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Cardinal Eijk after celebrating the Traditional Mass: "It was an impressive and unforgettable experience"

by INFOVATICANA | March 25, 2026

Cardinal Willem Jacobus Eijk, Archbishop of Utrecht and Primate of the Netherlands, has publicly valued his first celebration of the Mass in the Tridentine Rite as an "impressive and unforgettable experience", also emphasising his desire to continue celebrating it in the future.

In an interview granted to *Messa in Latino*, the Dutch cardinal explained that he learned to celebrate the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite at the beginning of this year and highlighted the spiritual fruits he has been able to observe.

"The church was full of young people and families"

One of the aspects most highlighted by the cardinal was the response of the faithful. "The church was full of people who prayed with devotion. The majority were young people and there were also many families", he noted. Eijk also emphasised the frequency with which the attendees resorted to the sacrament of confession, an element he considered particularly significant in the current context.

As he explained, the celebration brought together not only regular faithful of the Traditional Mass, but also Catholics who normally participate in the *Novus Ordo*, which evidences—in his opinion—a broader spiritual interest. "The priest does not turn his back on the people, he turns toward Christ" The cardinal also wanted to clarify one of the common criticisms of the traditional liturgy. "The priest does not celebrate 'turning his back on the people', but oriented toward the altar and, therefore, toward Christ", he stated.

In his view, this orientation helps the faithful to also direct their attention toward the Lord, fostering a more conscious participation in the Eucharistic mystery.

Likewise, he highlighted the value of silence in the traditional liturgy, which offers "ample opportunities for personal prayer".

A growing interest among young people.

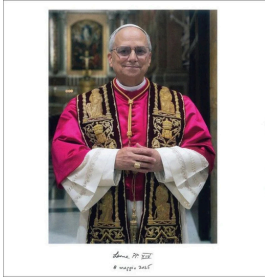
Eijk also referred to a phenomenon that, as he indicated, has been observed in recent years: the growing number of young people who approach the Catholic faith, in some cases through the traditional liturgy.

"It is surprising that a not insignificant number of them find the way to Christ and his Church through the Tridentine Mass", he affirmed.

Willing to celebrate it again.

The celebration is framed in a broader context, marked by the recent welcome in the Archdiocese of Utrecht of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, which has acquired a church previously closed due to lack of faithful and resources. Eijk positively valued the presence of this community and also confirmed his willingness to continue celebrating the Traditional Mass.

His statements come at a time when the liturgical issue continues to be a subject of debate in the Church, and just a few months before a consistory in which this issue could be addressed again.



The Pope sent a message to the French Bishop Conference, by way of his Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin which included a paragraph on the celebration of the Tridentine Liturgy:

“Finally, dear brothers, you intend to address the delicate theme of the Liturgy, to which the Holy Father is particularly attentive, in the context of the growth of communities attached to the *Vetus Ordo*. It is troubling that a painful wound continues to open in the Church concerning the celebration of the Mass, the very sacrament of unity. To heal it, a fresh regard from each person toward the other, with a greater understanding of the other's sensibility, is surely needed — a regard that could allow brothers enriched by their diversity to welcome one another mutually, in charity and in the unity of faith. May the Holy Spirit suggest to you concrete solutions that would generously include those sincerely attached to the *Vetus Ordo*, while respecting the orientations set forth by the Second Vatican Council regarding the Liturgy.”

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#### Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Denis and Margaret Smith, Dennis Brophy, Christopher Moloney, Mark MacKay, and the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home.

Please pray for our catechumens: Alexis, Luca, Jonathan, Sophie, Samim, Sarah.

Please in your charity could you pray especially for Terry Carradice.

Please pray for Father Peter H.



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#### For Life Matters and helpines:

<https://lifecharity.org.uk>

For pro-life helpline:

<https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk>

For abortion recovery: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

# Holy Week ICKSP

## Preston

## 2026



Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday

8.30 Low Mass

10.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn High Mass

5.30pm Vespers & Benediction; 6.30pm Low Mass

Spy Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

5.30pm Office of Tenebrae (anticipated)

Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday

5pm Washing of the feet, followed by Solemn High Mass, procession to the Altar of Repose, Vespers, Stripping of the Altars & all-night Adoration

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday

8:30am Office of Tenebrae

3pm Mass of the Pre-Sanctified followed by Vespers

6.30pm Stations of the Cross



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday

8.30am Office of Tenebrae

6pm Solemn Easter Vigil & Baptisms

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday

8.30am Low Mass

10.30am Solemn High Mass

followed by blessing of Easter eggs and of the Easter lamb

5.30pm Vespers & Benediction & 6.30pm Low Mass

Any questions or requests:

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Confessions:

