday	09.00	John Hanlon RIP (A)
	11.00	Basil Clarke RIP (A) (Meet on Green at 10.45 am)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 18th Monday of Holy Week	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Roque Antonio Dias RIP (A)
	11.00	Requiem of Philomena Booker RIP
Tuesday 19th Tuesday of Holy Week	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Eileen Galligan INT
	10.00	Novena to Our Lady
Wed 20th Wednesday of Holy Week	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Carmelina Rodrigues RIP
Thursday 21st Maundy Thursday	20.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching until midnight
	11.45	Night Prayer
+ Friday 22nd Good Friday	10.00	Children's Stations of the Cross
	10.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	15.00	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	20.00	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23rd Holy Saturday	11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	20.00	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter, beginning in the School Playground
+ Sunday 24th Easter Sunday	09.00	Celebrant's Intention
	11.00	Celebrant's Intention
	18.00	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 25th Easter Monday	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Rebecca Onyike RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Patrick I Yakowa INT

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collection:

Envelopes £1424.19, Loose £797.73, Standing Orders £265, Total: £2300.33