



HOLY WEEK

13th April 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 13th April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD		
	9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving for Mary Grace Caasi</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass & Procession	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass with Cantor	<i>Bohdan Retkovsky +</i>
Monday 14th	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Elijah Geli Nilsen +</i>
Tuesday 15th	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>		
	11.30am	Chrism Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday 16th	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Remedios Japson +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Miss Iby Gondöcs +</i>
Thursday 17th	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
	10am	Tenebrae	
	7pm	Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday 18th	<i>Good Friday</i>		
	10am	Tenebrae	
	11am	Children's Stations of the Cross	
	3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
	6pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 19th	<i>Holy Saturday</i>		
	10am	Tenebrae	
	8pm	Solemn Vigil & First Mass of Easter	<i>RCIA</i>
Sunday 20th	EASTER SUNDAY		
	9am	Mass	<i>Clementino Dos Santos +</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Grace's Intention</i>

Confessions will be heard from Mon-Sat this week from 10-11am

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Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10.30am
Saturday: 5.15pm
Sunday: 4.45pm

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in the
Lady Chapel.
Monday to Friday after the
10am Mass.

Divine Office

Lauds is prayed in the
Precious Blood Chapel.
Monday to Friday at 9:40am.

HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH*Scarnell Road, Norwich NR5 8HT*parish@sjbcathedral.org.uk*Saturday*

5pm

Holy Qurbana

Sunday

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass & Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

A message from Fr Alan...

Chrism Mass: We begin the most sacred week of the Church's calendar this Sunday (Palm Sunday) with Bishop Peter leading our procession at the 11:00 Mass and then celebrating Mass with the reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. There are a variety of services throughout the week all culminating with the Easter Triduum over Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Day of Resurrection on Sunday.

On Tuesday at 11:30 we celebrate the Chrism Mass, and I highlight this for this year's Holy Week because, although it is always well attended, it is often one Mass that is overlooked by many people of the parish and the wider diocese. Traditionally this Mass was celebrated on Holy Thursday, however, the rubrics allow us to move this to a date that is more convenient (provided that it is celebrated during Holy Week). Being a rural diocese, it makes sense to celebrate it a bit earlier. On Holy Thursday, Christ instituted the celebration of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. This is seen by many as 'the birth of the priesthood' and so, it is on this day, that all the priests of the diocese meet with our bishop to celebrate Mass and to renew our sacred vows together (although we do this on the Tuesday now at the Chrism Mass). Bishop Peter will also consecrate the three Sacred Oils (Chrism, Catechumens and Oil of the Sick) that will be distributed, immediately after the Mass, into glass vessels and taken by the Vicars Forane (Deans) to the seven deaneries of the diocese for use by the priests throughout the year in their ministry. A truly joyful and happy day for all dioceses throughout the world.

Collections during Holy Week: I thought that this would be a good opportunity to explain how the three collections over Holy Week are used because there is often not an opportune moment to announce the allocation of the collections at the Masses and it is often not appropriate to do so.

Friends of the Cathedral (Tuesday - Chrism Mass): The Friends of the Cathedral is a registered charity working within the cathedral and throughout the diocese. We have one collection a year to boost their income and the work that they do - this, along with membership fees - helps to keep them functioning and active in our diocese. The Friends do a tremendous amount of work in this cathedral in supporting me as the Dean as well as looking after, purchasing and maintaining items within the cathedral that enhance both the beauty and the liturgy of the cathedral.

The Holy Land Shrines (Good Friday - Adoration of the Cross): The entire collection, throughout the diocese and from every parish, is sent to the Holy Land for the upkeep, protection and benefit of our sacred and holy shrines. At this time in our history, this support is definitely needed and appreciated by the Christian Communities that care for the preservation of our history and the Holy Places.

The Cathedral Clergy (Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday): Every Christmas and Easter, the collection traditionally goes directly to your clergy - these collections contribute toward a major part of our annual remuneration and help us to purchase, insure and maintain our cars, dental and optician bills, clothing, entertainment and holidays.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity for these collections. The collections will be taken by loose plate as well as via the Dona machines in the Narthex and the cathedral should you wish to donate by card.

On behalf of all the clergy, staff and volunteers at the cathedral, I wish you a very blessed and transformative Holy Week.

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

At that time: Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this: "The Lord has need of it."' "

So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near — already on the way down the Mount of Olives — the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

First reading**Isaiah 50:4-7****'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R2a**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

‘He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.’

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation**Philippians 2:8-9**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

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Please see separate sheet for the Passion.

Please leave the Passion leaflets behind after Mass

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS

229, 253, 748, 757, 749

NEWS AND EVENTS

The Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday 15th April at 11.30am.

Stations of the Cross – will take place on Good Friday at 11am for Children, 12-2pm the 14 Stations Walk across Norwich (14 churches over 5 miles) and 6pm, Solemn Stations of the Cross.

The Duckett Library – The Duckett Library is closed for the Easter break. It will open after Mass on Saturday 26 April (first Tower Tour of the year) and then open as usual from Sunday 27 April after the 9 am Mass. Please email with any queries or to borrow books - returned books can be left in the box outside the library.

Easter Sunday Parish Lunch - 20 April 25, after the 11am Mass. There will be a 3-course parish lunch, fundraising to take our young people to the Ignite Festival. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Cathedral to book a place - suggested donation £7 per person. All welcome.

