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Newsletter

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Year A	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Holy Week and Easter</h2>	29 March – 12 April 2026
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Services and Mass Intentions for the coming fortnight

Sunday 29 March	9am	Holy Mass	Thomas & Annie Connolly RIP
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion</i>	11am	Holy Mass	For All Parishioners
	6pm	Holy Mass	
Monday 30 th	No Public Mass		
Tuesday 31st	9.30am	Holy Mass	Canon George Grady RIP (F)
	10 – 11am	<i>Coffee Morning in Hall</i>	
Wednesday 1 April	[11.30am	<i>The Chrism Mass at St George’s Cathedral]</i>	
Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper			
Thursday 2 April	8pm	Holy Mass	For All Parishioners
	<i>Followed by Prayerful Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm</i>		
Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord			
Friday 3 April	10am	<i>Stations of the Cross, especially for Children</i>	
[Collection for The Holy Places]	3pm	Celebration of the Passion of The Lord	
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night			
Saturday 4 April	8.30pm	Mass during the Holy Night For All Parishioners	
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord			
Sunday 5 April	9am	Holy Mass	John & Julia Galligan RIP
	11am	Holy Mass	Kevin Galligan’s Intentions
	NO Evening Mass		
Monday 6 th – Thursday 9 th : No Public Masses			
Thursday 9th	7 – 8pm	Parish Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 10th	9.30am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 11 th	11am	<i>Confessions</i>	
Sunday 12 April	9am	Holy Mass	For All Parishioners
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	11am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	6pm	Holy Mass	

Journey with Christ our Lord through this Holy Week to Easter Joy

Wherever you will celebrate Holy Week and Easter, these are very special days of grace for us all. Celebrate them all.



Christ Carrying the Cross, by Titian (painted around 1565) and now in the Museo del Prado, Madrid.

We see in close-up, Simon of Cyrene helping Jesus as he stumbles towards Calvary to die for us. The Cross both separates them and binds them together.

The Lord wears the crown of thorns, his face is bloodstained, and he is being led with a noose by invisible soldiers.

As he looks tearfully towards us, the Lord seems to ask if we too are willing to accompany him and help carry his Cross.

The Lord is inviting you to relive with him his final days on this earth.

Beating at their heart is his immense love for you; let that thought touch you and you will be greatly rewarded. *Holy Week should never feel like or be just an ordinary week!*

In **Holy Week**, it is good to **reflect over the journey** the Holy Spirit has guided you on during this year's Lent, and **whether any particular thing** emerged for you – think and pray over that during these days, and give God thanks for it if you can.

Is there also something for which you may still wish to seek the grace of God's forgiveness, as you celebrate Christ's Passion?

Offer your prayers in solidarity with the suffering peoples of the Middle East, many being unjustly oppressed in places so near to those of Jesus' life and death.

At [Holy Thursday's evening Mass of the Lord's Supper \(8pm\)](#) we will again celebrate how Jesus, at his final meal on earth, instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. This Banquet of Love is re-presented at the heart of every Mass. Give thanks for all the gifts of grace you have received through the Holy Eucharist, and that help you follow the Lord more faithfully. Pray for your priests, and encourage priestly vocations among your own sons.

On [Good Friday at 3pm](#), guided by the Passion according to Saint John, we accompany Christ on his sorrowful journey to the Cross on which he died; we will venerate the image of his Cross; and, receiving his Body and Blood in Holy Communion, contemplate his love poured out for us and the world as he died.

On [Good Friday morning at 10am](#) there are **Stations of the Cross for all**, especially for **children** and their families.

On [Good Friday](#), the special Papal **COLLECTION for THE 'HOLY PLACES'** is taken – it helps support Christian Churches and Communities in the Holy Land (including Gaza), where our brothers and sisters live in such peril, caught in the wars being waged by outside powers. **Please be really generous and Gift-Aid:** use one of the envelopes on the right-hand wall of the Church; the designated one among your envelope sets; or use the Card Readers.

On [Good Friday](#), Catholics offer two final acts of Lenten penance, by [Fasting and Abstinence](#) – let these small sacrifices remind us of how great is Christ's sacrifice for us.

What do they require from us? Adults up to the age of 65 (and all who can) **fast** by eating [only one main meal](#) and **abstain from any meat** throughout the day (vegetarians should adapt appropriately). We are only obliged to undertake these small penances twice a year: on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday, as we begin and conclude Lent.

The **Easter Celebration of Christ's Resurrection** begins with the **Easter Vigil** next **Saturday evening at 8.30pm**. This is **the great Easter celebration**. As night begins to fall, the light of Christ risen (symbolised by our new Paschal Candle) guides us into the darkened Church to his new life. By the light of the Paschal Candle we will pray, sing and listen, reliving the great story of how God prepared his chosen people through wonders that are surpassed by the Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead. If possible, come to this special service rather than the other Easter Masses.

On **Easter Morning**, Masses are celebrated at the usual times (9am and 11am). **NO EVENING MASS**.

