

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE EASTER TRIDUUM IN OUR PARISH

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** [Mass Time: 6.00pm and 8pm] The Easter Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Holy Thursday is the anniversary of the Lord's Supper when Jesus ate the Passover meal with His apostles. It was then that He instituted the Eucharist and commanded His first priests to repeat this action as a Memorial to Him. It was also then that He washed their feet and gave us an example and command of love.

*This year, the Washing of the Feet is omitted and there is no procession to the Altar of Repose. The Reserved Sacrament is kept in the Tabernacle of the church. The altar will not be stripped in the usual manner since the Blessed Sacrament is reserved at that altar. Watching in lieu of the Altar of Repose is not possible this year.*

## GOOD FRIDAY

This year we shall have the **Stations of the Cross** at **10am, 12 noon, 6pm and 8pm**. A solemn blessing with the relic of the **Real Wood of the Holy Cross** after each liturgy of the Station of the Cross. **The celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3pm.**

*For the Adoration of the Holy Cross, we will use the second form for ease. For the Adoration, the Veneration of the Cross is limited to the priest alone. After I have done this, I will "invite the people present in a few words to adore the Holy Cross and afterwards, hold the Cross elevated higher for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence". This will be expressed by the faithful through a short period of silent prayer, a gesture such as a bow in their places, followed by another short period of silent prayer.*

*It is recommended that at all acts of worship on Good Friday in the churches of England and Wales, the opportunity for the faithful to contribute to the Holy See collection for the **Holy Places of Palestine** will be available.*

**HOLY SATURDAY:** The Church waits today at the Lord's tomb, meditating on His Passion and Death. She refrains from all ceremony until nightfall. During the night-watch (Vigil Service) sorrow and mourning give way to joy and celebration. **Morning prayer of the Church 10am; Blessing of Food at 11am.**

**Easter Vigil** [Mass times: Sat 11am] The Great Vigil of Easter is the most joyous and beautiful liturgy of the Church Year. This most ancient of Holy Days is rich in symbolism, saturated with the Word of God,

and is, in fact, the principal celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Throughout the ages, it has been in this service that countless saints have proclaimed, "Alleluia, Christ is risen!"

**Easter Sunday** [Mass times: 9am, 11.30am, 1pm and 6pm].

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
<p><i>Live Stream:</i>  <i>Zoom: ID: 7578777461; Passcode: 20212021</i></p>		
THU	6.00pm  8.00pm	<p><b>Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>            People of the Parish - Thanksgiving For all Priests who have served in Holy Cross             Len Calver R.I.P.</p>
FRI	10.00am 12.00am 3.00 pm 6.00pm 8.00pm	<p><i>Stations of the Cross</i>  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  <b>The Passion of Our lord</b>  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>
SAT	10.00am 11.00am 11.00pm <b>Easter Vigil</b>	<p><b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>  <i>Morning Prayer</i>  <i>Blessing of Food</i>            People of the Parish</p>
SUN	09:00am 11.30am 1.00pm 6.00pm	<p><b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>            People of the Parish - Holy Cross Eucharistic Ministers            People of the Parish - Holy Cross Church Care Team            People of the Parish - Holy Cross Readers &amp; Catechists            People of the Parish - For all Children &amp; Young People of the Parish</p>
MON	09.15am	Lisa O'Hara – Birthday Thanksgiving 50 years.
TUE	09.15am	Baby Michael David Amon R.I.P. & Parents Madeleine & John
WED	09.15am	Dylis Grant - Wellbeing
THU	No Mass	
FRI	6.30pm 7.00pm	<p><i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>            Bernadette Gavin &amp; Mary Lillis R.I.P.</p>

**SUNDAY HOLY MASS**

## Readings at Mass

### First reading – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

#### **We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

### Responsorial Psalm – Ps 11

*This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
‘His love has no end’.

*This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

*This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

*This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

### Second reading – Colossians 3: 1-4

#### **You must look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is.**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things,

not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### **Gospel Acclamation – Corinthians 5: 7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel - John 20: 1-9**

#### **He must rise from the dead.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.