

HOLY WEEK 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 14TH APRIL

6pm (Saturday) Mass

8am Sunday Mass

10.00am Sunday Mass - weather permitting, our morning Palm Sunday Procession will begin outside our Cemetery



SPY WEDNESDAY - 17TH APRIL

Our diocesan CHRISM MASS will begin at 6.00pm in Arundel Cathedral on Spy Wednesday. All are welcome.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

18TH APRIL



**THE SOLEMN CELEBRATION
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
with the Washing of the Feet
7.30pm**

The foot washing is open to all, just come forward on the night as the spirit moves you.

After Mass we keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament, praying with Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane: first half hour in silence (with a *quiet* hot drink available in the hall), then a short sequence of readings and chants, then silence resumes until night prayer at 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

19TH APRIL



**A DAY OF FASTING &
ABSTINENCE.**

The **Inter-Church (CIS) Walk of Witness** begins in our Church at 9.15am.

**3.00pm THE SOLEMN LITURGY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION
with the Passion Gospel,
Veneration of the Cross and
Holy Communion.**

*There will be a Collection for the
Upkeep of Holy Places.*

The Church will remain open until sunset for private prayer before the cross.

HOLY SATURDAY

20TH APRIL



**9am OFFICE OF READINGS
8.30pm EASTER VIGIL &
MASS OF THE
RESURRECTION**

Weather permitting, we will light our Easter fire at the cemetery and process down to the church.

After the Solemn Easter Proclamation there follows the Liturgy of the Word.

Then water is blessed and after the Renewal of Baptismal Vows by all, Easter Water is sprinkled and Maggie Rysdale & Stan East will be received into full communion with the Catholic church. Mass continues with the Procession of the Gifts. Attendance at the Easter Vigil fulfils the Easter Sunday Obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY - 21ST APRIL

6.30am Easter Sunrise Service led by Trinity Methodist Church at Chantry Post followed by coffee & hot cross buns.

MASS at 8.00am & 10.00am

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A Reflection on Holy Week

The Liturgies of Holy Week are like a prism.

When light shines through a prism, or a raindrop, or the bevelled edge of a mirror, it splits into the rainbow colours we know so well. Where before there was just plain white light, suddenly we see reds, greens, blues. We can look at them, one by one, the parts that make up the whole.

In Holy Week, our faith gets the same treatment. The white light of faith, shining through the prism of the week's liturgies, splits and reveals its entire spectrum of colours. We can take time to look, listen, and drink in the different tones, moods and messages.

It also challenges us in our own spirituality. If I'm all on fire with Easter alleluias, am I able to walk with those who are grieving? If on the other hand I'm all penitence and crucifixion, then I'm not likely to encourage others to follow Jesus. If I'm all piety and no action, perhaps I need to wash some feet. If I'm all this world social action and foot washing then maybe I need to reflect that in Baptism we die and rise with Christ.

By spreading out and showing us the colours, the Holy Week liturgies invite us to make them part of ourselves, our lives, our existence. There is no substitute for being there. Imagine trying to describe a rainbow to someone who's never seen one. As the african-american spiritual puts it, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Make every effort then to be part of Holy Week. By Easter Sunday morning the colours are already recombining to white again, and you'll have missed them. After all, anyone with even half a heart will stop for a while and look up at a rainbow and wonder...