Monday 30th March: 6.00-6.45pm

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: 6.00-6.45pm

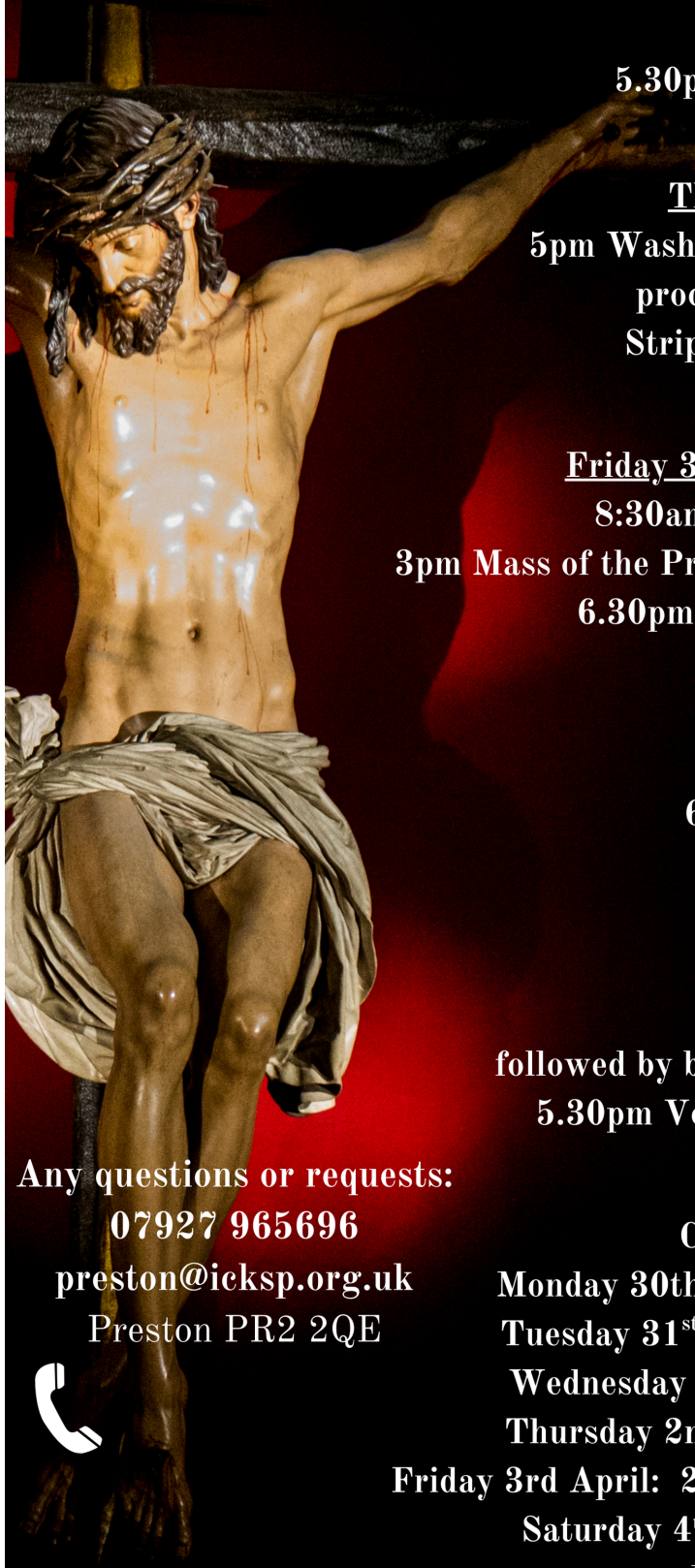
Wednesday 1st April: 9.30-10.30

Thursday 2nd April: 4.15-4.45pm

Friday 3rd April: 2.00-2.45pm and 6.30-7.15pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April : 11.00-12.00

*and upon request.*



Ordo	Daily Schedule		Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 29/03</b> <b>Dominica II Passionis</b> <b>seu in Palmis</b> <b>~ I. classis</b>	8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass	5.30pm Vespers & Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass	Canon Cristofoli: Mrs Soloduehka Canon Heppelle: Abbe Darrell Lally Canon Bunnens: Zbigniew Latha, Kevin Clayton
<b>Monday 30/03</b> <b>Feria Secunda Hebdomadæ Sanctæ</b> <b>~ I. classis</b>	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Simon Whittaker Canon Heppelle: Thanksgiving for Scottish pro-life vote Canon Bunnens: Carmel Jordan
<b>Tuesday 31/03</b> <b>Feria Tertia Hebdomadæ Sanctæ</b> <b>~ I. classis</b>	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Mass	5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Barbara Canon Heppelle: Anne Whelan Canon Bunnens: Carmel Jordan
<b>Wednesday 1/04</b> <b>Feria Quarta Hebdomadæ Sanctæ</b> <b>~ I. classis</b>	8.30am Low Mass 12noon Mass	5.30pm Tenebrae	Canon Cristofoli: Rev Can Bunnens Canon Heppelle: Liz Fenton Canon Bunnens: Special Intention



## For your diary

✘ **Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society:** one Wednesday/month, 2-4pm Guided adoration by the canons and the sisters; craft and games, afternoon tea: **29<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please bring children to the church

✘ **St Margaret Mary Girls' Youth Club:** The convent of the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart is open for an afternoon of fun, activities and faith from 2.00pm-5.15pm. The event is open to young girls of 13-18 years old.

Please see Sister Isabel-Marie for further details.

Next opportunity: **18th April.**

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