



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia  
**SAINT LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH**

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## HOLY WEEK

Year B

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

## EASTER

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week - Propers

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## REVISED MASS TIMES FROM EASTER - APRIL 4

**Mon-Fri 10am:** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

*(Daily Masses and Devotions are live-streamed!)*

**Saturday 6pm:** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

### Sunday

**9:00am:** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

**10:30am:** LIVE-STREAMED Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

**12:00nn** Mass (54 people in church ONLY)

In order to attend, you **MUST BOOK** a place  
by texting or emailing: **07308 217029**

[saintlukeschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:saintlukeschurch@yahoo.com)

**BY FRIDAY EVENING**

***Mobile number and email above are only for  
booking a place at Mass!***

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## PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Places will be limited and must be booked all week.

All will be live-streamed.

### **Palm Sunday**

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 9am, 10:30am & 12nn

### **Holy Monday**

10am Mass

### **Holy Tuesday**

Church closed

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

### **Holy Wednesday**

10am Mass

### **Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm

### **Good Friday**

Service - 3pm

4.30-5.30pm, short 10min

visits for prayer (no booking)

Stations of the Cross 6pm

### **Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil 8pm

### **Easter Sunday**

9am, 10:30am & 12nn

***Our Holy Week schedule are now fully booked.  
There are still very few places on Easter Sunday.  
Please do not turn up if you did not book a place.***

***Easter is celebrated for a week!  
From Easter Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>,  
there'll be Masses at St Luke's at 10am, if you cannot come on  
Easter Sunday. Booking is not needed.***



## NEW LOCKDOWN

- \*Please book a place at the weekend;
- \*Maintain social distancing at all times;
- \*Please do not mix bubbles and do not mingle or linger inside or outside the church;
- \*Sanitise hands on entry and exit;
- \*Please do not sing, please do not touch anything;
- \*At Holy Communion please follow directions;
- \*Also please keep 2m from the priest, stretch out flat hands as far as possible, step aside to consume the host with great care and reverence.

## PALM SUNDAY

### The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 15:1-39

1. **Jesus deserted** *The gospel of Mark is concerned to show Jesus as a real, human person. So the story of the Passion begins with the very real fear and horror of Jesus in the garden.*

*Mark represents Jesus as almost beside himself with apprehension at the torture which he knew he would suffer. Again and again he returns to seek companionship from his disciples, to find them callously asleep. The Passion-story ends, too, with a loud cry of agony as Jesus breathes his last.*

2. **The divine Jesus** *The core of the Passion-story is the trial scene. Before the high priest Jesus acknowledges that he is the Messiah of Judaism, and the Son of the Blessed One. To these titles he joins 'Son of man'. In the Book of Daniel the Son of man is a glorious figure who triumphs over persecution to receive from God all power on earth. So now Jesus claims to share God's throne as that Son of man.*

*It is for these divine claims that is rejected as a blasphemer and handed over to the Romans.*

3. **The triumph of God** *When Jesus cries out on the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me', he is not in despair, but is beginning Psalm 22. The Psalm begins in persecution, but ends in the triumph of God and the vindication of the sufferer.*

*This gives the meaning of his Passion: by it Jesus brings the triumph of God and his own vindication by God. The Cross is the moment, not of abandonment by God, but of the most complete union of Jesus to the Father. Jesus here establishes the Sovereignty of his Father by his total, loving obedience. This is why the centurion proclaims, 'Truly, the man was Son of God'.*

*It is also significant that here for the first time in the gospel a human being recognises Jesus as Son of God. It is not a Jew but a gentile – the beginning of the spread of the gospel to all nations of the world.*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### Gospel Reading - John 13: 1-15

