

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK 2019

S.JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHAM

VARIATIONS IN SERVICE TIMES

Please note that service times during this period differ from those normally advertised in the Bridge eg: Palm Sunday evening, Easter Day. Check them carefully overleaf. Confession may be made privately by appointment with either priest or as advertised below in Holy Week.

IMPORTANT NOTES for HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – The 9.30 am PROCESSION starts at 12 Villa Rd.

There is NO evening mass because of the Penitential Service (below).

HOLY WEEK - See over the page for service times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - After the 8pm Solemn Mass there will be the 'Gethsemane Watch' until Midnight. Please sign-up for the Watch and make sure the half hour slots are covered by at least TWO people.

GOOD FRIDAY - The main service of any Good Friday is always the ancient liturgy of the day at 3 pm – it is NOT Stations of the Cross. Silence is maintained in the Church throughout the day

HOLY SATURDAY - The most important liturgy in the Church's year is the Easter Vigil Mass. It would be very nice to see more people there!

PREPARATIONS for Easter - The Church will be prepared on Holy Saturday from 10am - more help always appreciated!

BELLS! Please bring 'bells' or something similar for the singing and ringing of the 'Gloria' at both the Easter Vigil and Easter Day masses.

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Palm Sunday:

April 14th

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.30am **The Blessing of Palms, Procession**
(*from 12 Villa Rd.) & Solemn Mass*

5.00pm **Penitential Service - with other parishes**
at S.Michael's Church, Beckenham

No Evening Services here *because of the 5pm Penitential Service*

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK **April 15th – 17th**

| | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | <i>MASS</i> | <i>Evening Prayer</i> |
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| <i>HOLY MONDAY</i> | 9.00am | 6.30pm | 6.00pm |
| <i>HOLY TUESDAY</i> | 9.00am | 7.30pm | 7.00pm |
| <i>HOLY WEDNESDAY</i> | 9.00am | 9.30am | 6.00pm |

Maundy Thursday:

April 18th

Confessions available by appointment

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm **Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper**
followed by the 'Gethsemane' watch.

Good Friday:

April 19th

Confessions available by appointment , after 'Stations' or after The Liturgy.

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion**

No evening services

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Holy Saturday:

April 20th

Confession available Midday or 7pm

9.00am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Prayer
9.00pm SOLEMN VIGIL, RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER (EVE)

EASTER DAY:

April 21st

9.15am Morning Prayer
**10am SOLEMN PARISH MASS
WITH RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**
6.00pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Mass (if required)

Easter Week to Low Sunday: April 22nd – 28th

| | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | <i>MASS</i> | <i>Evening Prayer</i> |
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| <i>EASTER MONDAY</i> | <u>9.30am</u> | <u>10am</u> | 6.00pm |
| <i>EASTER TUESDAY</i> | 9.00am | 7.30pm | 7.00pm |
| <i>EASTER WEDNESDAY</i> | 9.00am | 9.30am | 6.00pm |
| <i>EASTER THURSDAY</i> | 9.00am | 7.30pm | 7.00pm |
| <i>EASTER FRIDAY</i> | 9.00am | 9.30am | 6.00pm |
| <i>EASTER SATURDAY</i> | 9.00am | 9.30am | 6.00pm |

LOW SUNDAY (2nd SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE)

8.45am Morning Prayer 6.00pm Evening Prayer
9.30am Solemn Mass 6.30pm Mass (if required)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

COMMONLY CALLED 'CONFESSION'

This sacrament (being absolved of one's sins) may be celebrated during Holy Week as advertised on the previous pages.

The sacrament is always available, especially this week and in Eastertide, either by appointment or on Friday evenings at 6.30pm.

Anyone 'new' to this sacrament, or unclear as to what the celebration of this gift of Christ to his Church involves may have an explanation any time without being expected to make their confession. Please ask one of the clergy

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GOOD FRIDAY and Ash Wednesday,

are days of fasting and abstinence throughout the Universal Church (of which, the C. of E. still claims to be a full part).

Those aged 18-60 **and in good health**, are expected to observe fasting and abstinence. This act of discipline, an act of penance, on this most solemn of days, in UNION with other Christians world-wide, is offered to God on behalf of ourselves and the whole Church. Those who are sick, younger or older should participate in this *as fully as is possible*.

FASTING?

This means one normal meal and, if necessary, up to two *VERY* light 'snacks'. Nothing else! If this is your normal diet then you'd need to adjust it accordingly. Some form of fasting may be observed on other days especially Fridays, but has always been forbidden on Sundays (The day of the Resurrection) and Solemnities.

ABSTINENCE?

In the context of Ash Wednesday or Good Friday means no meat. This and other forms of abstinence (e.g. sweets, cakes, alcohol) are encouraged also on Fridays (the day of Crucifixion) throughout the year which are not Solemnities. If you abstain from something such as watching TV, which saves you time, you could then DO something instead for God in worship or in the service of others.

IT IS AN ANCIENT AND LAUDABLE CUSTOM that any financial savings made from fasting or abstinence should be used for charitable purposes especially the hungry and homeless.

Why not support our Food Bank Collection (for Gravesham)? Buy something with monies saved for the collection of goods on the last Sunday of each month