Family Activities at the Cathedral over Holy Week include **Good Friday** 18th April 9.30am Planting in the Easter Garden, 11am Children's Stations of the Cross, 12-2pm The 14 Stations Walk across Norwich (14 churches over 5 miles). **Easter Sunday 20th April**, Easter Egg Hunt.

Please do visit the Easter Garden on Easter Sunday that has been prepared by the First Holy Communion families in the Cathedral Garden - you may find some Easter eggs along the way.

Feast of Divine Mercy - Sunday 27th April - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3pm in the Cathedral - All welcome to join in this devotion.

Hospital Mass - please note there will be no hospital Mass during April, as Fr Mark is away on both Monday 7th and Monday 21st. Masses will resume as usual in May.

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Makers Wanted! - We are looking for small businesses and makers to take part in our next makers market on Monday 26th May. After the success of our annual St Nicholas Christmas Fair, we are taking it further and hosting another this Spring. Stalls are £15 and stall holders receive complimentary tea and filter coffee throughout the day and a 20% discount from the Garden Café. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Sarah on 01603 724380 or email bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk.

Tower Tours are back! - Our summer tower tours are back again! Climb 230 steps up a spiral staircase and enjoy an unrivalled 360-degree view of our historic and beautiful city from our very own tower. Tours will run on selected dates from April to October. For more information and how to book, visit our website sjbcathedral.org.uk, or check out the tower tour posters throughout the Narthex. Make sure to book as spaces sell out quickly!

Ignite Festival is back! - an invitation to ALL young people in Year 8 upwards 3rd-5th May - Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff. Check out <https://sjbcathedral.org.uk/events/ignite-festival> for more information on booking with the Cathedral group, transport is available from Norwich. For more information, please email Jo Graham - stjohnfhc@gmail.com.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Monday 5th May 2025. All welcome to join Bishop Alan for this annual pilgrimage. A coach will be leaving the Cathedral at 9.45am. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Cathedral to book your seat or contact Cathy in the office. Seats are £10 return, family ticket £30. The Coach capacity is 70 pilgrims.

Oppose Assisted Suicide: The Last Weeks of Action - Thank you to everyone who has already emailed their MP to highlight the serious problems with how Kim Leadbeater and her allies managed Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill. **Please continue to take action.** Every email, letter, call, or meeting with an MP has an effect. Please use this QR code to contact your MP.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGULAR SACRAMENTS

With all sacraments, we do try to accommodate the needs of the individual or couple seeking to celebrate in our Cathedral. However, we are bound by the Rite of the Catholic Church in terms of liturgy and music. The priest or deacon assigned to work with you will guide you as much as possible. In general, eulogies are NOT part of the Catholic rite of Funerals and, as such should be deferred to the crematorium or a suitable gathering of loved ones after the funeral.

Our Director of Music will assist you with appropriate music that matches the dignity of the service and is appropriate to the Cathedral - this will be from a choice of sacred music generally played on the cathedral organ (no pre-recorded music).

All readings in the Cathedral must come from Sacred Scripture - poems and prose that do not comply with this should be used at the reception after the service.

BAPTISMS

Infant Baptisms - baptism is the joy-filled initiation into the Christian life and is celebrated as a public event within the community. The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11:30am. This is a joint celebration with up to three other families. Baptism preparation classes are held on the last Saturday of every month from 4.30pm - 5.15pm. This needs to be booked, in advance, through the parish office.

Adult Baptisms - generally take place at the Easter Vigil and conferred by the Bishop in his Cathedral. Candidates will need to undergo adult instruction classes for at least five months (usually starting in late September). Classes take place every Friday evening from 7pm - commencing in September.

Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent and Lent. For all Baptism enquiries, please contact the parish office.

WEDDINGS

A minimum of 6 months' notice is required of any marriage taking place in the cathedral. Wedding couples should be resident within the parish boundaries or have some strong link to the cathedral. Please **do not** make any arrangements nor book any venue or make any concrete plans until you have secured a wedding date.

There is a three-fold requirement for marriage preparation; Catechetical and Liturgical preparation (a marriage instruction course at the cathedral toward the middle of January as well as a one-day course in Newmarket), Civil paperwork (through the townhall) as well as documentation required by the Catholic Church for the chancery and parish registers. This applies whether you are planning to be married in the Cathedral or if you plan to marry in a different location.

FUNERALS

At St John's Cathedral, funerals take place during the weekday 10am Mass. The Cathedral is generally booked through your funeral director - so please speak to them first about your needs and they will contact the Cathedral on your behalf.

Prayers for the Sick

Cathy Adams, Dr Michael Anibueze, Philippa Barnes, Ian Beyts, Jennifer Boland, Eleanor Bray, Amanda Caistor, Brenda Devany, Jonathon Fitzimmons, Mary Gledhill, Sophia Gough-Solar, Mary Hatcher, Joe Heaney, Gill Horan, Paul Horan, Nancy Horner, David Jamieson, Joel McDonough, Anne O'Leary, Maria Osorio, Mary Newby, Gary Newton, Isobel O'Connor, Christopher Parish, Canon David Paul, Anthony Preston, Nicholle Sales, Reece Sales, Linda Sheppard, Christine Taylor, Peter Thorn, Mary Ward, Fr John Warrington, Peter Willets, Adrian Woods, the Wood Family, Patricia Woolley, Isobel Woolner, the Watson Family and Shane Wissner. [GDPR compliant]

Going into hospital? Please inform the hospital ward itself that the Catholic Chaplain is needed.