



PALM SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (A)

SCHEDULE

Sun 29th	Palm Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir 11:45 Church Clean	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	RCIA 12:15 Meeting	
Mon 30th	Monday of Holy Week 08:00 Mass	
Tue 1st	Tuesday of Holy Week 09:15 Mass	
Wed 2nd	Wednesday of Holy Week	—
Thu 3rd	Parish Community 10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Mass of the Lord's Supper 19:00 Mass	
Fri 4th	Parish Community 10:00 Good Friday Walk of Witness	
	15:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
	18:00 Passion for Gorton at the Monastery	
Sat 5th	Parish Community 10:00-12:00 Garden Open	
	Easter Vigil 19:00 Mass including Receptions into the Church	
Sun 6th	Easter Sunday 09:15 Adoration & Confession 10:00 Morning Prayer 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Friends quite often comment to me that I must be so busy at Christmas. I always tell them that actually Christmas can be quite a quiet, blessed and restful time in the parish and of course, it is such a joyful season. I point out to them that it's Easter that is the busy season but also a time of great blessing. I really urge you to make the most of the great liturgies that lead to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

We begin on the evening of Maundy Thursday when the mass at 7.00 p.m. (the only mass of the day) celebrates the Institution of the Eucharist and the Mass at the Last Supper. It is awe-inspiring to think that Jesus held up bread and wine before his disciples, blessed these ordinary elements and uttered words that are now said at every mass.

On Good Friday we recall Jesus' Passion and Death and the long Gospel reading narrates the details of his Crucifixion. This is the occasion when we have the opportunity to venerate the Cross. How strange that we should come up to kiss an instrument of torture and execution. How strange that we should call this Friday "Good".

Then on Saturday evening, the Easter Vigil Mass begins the celebration of the Resurrection. At this mass, people older and younger will be received into the Church and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion will be received. Light features prominently in this mass, as we move from the darkness of death to the brightness of new life.

The celebration continues in both churches on Easter Sunday morning where the great message is, "He is risen." Please do attend as fully as you can.

God bless, Fr Kevin.

HOLY WEEK

Please note the times of the various great liturgies as printed near the beginning of the newsletter. Please make every effort to attend on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Good Friday is particularly busy this year, so please see the separate item below about it.

As in previous years, Good Friday for the parish will begin with Stations of the Cross at St Francis Church at 10.00 a.m. We will then do the "Walk of Witness" and will pay a visit to St James's Church. We should be there for about 11.00 a.m. After a short service there, we return to Sacred Heart Parish Garden for Stations of the Cross, weather permitting, or Sacred Heart Church if necessary.

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meals

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the way that you continue to donate so generously to our parish project. I will let you know how much we still need to raise for this year's target after Easter. Last week I received an individual donation of £100.00 and another donation from the Friendship Club for £55.00. Thank you once again and God bless you.

PARISH PRAYERS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, pass an envelope with an offering of £10 or more to Fr Kevin, noting if it should be kept private.

MASS INTENTIONS

THANKSGIVING

OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AILSA SMITH, JANET MCCARTHY,
JENNIFER HUNTER, MARTIN BRENNAN,
TOMMY LOFTUS

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new envelopes will be available from SH on **March 22nd**, and SF on **March 28th**. If you would prefer to pay by standing order (we prefer this) or by DONA please let Frank/Minna know so that the appropriate information can be exchanged. If you are not enrolled in the scheme, please consider it as we benefit 25p for every £1 you donate.

"EASY READ" BIBLES

I was very pleased that so many of you bought these beautiful editions of the Bible last weekend. They are very reasonably priced at £5.00. They will continue to be on sale for the next few weeks and in the Piety Shop, but hurry, they are selling fast!

MISSIOCAKE SALE

To raise money for , there will be a homemade cake sale after Mass Sunday 29th in the parish hall. There will also be Tea, coffee, coke and orange juice.



**Ours were the sufferings
he bore,
Ours the sorrows he
carried.**

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SPRING CLEAN IN THE GARDEN

Come along any Thursday or Saturday. join our volunteers and help to get the garden ready for the year ahead. There are lots of tasks to help with. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by adults. Reminder, we have Stations of the Cross in our gardens—come and enjoy the beauty of God's creation bursting into life.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk 0797 338 0443

CHRISM MASS

This takes place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Wednesday 1 April at 11.00 a.m. It is the special mass celebrated by the Bishop at which the oils are blessed for the year ahead and priests renew their vows. Our parish has been allocated three tickets so please let me know if you would like to attend but only do so if you are absolutely certain to make use of the ticket.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND PARISH LENT CAFOD WALK

Thank you very much indeed for turning out in such good number to take part in the Stations of the Cross last Sunday, and then to participate in the CAFOD walk around Debdale Park and the Fallowfield Loop. It was wonderful to stop at various points and pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with additional scriptures. I really appreciate the commitment and faith and the excellent singing along the way.



SEASONAL WELLBEING EVENTS



These sessions are designed for seasonal connection with nature where we will heal, restore and focus on our mind, body and spirit. The 'Spring' session will be on Friday **10 April**; The 'Summer' session on Friday **3 July**, The 'Autumn' session will be on Friday **16 October** and The 'Winter' session will be on Friday **15 January 2027**. The cost will be £5 per session. Please register by emailing laudatosicentre@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND MAR 21-22ND		
	Basket	£157.00
	Basket	£343.00
	Digital	£195.00

Please consider making offertory contributions **by Standing Order**. If required, forms are available at each church, use the QR code, or **transfer** directly from your bank:



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