

## **The Easter Triduum.**

From Monday to Thursday we can live our Lenten promises with particular intensity, and on Thursday we begin the Great Triduum. The term Triduum means three days. The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from sunset to sunset.

Each of those days tells a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. The church celebrates one liturgy each day. We should not think of the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil as three separate events, all three form part of the one extended liturgy— at the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy there is no dismissal and blessing, and, in the same way there is no formal beginning and end to the Good Friday liturgy. The three day liturgy concludes with the solemn blessing at the end of the Easter Vigil or at the morning Mass on Easter Day.

So it is important to attend all three parts and it can be helpful to reinforce this unity by attending all three liturgies at the same parish community.

## **Easter, the feast of feasts.**

The Jewish people have been celebrating Passover annually for thousands of years, commemorating the night in which God brought them out of slavery in Egypt to begin the journey into the promised land. At the Last Supper, Jesus also celebrated Passover but gave it a new meaning: no longer a remembrance of passing from slavery to freedom, but, through his own passion, death and resurrection we too pass from death to life with him.

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## **Palm/Passion Sunday. 13th/14th April**

**Prayers and Readings begin on page 184, Parish Mass Book**

**Hymns— as announced.**

**Second collection this weekend for Cafod Lent Appeal.**

## **Holy Week .**

Holy Week begins with the Mass of Passion Sunday, also known as Palm Sunday. We begin with a procession of palms, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, happy to begin the week when Jesus was to complete his work as Messiah. In Holy Week we listen to the entire gospel account of Christ's passion twice: from the gospel of the year, this year, Luke, and on Good Friday, from the gospel of John..

English Martyr's Church. Sparkhill.

**Saturday 13th April, No evening Mass.**

**Sunday 14th April, 10.00. Palm Sunday.**

**Ints— Deceased Coburn Family. Chris Smith. Pat Mc Keown.**

**Holy Thursday— at St Anne's Church, 7.00 pm**

**Good Friday Liturgy, at 3.00 pm.**

**Easter Saturday. The Easter Vigil Mass, is at St Anne's, 7.30 pm.**

**Easter Sunday. Easter Day Mass, at 10.00 am.**

**Ints. Patrick Martin. Noreen & Tom Morris.**

St Annes Church, Alcester Street.

**Saturday 13th April, 1.00. vigil of Palm Sunday**

**Ints- Thomas Nolan. Charlie Boyle. Mary Matthews. Cecilia Francis.**

**Sunday 14th April, 12.00. Palm Sunday.**

**Ints. Noreen O Keefe. Daniel Mc Carthy. Edith Parker.**

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00 pm**

**Ints. Agnes & Jim O Dwyer. Delrose Joseph. Eileen Finn.**

**Good Friday: Liturgy at English Martyr's, Sparkhill, 3.00 pm**

**Easter Saturday. The Easter Vigil Mass, at 7.30 pm.**

**Ints. Edward Dalton. Noreen O Keefe. Rev C. Hanford.**

**Easter Sunday Mass of Easter Day, at 12.00.**

**Ints. Mary Fitzpatrick. Michael Keelan. Paddy Byrne.**

**Birmingham Passion Play.**

Begins on Tuesday 16th April at 12.30 and repeats on the 17th and 18th.

A cast of 100 professional actors and community volunteers will begin to perform the Easter Story in way Birmingham has never seen before.

Starting in the Bull Ring outside Waterstone's, it will then process up New Street, stop at Victoria Square for three scenes and then finish at St Philip's Cathedral.

**Stories from the Holy Land:**

**CAFOD in Birmingham East deanery get-together. 4th June.**

This is a meeting for volunteers and supporters or anyone else interested in the work of CAFOD. It will be on Tuesday 4th June, Mass at 7.00 pm followed by a bring and share supper and CAFOD meeting, It will finish at approx. 9.00 pm.

**Venue: St Thomas More Church, 130 Horseshoes Lane, Sheldon, B26 3HU.**

An exciting opportunity to hear from our Step into the Gap volunteer, Caroline Collins, about her visit to the Holy Land, to encounter CAFOD projects, partners and communities supported there. We'll also have a look at our exciting new ambition, *No One Beyond Reach*, and our *Common Home Climate Campaign*.

To book a place please email [rgriffith@cafod.org.uk](mailto:rgriffith@cafod.org.uk) or phone 01922 722944.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness—start time— 10.00am.**

Archbishop Bernard Longley along with the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, David Urquhart, and other faith leaders will lead the Walk of Witness which begins outside the church on Carrs Lane, moves up the High Street, New Street, the Council House, back along Colmore Row to St Philip's C of E Cathedral, along Snow Hill and finishing at St Chad's Cathedral.

**Lost & Found.** Pair of glasses, at English Martyr's, left last weekend.

**Recently Died— we pray for Michael Keelan, John Dillane, Kathleen Byrne.**