



## A Message from the Oratory

Dear Parishioners

This Friday we celebrate the popular Musical Oratory: Stations of the Cross, in our church, from 19:00. On Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. This liturgy commemorates Our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and is for us the beginning of Holy Week. The heart of the week's solemn Liturgy is the Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday 19:00, Good Friday 15:00, and the Easter Vigil 19:00. It is highly recommended that each of these liturgies be attended. In this way we enter more fully into the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord.

We wish you a blessed and holy week.

Yours in Christ,

The Fathers of the Oratory

## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday falls one week before Easter Sunday. We commemorate on this day the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the solemn ceremonies reflecting the joyous cries of the crowd as Our Lord entered the holy city, but also the opening of Holy Week and the sorrowful Passion of Our Saviour as recounted in the Gospel reading.

## The Paschal Triduum

From Thursday of this week we celebrate the most sacred days of our Christian year, in which the death and resurrection of Our Saviour are liturgically commemorated. Maundy or Holy Thursday is the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the Sacred Priesthood, as well as the commemoration of Our Lord's act of humility and charity in washing the feet of his disciples. Good Friday invites us to accompany Jesus in his path to the Cross and to unite ourselves with the Blessed Virgin who stands at the foot of the cross as her Son gives up his spirit. On Holy Saturday, as the Body of Jesus rests in the tomb, we await with Faith the moment of his resurrection. The Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night broadens our scope by a liturgical reflection of the entire mystery of salvation, culminating in the celebration of the rising of Jesus from the dead, that mystery which stands at the centre of human history; this celebration continues on Easter Day itself.

## Good Friday

Good Friday (15th April) is a day of Fasting, on which, according to the Church's precept, Catholics eat at most one full meal and two small snacks (applies from age 18 up to the 59th birthday); and Abstinence which means not eating meat (this applies to age 14+). In observing this church tradition and Catholic precept we associate ourselves more closely with the liturgical celebration of Good Friday, united ourselves by this concrete act of self-denial to the sacrifice that Our Lord makes for us in his holy Passion.



### Liturgical Week

Sat. Vigil	
Sunday	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Monday	Holy Monday
Tuesday	Holy Tuesday
Wednesday	Holy Wednesday
Thursday	Maundy Thursday
Friday	Good Friday
Saturday	Holy Saturday
Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

18:00 - 19:00 Confession  
19:00 Mass of the Last Supper  
(altar of repose until 23:45)

### GOOD FRIDAY

08:00 - 10:00 Confession  
10:30 Stations of the Cross  
14:30 Confession  
15:00 The Passion of our Lord

### HOLY SATURDAY

09:00 - 11:00 Confession  
18:00 - 19:00 Confession  
19:00 Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY

06:30 Confession  
07:00 Holy Mass  
08:00 Confession  
08:30 Holy Mass  
09:40 Confession  
10:00 Holy Mass (EF)  
18:00 No Evening Mass

### BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

This special collection continues until next Sunday. EFTs can be made directly to the parish account. Kindly use the reference Surname + BLA

### LIVE-STREAMED LITURGIES

Thursday Mass of the Last Supper  
Friday The Passion of our Lord  
Saturday Easter Vigil  
Sunday 08:30 Holy Mass  
10:00 Holy Mass (EF)

**Please note: The parish office is closed on 14 April, Holy Thursday.  
6:30am Mass is suspended from Easter Monday 18 April to Friday 22 April.**

**Church Schedule:** Saturday: Mass 8:30; Exposition & Confession from 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Vigil Mass 18:00 Sunday: Exposition at 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Confession from 17:30; Mass 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (EF) and 18:00 Monday to Friday: Mass 6:30, 8:30 daily. Rosary daily at 9:00.  
**Parish Office:** Open weekday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00. Kindly call / WhatsApp Ann on 073 247 1316 (09:00 - 12:00) to arrange appointments outside of these hours.