'Easter Offering': please take an envelope from the back of Church, or use the option available on our Card Readers.

Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet We need volunteers who would like to participate in this significant symbolic action during the Holy Thursday Liturgy. Please speak to Fr Tim or email if you could volunteer.

The Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness gathers by 1030 outside **St Michael's Church**, Cobham Close, SW11 6SP (by Wandsworth Common), walking along Northcote Road to end near the London & Southwestern Railway Pub at Clapham Junction, with songs and readings at stations *en route*. **Please go and join in** (even after it has started) – **in the past our Parish has often provided the largest group of participants**.

Wintershall Passion of Jesus: Good Friday in Trafalgar Square Free performances at **12pm and 3.15pm**. A dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus which should not be missed. Get there early to get the best views in Trafalgar Square. Come prepared to sit on the ground in whatever the weather may be. You won't regret witnessing this extraordinary event. It is also livestreamed: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

'Last week's Finance Sunday'

Thank you to those who responded positively to the presentations from our Finance Committee.

REMEMBER: If YOU currently PUT LOOSE CASH in the Collection bags, it cannot be Gift-Aided because the donation cannot be linked to you (even if you have already signed a Declaration).

SIGN UP FOR GIFT AID – it costs you nothing, but can make your offering grow by 25%! Register now – then **use the envelopes** in boxes on right-hand wall of Church (write your name); or the **card readers**; or **open a standing order**. Bank Standing Order and Pledge Forms are still available to fill out or to update your way of giving.

Pray fervently for Peace in these Dangerous Times

Pray for Peace along with Pope Leo and all people of good will:

- For the cessation of the wars in the Middle East and the murder of innocent civilians, the displacement of hundreds of thousands from their homes, and for a lasting peace and justice. For the end of Israel's war on Lebanon, the people in Gaza, and to the intimidation and destruction aimed at fully annexation of the occupied Palestinian West Bank; and to all provocations of Israel by Hamas, Hezbollah and similar armed terror groups.
- For the people of Lebanon, cruelly attacked and driven from their homes.
- For an end to the violent civil war in Sudan.
- For the suffering people of Ukraine, now undergoing the fifth year of Russian aggression.
- For peace in all the troubled places across our world, including Afghanistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Cameroun, Chad, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and Tigray, Haiti, Hong Kong, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Thailand, Yemen.... and all the places where the innocent are caught up in the violent power struggles of others.

Pray fervently for lasting peace with justice for all, for an end to the starvation, killing, wounding, and trauma of innocents, and the utterly unnecessary destruction of people's homes and livelihoods.

And for numerous Christians in so many places who face persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, especially in the Holy Land, the occupied West Bank, Gaza, and Nigeria.

Other Intentions for our Prayer

Join Pope Leo in his Prayer Intention for April - For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. Pray along with Pope Leo: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Please pray for Anne Strickland and Craig Sinclair, preparing to be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil; for our young people to be confirmed in May; and the first Holy Communion children.

For all who are sick or housebound, particularly: Rosa Antonini, Brian and Bridie Connolly, Rose Egan, Ethna Ezechie, George Giannoukakis, Betty Kilkelly, Becky Kumoji, Gina de Lorenzi, Giuseppe and Giuseppina Morreale, Lorna Phaure, Robina Rafferty, Gus Twycross-Hills, Angela Wells, Monica Wisdom, and all other sick or housebound parishioners; and for our parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

Your Parish needs your generous financial support

Thank you for last Sunday's Donations to our Parish.

To donate to our Parish Online just scan this Code. Please Gift-Aid as well:



- **The most efficient way to donate regularly is with A GIFT-AIDED BANK STANDING ORDER.** Please ask us for details, or use the **Parish Pledge Form on our website [using this link.](#)**
To do this **DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT**, you require these **BACS details** (please use your surname as the reference, particularly to ensure Gift Aid):
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 - Account Number:** 82117209
 - Account Name:** RCAS Battersea Altenburg Gardens
- **ALWAYS GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING please.** Gift Aiding by UK taxpayers makes an indispensable contribution for it adds 25% to your donations from tax you have already paid - [use this link to register.](#) **ANY DONATION to the Parish can be GIFT AIDED, including Offerings for Masses.** Indicate your wish to do so by using the special Gift Aid envelopes (in the boxes on the right-hand Church wall), and include your contact details.
- **Use the CONTACTLESS CARD READERS** as you enter or leave Mass, but remember you should **Gift Aid each Card you use** the first time used. If you use the same card in the future, you need usually only register once.
- You can **DONATE DIRECTLY using the Parish [JustGiving page](#)** (also on our website); **please Gift Aid your donations.**
- There is a **'DONATE BUTTON' on our website** allowing you to donate directly online. **This, too, lets you Gift-Aid.**
- When you **SHOP ONLINE**, start first from our [Easyfundraising Page](#), and you will find you can raise donations for the parish from some 8000 online retailers. There is **no additional cost to you.**

God Bless our Journey through Holy Week to Easter Joy
Fr Tim