

EASTER SUNDAY: 31st March

- 9am Low Mass at St Mary's
- 9.30am SUNG MASS OF EASTER DAY at St Barnabas**
- 11am HIGH MASS OF EASTER DAY at St Mary's**
Missa Solemnis in C, K. 337 - Mozart
Regina Caeli - Mozart
Ave Verum - Mozart
- 6pm Solemn Choral Evensong and Benediction at St Mary's**
Canticles - Stanford in A
Regina Caeli - Aichinger
Blessed be the God and Father - Stanford
Te Deum - Ireland in F
- c. 7.15pm Low Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

in preparation for Easter

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday 5pm
Maundy Thursday 5pm
Good Friday 3.30pm
Holy Saturday 12noon and 2pm (or later by appointment.)
Or at any other time by appointment with a priest.

EASTER is celebrated for an Octave (8 days).

Masses in Easter Week

Easter Monday 1130 (said)
Easter Tuesday 1830 (said)
Easter Wednesday 1245 at St Barnabas; 1830 at St Mary's (said)
Easter Thursday 1830 (said)
Easter Friday 1830 (said)
Easter Saturday 1130 (sung)

The Season of Easter continues for 50 days until the Feast of Pentecost.

The Preacher throughout Holy Week and Easter is the Vicar: Fr David Cherry



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

2013

The Liturgies of this Holy Week of the Christian Year can be seen as one extended contemplation recalling the great events in the final days of the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ as he willingly goes to his Death and Resurrection to accomplish for us our Salvation.

We are invited to come and be present at these Mysteries; to enter meditatively into these events in heart and mind, so as to allow their significance to deepen in us and transform us.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and Resurrection hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee O Lord.

PALM SUNDAY: 24th March

9.00am Low Mass at St Mary's
9.30am Low Mass at St Barnabas

St Barnabas

10.30am The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.

Hosanna to the Son of David – Weelkes

Pueri Hebraeorum – Victoria

Procession to St Mary's for

11am HIGH MASS OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The Passion according to St Matthew – Victoria

God so loved the world – Stainer

5.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP, said)

6pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

7pm Low Mass

Holy Monday 25th, Holy Tuesday 26th and Holy Wednesday 27th March

St Mary's: Low (said) Masses at 8.15am and 6.30pm

St Barnabas : Holy Wednesday 12.45pm Low Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 28th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Low Mass

10.30am CHRISM MASS, St Paul's Cathedral.

The Bishop blesses the three Oils for Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. (The oils are brought back to Church and stored for our use.) Priests renew their ordination vows.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM (Three Holy Days)

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 28th March - St Mary's

7pm **HIGH MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Messe Cum Jubilo – Duruflé (Kyrie & Gloria)

Sanctus & Agnus Dei – Mass XVIII

In this Eucharist we commemorate Jesus giving us the Eucharist. In heart and mind we are there with him at the Last Supper before his betrayal. He washes the feet of his disciples and gives us a New Commandment (Latin 'mandatum' means 'commandment'). After the Eucharist, we follow him to the Altar of Repose, symbolising Gethsemane, to watch with him.

GOOD FRIDAY: 29th March - St Mary's

9am Morning Prayer

11am Stations of the Cross

12noon The Preaching of the Passion

Four homilies, silence, prayer and hymns.

2pm THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Reproaches - Victoria

The Passion according to St John – Victoria

Crux fidelis – King John of Portugal

O vos omnes – Victoria

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday is celebrated in a church which has been, as far as possible, stripped of adornment. We commemorate the Crucifixion and Death of the Lord and his being laid in the tomb. After the readings from Scripture, we pray in solidarity with the world he came to save; we venerate the wood of the Cross by coming forward to kiss the cross; and, before departing in silence, receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, reserved from the night before. This is a holy day of fasting and abstinence. We try to keep the mood of the day by not going to entertainment, by eating little and by abstaining from meat and alcohol.

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March - St Mary's

9am Morning Prayer and preparation of the Church

8.30pm THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER

Messe Solennelle - Vierne

Surrexit pastor bonus - Victoria

Dum transisset - Taverner

The Easter Fire is lit at the main entrance and we enter the church by following the pillar of fire, The Paschal Candle to hear the Exultet – praising God for his mighty works. In the Light of the Resurrection we hear our salvation history recited in readings from holy scripture. As the lessons come to the New Testament the lights come on and we sing the Gloria and Easter Alleluias. Easter is the traditional time for celebrating baptisms and renewing our Baptismal Promises. In joy we come to receive our Easter Communion.