*The feast of the Passover was taken up by Jesus as the occasion for him to make his own new covenant, fulfilling the promises made by the prophets of a new covenant to replace the old covenant so definitively broken at the time of the Babylonian Exile. Jesus himself was the lamb who was to be sacrificed, and his new covenant was sealed, not in blood sprinkled but in his own blood consumed. It was a 'memorial', that is, an effective re-enactment, actually renewing the act of dedication and union. Jesus's extraordinary gesture recorded in the Gospel of John shows us the full meaning of what he was doing. The narrative stresses that Jesus knew what was to come; he was showing his disciples the meaning of the events. By the act of rising from the table and performing the demeaning act of stripping down and washing the feet of his followers, his guests, he was showing the meaning of the dire events to come – Peter's horror says it all, but there was far worse to come. It was a pre-enactment of his great act of serving his community, the new family which he was binding to himself by this new covenant, the foundational act of service in the Church.*

### TRIVIA - Liturgical colour: WHITE

*White is the colour of heaven.*

*Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints.*

*Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.*

## GOOD FRIDAY

### First Reading - Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

*These four poems occur in the second part of the Book of Isaiah pronounced by the prophet in the last days of the Babylonian Exile, a time which was vital for the consolidation and re-formation of Israel.*

*They seem to hang together and form a body somewhat, but not entirely, separate from the rest of the prophecy.*

*The fourth Song continues and intensifies the theme of suffering; many details of it are fulfilled in the story of the Passion of Jesus, to the extent that it seems that the Passion Narrative itself was even composed with this Song in mind.*

*Who, then, is this Servant? In its primary meaning it has been understood as the prophet himself, reflecting on his own experiences as God's messenger to Israel, though the difficulty here is that, as well as having a mission to Israel, he is identified as part of Israel. Is that identification in the second Song a later addition? The sufferings described in other Songs must be personal. Perhaps it is the prophet precisely as identified with Israel. Should a further extension of the meaning be understood as the long-term suffering of the People of God in witnessing to the values of Judaism? Certainly Christianity sees the prophecies to be fulfilled in the mission and sufferings of Jesus.*

## EASTER VIGIL

### Second Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

*Every parent must be moved by this terrible and touching story.*

*How could a parent do such a thing? And the boy was Abraham's last hope for the survival of his family, granted to him to fulfil God's promise. The narrative becomes slower as they approach the point. Note how Isaac is allowed to carry the wood, but Abraham carefully carries anything on which the child might hurt himself, the fire and the knife. One can imagine the jaunty boy trotting along beside dad, bouncing questions at him, and dad's monosyllabic answers as he nears the moment he dreads. Yet he trusted in God right up to the brink of disaster, somehow confident that God would rescue him from this terrible deed. As Paul stresses, it was not anything Abraham did that justified him, not his obedient action, but his total trust in God. Can I claim such total trust in God's love?*

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Gospel Reading - John 13: 1-15

*There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers.*

*But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith.*

## FINANCES

Many thanks for your generosity and support through the current circumstances. For standing orders and one-off donations: St. Luke's Catholic Parish - NatWest Bank, Cathedral Square, Peterborough. PE1 1XH. Sort Code: 54-21-38 Acc. Number: 97302198.

## ONLINE CHILDREN'S LITURGY & ACTIVITY

Go to [www.rpbooks.co.uk/](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/) and look for 'Celebrate' under free resources.

## EASTER OFFERING

Many thanks in advance for contributions towards the Easter Offering which helps to support St. Luke's clergy through the year.

## ALTAR SERVERS

It is great to welcome back our altar servers at all Masses, albeit with numbers limited and careful guidance to follow. Please contact Fr Jude to arrange training and to join the rota. New servers are welcome! No age limit! Another training/practice is scheduled on Maundy Thursday at 11am.

## ST LUKE'S FLOWER LADIES

Rosemary and Lita, our two very dedicated volunteers, are the only ones left from our St Luke's Flower Ladies. The parish would love to see a few more volunteers. No experience needed! Please see Rosemary, the ushers or the clergy if interested.

## BOOKING MASSES - HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Masses for Holy Week and Easter are almost fully booked.

**A gentle reminder:** ALL MASSES are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis and please DO NOT TURN UP WITHOUT BOOKING.

**Holy Thursday** – a few places left; **Good Friday** – 3pm fully booked – **Stations of the Cross**, a few places left; **Easter Vigil** fully booked; **Easter Sunday** a few places left at each Mass.

## CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS

All things remaining equal Baptisms may be celebrated with 6 present from 12<sup>th</sup> April, 30 present from 17<sup>th</sup> May, or God willing with no restrictions from 21<sup>st</sup> June. Marriages with 15 present from 12<sup>th</sup> April, 30 from 17<sup>th</sup> May & no restrictions from 21<sup>st</sup> June. Similar guidance applies to other celebrations and events. Please get in touch now to make tentative arrangements. Funerals will be limited to 30 people until restrictions are hopefully lifted on 21<sup>st</sup> June. During June the government will review the pandemic situation and review this guidance accordingly, along with that concerning social distancing and face-coverings.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 3pm, there will be a devotion and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. No booking required and this will be live-streamed.

## HCTP VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Join the Virtual Easter Pilgrimage from Holy Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th April, including - the World Premiere of a family friendly cartoon about St Bernadette we have developed with Colin Bentley - Artist (to be first broadcast on Easter Monday at 6pm), and Fr Paschal Uche's reflections on his Pilgrimage to Priesthood (to be shown each day from Easter Monday to Friday at 1pm), along with content from our groups and regions during the week.

See the full schedule here: [www.facebook.com/HCTPpage/](http://www.facebook.com/HCTPpage/) videos will also be here: [www.youtube.com/hcptpage](http://www.youtube.com/hcptpage)

## GIFTAID DECLARATIONS

We need everyone who has a standing order to the parish bank account or who have made donations through the bank and who pay tax to fill in a new Gift Aid form, even if you have done it before. This is a big help to us as a charity, but costs you nothing. We will be claiming in May so don't delay! Many thanks for your help and generosity.

## NEWSLETTERS FOR THOSE AT HOME

Every couple of weeks we are now posting newsletters and other interesting items to those at home who we think might appreciate them. We have limited records, so if you know of someone who might appreciate this, please let us know.

## PETERBOROUGH CITY HOSPITAL

For end-of-life care and Last Rites, please call **07934 796221**.



# MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.

You may also send an email to Fr Jude: [jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk)

## HOLY WEEK

5pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**6pm – Saturday Vigil Mass, Palm Sunday**

(pre-booked with congregation) - **Kathleen Hackett**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

9:00am – Mass (booking required)

**Intentions of Margaret Mason's Family**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

**Elizabeth Playfair**

12:00nn – Mass (booking required)

**Catherine Stevenson+**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March: HOLY MONDAY**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Christian Maury**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: HOLY TUESDAY**

*NO MASS at St Luke's! – Chrism Mass at St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich*

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: HOLY WEDNESDAY**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Tom J Mulhern & Catherine Stevenson+**

## The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Maundy Thursday**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

6pm – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**FULLY BOOKED!**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Good Friday**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

3pm – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**FULLY BOOKED!**

4:30pm - 5:30pm – Adoration of the Holy Cross

6pm – Stations of the Cross (Live-streamed)

**PLEASE BOOK!**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Holy Saturday**

**EASTER VIGIL**

*NO ROSARY*

8pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(Live-streamed) **FULLY BOOKED!**

**FRANCIS DOLAN+**

## OCTAVE OF EASTER

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00am – Mass (booking required)

**Gardner-Brown & Snowden Family**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

**Pro Populo**

12:00nn – Mass (booking required)

**Valerie Chadwick+**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER MONDAY**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Patrick Hennessy+**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER TUESDAY**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Thomas Daniels**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER WEDNESDAY**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**David & Carol Brooks**

*Followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER THURSDAY**

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Marc Maury**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER FRIDAY**

*Friday abstinence is dispensed!*

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Kevin Joseph**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April: EASTER SATURDAY**

9:30am – Holy Rosary

10am – Mass with Congregation (Live-streamed)

**Teresita De Ocampo**

**6pm – Vigil Mass, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

(pre-booked with congregation) - **Robert Gibson+**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

9:00am – Mass (booking required)

**Pro Populo**

10:30am – Live-streamed Mass (booking required)

**Savino Martin Maramag+**

12:00nn – Mass (booking required)

**Patrick O'Mahoney and Family**

3pm – EXPOSITION and DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET