



PARISH SCHEDULE

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| Sun 24th   | Adoration & Confession<br>09:15 Quiet Prayer                              |  |
|            | Palm Sunday<br>10:30 Mass & Choir   |  |
|            | Parish Community<br>11:45 Refreshments                                    |  |
|            | Holy Hour<br>14:00 Prayers for our parish                                 |  |
| Mon 25th   | Monday of Holy Week<br>10:00 School Mass                                  |  |
| Tue 26th   | Tuesday of Holy Week<br>09:15 School Mass<br>19:00 Reconciliation Service |  |
| Thurs 27th | The Lord's Supper<br>19:00 Mass   |  |
| Fri 29th   | Good Friday<br>10:00 Stations of the Cross<br>10:30 Walk of Witness       |  |
|            | Good Friday<br>12:00 Stations of the Cross<br>15:00 Service               |  |
| Sat 30th   | Easter Vigil<br>19:00 Solemn Mass   |  |
| Sun 31st   | Easter Sunday<br>09:00 Mass   |  |
|            | Easter Sunday<br>10:30 Mass & Choir                                       |  |
|            | Parish Community<br>11:45 Refreshments                                    |  |
|            | Holy Hour<br>14:00 Prayers for our parish                                 |  |
| 1st        | Easter Monday<br>08:00 Mass   |  |
| 2nd        | Easter Tuesday<br>12:00 Mass  |  |
| 3rd        | Easter Wednesday  |  |
| 4th        | Easter Thursday<br>12:00 Mass   |  |
| 5th        | Easter Friday<br>12:00 Mass   |  |
| Sat 6th    | Adoration & Confession<br>11:00 Quiet Prayers                             |  |
|            | Easter Saturday<br>12:00 Mass   |  |
|            | Adoration & Confession<br>17:00 Quiet Prayer                              |  |
|            | Divine Mercy Sunday<br>17:30 Vigil Mass                                   |  |
| Sun 7th    | Adoration & Confession<br>09:15 Quiet Prayer                              |  |
|            | Divine Mercy Sunday<br>10:30 Mass & Choir<br>11:45 Divine Mercy Chaplet   |  |
|            | Parish Community<br>11:45 Refreshments                                    |  |
|            | Holy Hour<br>14:00 Divine Mercy   |  |

PALM SUNDAY (YEAR B)

BE BLESSED IN HOLY WEEK

So we are on the verge of Holy Week, which, liturgically, is the richest in the whole Church year. What are we going to make of it? How are we going to be blessed by the opportunities of grace that it provides?

Of course on one level, the great liturgies are acts of remembrance. We will recall the Last Supper with its Institution of the Eucharist, the Passion and Death of Our Lord on Good Friday, and then his Resurrection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

But what we are doing is more than remembrance. Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary still has power to save from sin and death in 2024. Every Mass makes that sacrifice present again. The Sacraments continue to be channels of grace. The week provides opportunities to grow in faith.

On Good Friday, we venerate the Cross. This year, as you do so, why not commit your cause to the Lord. This could be a burden you are carrying, a particular intention that you are praying about, or a grace you wish to receive. Simply offer it at the foot of the Cross for the Lord to deal with. Be confident, because the Resurrection victory has already been won.



God bless, Fr Kevin.

TWO-WEEK EDITION OF NEWSLETTER

Please note that this edition of the newsletter covers the next two weeks, when Masses, services and other events break the usual pattern. Please check very carefully. Next week is Holy Week so please make every effort to attend the great liturgies and the reconciliation service. During the following week, Mass times will be quite different from usual.

CARITAS AND CAFOD DONATIONS

I recently sent £230.00 to Caritas and £120.00 to CAFOD, collected from donations in envelopes in recent weeks. In the past years, each of these collections has raised about £400.00 so I do hope that we can get back to that level of giving as soon as possible. An additional £100.00 was donated by one person which has boosted the amounts to £280.00 and £170.00. Thank you to all who donated.



## RIGHT TO LIFE UK

"As we recall the welcome of the Lord into Jerusalem and then His Passion and Death, let us pray for that spirit of welcome, especially towards the most vulnerable, allowing us to see the Lord in people who are homeless, those who are disabled, immigrants, and the unborn **Lord hear us**

### HOLY WEEK TIMES – CORRECTED!

**Tuesday 26 March:**  
19.00 Reconciliation Service

**Thursday 28 March:**  
19.00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 29 March:**  
Walk of Witness with Stations of the Cross (SF) at 10.00 and (SH) 12.00

**Friday 29 March:**  
15.00 Good Friday Service (SH)

**Saturday 30 March:**  
19.00 Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday 31 March:**  
09.00 Easter Sunday Mass (SF)

**Sunday 31 March:**  
10.30 Easter Sunday Mass (SH)



## Holy Week



**March 30th at 1am, the clocks go forward one hour. Don't be late for the Easter Mass!**

### CONTACT US

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mary's meals

## MARY'S MEALS

I am very pleased to say that the total collected so far is £,7492.40. This means that there is only about £840.00 still to collect for the target set for April 2024. Much of the money has come from large donations, including a few of £500.00, £200.00 and £100.00. If 42 more parishioners donated £20.00, the target would be reached. If you cannot afford £20.00, please do make a smaller donation.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

*The greatest prayer we can offer is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. If you would like a mass to be offered for a specific intention, detail this and enclose an offering of £10 or more in an envelope (noting if it should be kept private). Pass this to Fr. Kevin or place in the offertory basket.*

**BIRTHDAY:** ONE

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY:** GERRY MOFFATT, DIANE DUCKWORTH

**ANNIVERSARY:** CORNELIUS DOHERTY

**HEALTH:** MARTIN GORDON

#### OUR BRETHERN WHO ARE UNWELL

AMBER McCOURT, ELIZABETH SENGHORE, LENNY, JOHN AND MARJORIE FISHER, MAGGIE JOYCE, SHEILA DOWNEY, TOMMY LOFTUS.

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The parish Lenten Reconciliation Service takes place on Tuesday 26 March at 7.00 p.m. and several visiting priests will be available for Confession. This is the perfect way to begin the celebration of Holy Week .



### WALK OF WITNESS – GOOD FRIDAY

Following the very successful "Walk of Witness" from St Francis Church to Sacred Heart Church last Good Friday, in which 80 parishioners turned out, the event will be repeated. This year, the walk begins with Stations of the Cross at St Francis Church at 10.00 a.m. En route, we will stop at St James's Church for prayers and end up at Sacred Heart for Station of the Cross at midday, either in the garden (weather permitting) or in church.

### MASS OF SACRED CHRISM

This Mass, traditionally celebrated on Maundy Thursday, takes place this year on **Wednesday 27 March at 11.00 a.m.** and, because of renovation work at the Cathedral, will be held at **St Patrick's, Collyhurst.** The Mass involves the blessing of the holy oils and is also the occasion when priests renew their vows. Our parish has been allocated **SIX** tickets only (admission is strictly by ticket only), so please see me as soon as possible if you would like to take a ticket. However, please only do so if you are certain to attend.

### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

| WEEKEND 16-17/03/24   |               |         |
|---|---------------|---------|
|  | <b>Basket</b> | £157.30 |
|  | <b>Basket</b> | £449.40 |
|  | <b>Online</b> | £169.00 |

Please consider switching to making your offertory contributions by **Standing Order**. Forms are available at the back of each church, or you can set up with your bank directly using these details:

**TSDT SACRED HEART & ST FRANCIS GORTON,  
20-55-34**