## Mass Intentions

Sat. Vigil	18:00 Ints of Claire McCann (Ayleen Radley)
Sunday	7:00 Ints of Fr Michael (The Oratory); 8:30 Ints of Laura Arnold on her 95th birthday (CWL); 10:00 Ints of Nicholas, Thomas and Claire Mitchell (Their family); 18:00 Pro Populo
Monday	6:30 Ints of Corlia Reinecke; 8:30 Ints of Neal Mandy (Shirley Mandy)
Tuesday	6:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Ints of Carla Burger
Wednesday	6:30 Eric von Bratt RIP (Ayleen Radley); 8:30 Jenny Kaiser RIP (Shirley Mandy)
Thursday	19:00 For vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	19:00 Pro Populo
Sunday	7:00 For John Lategan on the anniversary of his baptism; 8:30 Ints of Fr Grant; 10:00 Pro Populo; 18:00 <i>No Evening Mass</i>

## Parish Announcements

Peyton Vorster, daughter of Malcolm & Angela, was baptised on Sunday 3 April 2022

## Parish Notices

**Church & Repository Reopen:** The Repository is open after the Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 8.30am and Sunday 6pm Masses. The Church is open from 08:00 - 10:00 on weekday mornings.

**COVID Safety Protocols:** Please wear a face mask on the parish property at all times. Please note there is still only ONE queue for receiving Communion.

**Live-Streaming:** We live-stream the 8.30am Mass weekdays via our YouTube channel, and on Sundays at 08:30 and 10:00.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Devotion:** This group meets Saturdays, 15:00 - 16:00 in the church. Queries: Ruby-Ann Levendal 084 800 8185.

**Divine Mercy Retreat:** Saturday 23 April at Mater Dei Parish, 337 Cape Road, Newton Park, from 09:30 to 12:30. Queries: Ruby-Ann Levendal 084 800 8185.

**Divine Mercy Mass:** Sunday 24 April at St Martin De Porres Parish (45 Kobus Road, Gelvandale) beginning at 14:30 with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Queries: Ruby-Ann Levendal 084 800 8185.

## Diocesan News

**Retrouvaille Weekend:** One couple wrote "I attended Retrouvaille hoping that my spouse would see the light. She did see the light, but I was blinded by it. Retrouvaille has really illuminated our marriage." People in all stages of marriage are welcome. Some may be considering separation or divorce, or even may be separated or divorced already. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. For confidential information or to register for the next weekend (29 April - 1 May) visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) or call 072 783 6785.

## PE Deanery Family Day

Sacred Heart Parish invites you to a family day on 18 April. Mass at **11:00am** is followed by input sessions for both parents and children on Christian family life in a post-pandemic world. Pack a picnic basket / braai for lunch. Email [info@pastoraldevelopment.org](mailto:info@pastoraldevelopment.org) by Friday 8 April 2022.

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As the season of Lent draws to a close, Holy Week offers a number of opportunities for penance and spiritual preparation before Easter.

## Holy Week & Easter Celebrations

Have you experienced the full Easter Triduum? This includes the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday or Mass on Easter Sunday. The sacrifice of personal time that the Triduum requires is quite a commitment for those with busy schedules, but is a truly meaningful way to fully enter into the Lord's Passion. *Still need to go to Confession?* See the Holy Week schedule on pg. 1 for days and times when the Sacrament of Confession is available.

Easter and Christmas are the two busiest seasons in our Liturgical calendar. Can you spare some time to assist with behind the scenes duties and preparations? Please contact the office if you can help.



Our various parish charities and sodalities rely on *your* support to help others. There is still time to support the SVDP's 40-Day Challenge, and the Bishop's special collection which take place at this time of year.

## The SVDP Forty Day Challenge

Each day of Lent, remove an item of non-perishable food from your pantry and at the end of Lent, donate a bag of groceries to the SVDP for its Walmer Outreach project.



## Soup Kitchen Project

Our Soup Kitchen continues to assist those who arrive at the church door seeking food. You can help by filling a jar or sealable plastic bag with: **1 cup rice, 1/2 cup lentils, 1/4 cup soup mix and 1 tsp salt or 1 beef stock cube.** Kindly deliver to the parish office or church foyer.