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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

Sunday, 24th March, Palm Sunday:

8:45am Low Mass at English Martyrs' Church (no blessing of palms); 10:30am Solemn Mass with Procession at Saint Walburge's Church; 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction; 6:30pm Low Mass (SW)

Holy Monday and Temple Tuesday, 25th-26th March:

8:30am and 12:00 noon Low Mass at Saint Walburge's. 5:30pm Vespers, 6:00 Adoration, 7:00pm Compline.

Spy Wednesday 27th March: 8:30am and 12:00pm Low Mass (SW) 5:30pm Office of Tenebrae (anticipated).

Maundy Thursday, 28th March: 5:00pm Washing of the feet, followed by Solemn Mass, procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altars & night-time Adoration. 8:30pm Office of Tenebrae (anticipated).

<u>Good Friday</u>, <u>29th March</u>, <u>Good Friday</u>: 12:00 Mass of the Pre-Sanctified 3:00pm Stations of the Cross; 5:30pm Office of Tenebrae (anticipated).

<u>Holy Saturday, 30th March:</u> 7pm Solemn Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday, 31st March: 9am Low Mass at English Martyrs' Church. 10:30am Solemn High Mass at Saint Walburge's followed by blessing of Easter eggs and of the Easter lamb. 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction & 6.30pm Low Mass (SW)

Confessions: Monday 25th March: 6:00-6:45pm; Tuesday 26th March: 6:00-6:45pm; Wednesday 27th March: 11:30-12:00; Thursday 28th March: 4:15-4:45pm; Friday 29th March: 2.30-3.30pm Saturday 30th March: 11:30-12:00

*All services except the early Sunday Low Mass will be at Saint Walburge's Church.

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews Heb 9:11-15.

Brethren: When Christ appeared as high priest of the good things to come, He entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands - that is, not of this creation, - nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of His own blood, into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean unto the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the Blood of Christ, Who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself unblemished unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And this is why He is mediator of a new covenant, that whereas a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions committed under the former covenant, they who have been called may receive eternal inheritance according to the promise, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John John 8:46-59.

At that time, Jesus said to the crowds of the Jews: Which of you can convict Me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear is that you are not of God. The Jews therefore in answer said to Him, Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan, and have a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet, I do not seek My own glory; there is One Who seeks and Who judges. Amen, amen, I say to you, if anyone keep My word, he will never see death. The Jews therefore said, Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets, and You say, 'If anyone keep My word he will never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself? Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father Who glorifies Me, of Whom you say that He is your God. And you do not know Him, but I know Him. And if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be like you, a liar. But I know Him, and I keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he was to see My day. He saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? Jesus said to them, Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am. They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out from the temple.

Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers
Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin,
Anita, Denis and Margaret Smith, Anthony and
Catherine Sibert, Denis Brophy, the residents of
Swansea Terrace Care Home.

We pray for the completion of work at Saint Benedict's new campus and entrust all of the works at Saint Walburge's to St Joseph.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Sheila Collum, whose funeral was this past Tuesday, and Jean O'Connor, recently deceased.

Novena to Saint Joseph (10th-18th March)

Many of our parishioners will be preparing the "Consecration to Saint Joseph" in the days leading up to his feast. We also continue to entrust the completion of Saint Benedict's campus at Saint Walburge's to our great Patriarch and Protector.

The Memorare of St Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief.

Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Ordo	Daily Schedule: Mass, Offices, Confessions, Events	Mass Intentions
Sunday 17/III Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide) **Guild Sunday**	8:00am Lauds SW 10:30 High Mass SW 9:00 Low Mass EM 17:30 Vespers & Benediction 10:00 Confessions SW 18:30pm Low Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Monique Monceyron Can Post: St Joseph-For Lapsed Catholics Canon Ducret: Johan Daviet and Lola RIP
Monday 18/III Feria of Lent (St Cyril)	7.30 Lauds SW 17:30pm Vespers SW 8:30 Mass SW 18:00 Confessions & Adoration 12:00 Mass EM 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Paule Malcouronne Canon Post: St Joseph-Gavin Family Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert
Tuesday 19/III Feast of St Joseph (Commemoration of Lent)	7.30 Lauds SW 17:30 Vespers 8:30 Mass SW 18:30 Solemn Mass 12:00 Mass EM & Consecration to St Joseph	Canon Cristofoli: St W Roof work Canon Post: St Joseph-Myra Durkin RIP Canon Ducret: Keith Cross RIP
Wednesday 20/III Papal Anniversary Mass (Commemoration of Lent)	8:30 Mass SW *No Evening Services* 12:00 Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Paule Malcouronne Canon Post: Pope Francis Canon Ducret: S. private intention
Thursday 21/III Feast of St Benedict (Commemoration of Lent)	7.30 Lauds SW 8:30 Mass SW 17:30 Vespers SW *9:15-18:45 Adoration* 18:00 Confessions 12:00 Solemn Mass EM 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: St Benedict's Canon Post: SBCC families Canon Ducret: Arthur Kerr
Friday 22/III Our Lady of Sorrows (Commemoration of Lent)	7.30 Lauds SW 17:30 Vespers 8:30 Mass SW 18:00 Confessions & Stations 12:00 Mass EM 19:00 Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Guillaume de Penguern Canon Post: James & Megan Canon Ducret: Cardinal Burke
Saturday 23/III Feria of Lent	7.30 Lauds SW 8:30 Mass SW 9:15 Confessions SW 12:00 Mass SW **Church closed**	Canon Cristofoli:Leon Malcouronne Canon Post: James & Megan Canon Ducret: Msgr. Wach
Sunday 24/III	8:00am Lauds SW 10:30 High Mass SW	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry

<u>Liturgy Corner--Passiontide</u>: The final two weeks of Lent are known as *Passiontide*. The statues in the church are covered as a sign of mourning; the Mass takes on some of the features of the Requiem--Psalm 42 and the Gloria Patri are omitted because of their more joyful and exuberant character. The Gospel readings present a crescendo in the violent opposition of the Pharisees to the person and mission of Jesus Christ. At Vespers, the Hymn of the Holy Cross (Vexilla Regis) will be sung. Even on feast days (e.g. St Joseph & St Benedict) the statues remain covered, though the festal Mass will be celebrated.

18:30pm Low Mass SW

Can Post: Frank Wallbank RIP Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert

8:45 Low Mass EM 17:30 Vespers & Benediction

10:00 Confessions SW

Palm Sunday

(2nd of Passiontide)





Announcements

Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays: Upcoming family Sundays, 17/3 (the March dates are advanced by a week to avoid Mother's Day and Palm Sunday), 14/4, 28/4, 12/5, 26/5 & 9/6.

***<u>First communion preparation:</u> Attendance at the final catechism (17/3) is mandatory. First Confessions will be during Holy Week; First Communion on Easter Sunday. See Canon Ducret with any questions.

Monday, 18th March. Men's Club St Joseph Conference: At 7:30pm, following Compline, Canon Post will give a conference entitled "St Joseph and Our Spiritual Family". Refreshments will follow.

**Tuesday, 19th March, Feast of Saint Joseph: There will be an additional 6:30pm Solemn Mass, followed by the Consecration of our community and faithful to Saint Joseph.

<u>Thursday, 21st March, Feast of Saint Benedict:</u> Solemn Mass will be celebrated at noon at English Martyrs in honour of the Patron Saint of our Cultural Centre. The faithful may receive a plenary indulgence by attending Mass at a church or chapel of the Institute of Christ the King on this day.

Tuesday, 26th March (2pm), Cleaning of English Martyrs': The Sisters would be grateful for volunteers!

New Class for Catechumens and Neophytes! Are you a recent convert (within the last three years)? Are you interested in being received into the Catholic Church or learning more about the faith. Join us twice per month on Friday evenings at 7:30. Next Class: Jesus Christ, true God and true Man with Canon Cristofoli, 5th April. Future dates: 5/IV, 19/IV, 3/V, 17/V, 31/V, 14/VI, 28/VI

Attendance at Mass: If you had an appointment with King Charles III or an important interview for a new job, would you arrive late? Sunday Mass is our weekly rendezvous with the Almighty. As a sign of reverence and to avoid disruption to others, it is important to arrive at Mass on time. Thank you in advance for your efforts!

<u>Our Safeguarding Representative:</u> Mr. Peter Dilworth--peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk.

<u>Last week's collections:</u> SW: £610.44 Bank transfers £350.00 Donations: £440.00 EM: £98.82

<u>Saint Benedict's Cultural Centre:</u> Do you have a child between 5-16 years old? Would you like him or her to attend classes in a thoroughly Catholic environment, following the spirit of Salesian education? Arrange a visit today! administrator.sbcc@icksp.org.uk **Donate to Saint Benedicts! Reg charity no. 1177291

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