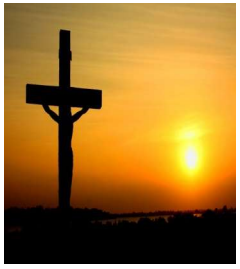
THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The word Triduum comes from the Latin and means "three days." It is commonly pronounced "TRIH-doo-uhm" and is usually used in reference to the Easter Triduum, the three most sacred days in the church year. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. After centuries of neglect, Pope Pius XII in 1955 restored the Triduum liturgies to their rightful place as the culmination of the entire liturgical year.



Although we talk of the three days, our Triduum prayer is best understood as one liturgy in three interlocking movements. The death and resurrection of the Lord cannot be separated. The meaning of these days is distorted when we imagine that the liturgy re-enacts the final events in the life of Jesus in a sort of historical review. We miss the point in that case. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection is a present reality; the boundaries of time, and the boundaries of death, have no power here.

Our past, present and future are irrevocably marked by our own immersion into this mystery through baptism. We wash one another's feet, reverence the cross, light fires in the night and proclaim the stories of our salvation with an awed awareness that this is what it means to be baptised. The Easter Vigil then is the premier time to welcome new members into the church through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

Ideally, no other parish events are scheduled on these three days; the presence, time and energy of every person in the community are needed for what we do here. Yes, this may be inconvenient, but birth and death are rarely convenient! Our forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum—beyond its history, into its mystery.

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28th March 2021 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Masses & Services

Palm Sunday

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)
11.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Monday 29th March
9:30am Holy Mass (SH)
Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday 30th March
9:30am Holy Mass (SH)
Tuesday of Holy Week

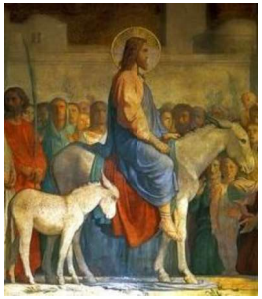
Wednesday 31st March
9:30am Holy Mass (SH)
Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday 1st April
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30pm Evening Mass
of the Lord's Supper (SH)

Friday 26th March
GOOD FRIDAY
10:00am Stations of the Cross (HF)
3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion (SH)

Saturday 27th March
HOLY SATURDAY
8:30pm Easter Vigil
and First Mass of Easter (SH)

Sunday 4th Aril
EASTER DAY
10:00am Holy Mass (HF)
11.30 am Holy Mass (SH)



On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are available by appointment during this time of lockdown. Please have a word with Father if you would like to celebrate this Sacrament.

BINGO		
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Please Note there will be No Bingo after Benediction on Friday!

Please Pray For the Following

Sick: Brian Hampshire, Ann Welsh, Pat Gale,, Joseph Boyd, Marian Whyte, Mary Millar, Brian Lynam, Diane Chadwick, Eileen Naven, Belle McEvoy, Louise Sherrington, Ken Hargreaves, Philomena Hill, Doreen Boardman, Cindy Nuttall, Gemma Beeny, Lindsay Hillen, Jim & Helen Hyndman, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy, Stephen Ramlaul.

Lately Dead: Pam Colligan, Margaret Waine, Kevyn Gibbons, Tracey Gorman, William Manford, Duncan Flood, Freda Johnson.

Anniversaries & B'days: Adam Nightingale, Michael Anthony Devine, Douglas Swindells, Gerard & Florence Reeves, Veronica McEvoy, Fr Michael Corry, Canon Charles Hollywood.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Springhill Hospice: 01706 649920
Royal Oldham : 0161 627 8796
Fairfield Fr. Starkie 07979351744
North M/c Hospital 0161 720 2293
The Christie 0161 446 3097

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

can be emailed to (parish@sacredheartrochdale.org.uk) or pushed through the door at Sacred Heart by 12:00 Noon on Fridays. Many thanks.

SVP FOOD COLLECTION

Any future donations of non perishable food stuffs for the SVP can now be brought with you when you attend Mass and left in the porch. Many thanks for all your support for those less fortunate than ourselves.

NEW WEBCAM

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project **We have currently raised a wonderful £2,600 towards the total cost of £3,500.** If you would still like to make a donation drop your donation into the collection at Mass—marking your envelope 'Webcam' Many thanks.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

We now have three lamps in the sanctuary at Sacred Heart. One burns by Our Lady, one by the Sacred Heart and one by the Tabernacle. These lamps can be purchased to burn for your intentions. If you would like to purchase a lamp (donation £5) then have a word with Fr Francis or place your offering in an envelope marking it 'Sanctuary Lamp' and where you would like the lamp to burn and for what Intention.

The lamps this week burn as follows:

Sacred Heart
Adam Nightingale

Our Lady
Adam Nightingale

Tabernacle
Michael Anthony Devine

Please note lamps are burnt in the order that they are received. Names will appear in the newsletter when they are being burnt.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

for the coming year are now available at the back of church. Please take a moment to collect your envelopes when you come to Mass. **PLEASE NOTE that if you pay by standing order no envelopes have been prepared for you.**

Many thanks to all who support our parish financially and especially those who have continued to do so in these difficult times. It is much appreciated.

MORE STEWARDS NEEDED

Many thanks for work our stewards have been doing for many months now in order that we may have our churches open for the celebration of Mass and other services. There is only one problem with them - there are not enough of them!!! Could you spare sometime to be a steward

READERS AT MASS

Sat 27th Christopher Howard
Sun 28th Eleanor Tierney (SH)
E Capper (HF)

SVP FOOD DONATIONS

We would like to thank all the people who continue to make donations for those in need. Everything you do is much appreciated.

The following items are in need at the moment

Family toiletries - soap, flannels, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tea, coffee, longlife milk, tinned meat and fish.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are looking to fill vacancies on our governing body at Holy Family and Sacred Heart Schools. If you would be interested in supporting our school community in this way have word initially with Fr Francis.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

This week as a Diocese we pray for the parish of St. James and All Souls, Salford, for Fr. Frankie Mulgrew, their parish priest, for the chaplaincy to Salford University and for their parish primary school. May they experience divine renewal by faithful listening like disciples.

CAFOD NEWS

Fed up with being stuck in and the pubs being closed? Why not join us for the Cafod Quiz night at the Virtual Inn on Friday 9th April at 8pm. The Quiz will be on Zoom. We just ask that each team pays £2 to join our Quiz with a cash prize for the winning team. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to Sacred Heart Church)) please put your name and email address on the envelope. You can also pay and book online by contacting rachael.reader@hotmail.co.uk See you at the Virtual Inn, Don't forget to bring your own drinks!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

to the children from our schools who made their First Confession recently. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in their preparations for First Holy Communion.

SCHOOL MASSES

The Parish Mass on **Tuesday morning** will also be live streamed into Sacred Heart School.

The Parish Mass on **Wednesday morning** will also be live streamed into Holy Family School. The homily and reflections on those days will be directed to the children but anyone is welcome to be present in church for the Masses.

THE CHRISM MASS

will be celebrated by Bishop John and representatives of the diocesan clergy on Wednesday at 11:00am. This Mass will also be livestreamed via the Cathedral website. If you have the chance do please join in with that Mass and pray for the bishop and priests of the diocese.