

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



CHURCHES OF ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



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Welcome Fáilte Merĥba Croeso Witajcie Swagatam Mabuhay
Benvenuto Bienvenu Bienvenido Benvindo Benvinguts Willkommen

WEEK COMMENCING 5 APRIL 2020

PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE: Week 2



HOLY WEEK

Holy means 'set apart'. Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word holy refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is holy precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week Witness: Each year, we witness to our Faith in various ways. One of these is the *Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness*. As we can no longer hold public gatherings, there are other things we can do: place a **branch** on your door or window for Palm Sunday, a **Crucifix** and **image of Divine Mercy** on Good Friday and a **Candle** on Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday. We may be physically isolated, but we are not separated. We are united as the members of the body of Christ. Stay connected to the liturgy however you can, and bear witness to families around you. Loyola Press is one of many websites which gives examples of Activities, Devotions, Mini-retreats and suitable articles to read or take part in at home. Go to <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/holy-week>

Holy Week Liturgies: Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, the event of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the cries of "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" in fulfilment of the prophesy of the Prophet Isaiah (Matthew 21: 5-9). These words were incorporated into the liturgy of the Mass in the *Sanctus*.

The Easter Triduum holds a special place in the liturgical year, because it marks the culmination and climax of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Latin word *triduum* refers to a period of three days and has long been used to describe various three-day observances that prepared for a Feast Day through liturgy, prayer, and fasting. But it is most often used to describe the three days prior to the great **Feast of Easter: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, and Holy Saturday Service of Light**, which are followed by the celebration of the **Resurrection of the Lord** on Easter Sunday.

The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday this year has particular significance, because of the terrible Covid-19 pandemic that has stricken the whole world. In the words of the Psalmist, we are invited to have great faith in the steadfast love of God, who never abandons His people in times of trial: "*The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear*" (see Psalm 90:5f). Now, more than ever, we can and must stay close to Our Lord, Jesus.

During Holy Week, the best way we can celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death through His Passion and Resurrection is to be at Mass, where we join the Risen Lord. Sadly, it is not possible to be there in person at present, so we can and must do the next best thing. We can still as Christian believers "*come together, in order to commemorate the suffering, Resurrection and glory of the Lord Jesus, by hearing God's Word... and to give thanks to God who has given them new birth to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*" (see 1 Pt 1:3), by following a **live-streamed Mass** via the internet with the readings of the Mass in our hands. We can join in the '**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**' at Communion time (*see overleaf*). And if we don't have the internet, we can **read slowly the readings** and spend time, at least the length of time we would normally give to being at Sunday Mass, **meditating** - on the **gospel reading** especially. Perhaps too in these days when we have more time available to us with fewer interruptions, we could take up a new devotion: the Rosary, for example. As St John Paul II says: "*Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained*" (Dies Domini 7). To discover the truth of this, we will have to try it out.

REMEMBER - GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINANCE

**ALL MASSES AT ST PETER'S - LIVE STREAMED ONLY - NO PUBLIC PERMITTED
ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THIS IS TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS DIRECTIVES**

SATURDAY VIGIL at St Edward's & SUNDAY MASS at St Joseph's are temporarily CANCELLED

PALM SUNDAY	5	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	See printed copy for Mass Intentions
Monday	6	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Tuesday	7	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)	8	9.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper	9	7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	10	3pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	11	8.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 11am-12 noon daily (not Sundays) - Live Stream only from St Peter's
STATIONS OF THE CROSS for Holy Week: After each Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and at 7pm on Good Friday

† RECENTLY DECEASED: Ellen Hughieson
† ANNIVERSARIES: Harry Savill, Sheila McIntyre, Mgr Provost Patrick-Lynn (1960); Fr Oswin Corby; Bishop Brunner

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE The diocese has set up a web page listing all Live Stream Masses in our diocese. Go to <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/> Also visit our parish website (address on front) for other Live Stream Masses in the UK and elsewhere.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duty to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation beforehand. The Code of Canon Law (CIC 920) says "each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year". This requirement comes from the need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion. As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020. The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition. Make a promise to the Lord to go to Confession as soon as you are able.

ACT OF CONTRITION: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

NEWSLETTER is available outside all our churches in a waterproof box. Also, collect your **Catholic Voice** (Future months available via www.ChurchPaper.co.uk). **Please deliver a newsletter to those who are isolated (take care - wear gloves, post through letterbox).** **MAILING LIST:** email us to receive the newsletter by email (note, we are not able to post copies).

BLESSING OF PALMS on Palm Sunday - Palms can be collected from outside each Church with the newsletter

EASTER SUNDAY MASS 11.30am St Peter's. Sadly, all Holy week/Easter Masses are live stream only - no public present

EASTER TRIDUUM AT THE CATHEDRAL Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Liturgy and Easter Vigil Mass are all at **3pm**. Easter Sunday Mass is at **10am**. All live stream.

MASS INTENTIONS will all be said at St Peter's - Sunday not available as it must be said for the People of the Parish
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP were awarded £250 by Proudfoots. Congrats to them and thanks to Proudfoots for their support.

NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY begins on Good Friday in preparation for the **Feast Day on Low Sunday 19 April**. Leaflets are on order and will be available in the boxes outside church as soon as possible. A link will also put on our website and Facebook pages in time for Good Friday, for those who can access online.

BANK OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS Some of you have phoned asking to be available to shop for others. **Thank you.** We will call upon you as the needs arise. Anyone in need, get in touch with the presbytery on 360358.

THE RAINBOW CENTRE need non-perishable food & other essentials. Drop all donations off at the Rainbow Centre.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH Clearly many are taking a financial 'hit' at this time. When the dust settles, we will begin to be able to count the cost. In the meantime, **if you are able**, your continued weekly offering to the parish it would be enormously appreciated. It forms the majority of our income. Either put your Offering in an **envelope** through St Peter's letterbox (not St Joseph's/Edward's), or sign up for **Standing Order** giving (forms by request). **New Planned Giving Envelopes** - advice is not to issue these at present. Please use old ones. Change the date to the current date.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Did you know God was seen in Yorkshire lately? When asked how come, He said he is working from home.*