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10th April 2022: Palm Sunday
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Holy Week



For the first time in 3 years, we are able to fully celebrate Holy Week. At the heart of our celebrations is the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Although there are three separate services, in another way they are one continuous liturgy. On Holy Thursday there is no dismissal. Rather we stay watching with the Lord for as long as we choose or are able. On Good Friday the priest does not greet the congregation at the beginning; Rather he prostrates himself. Again there is no dismissal; after we leave Jesus in the tomb there is a closing prayer, and we either remain to pray, or depart, in silence. The Vigil on Holy Saturday opens without a greeting, but rather briefly recaps the journey we have made before the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. It is only at the end of the Vigil that we are sent out joyously *"Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!"*.

Let us make the most of this opportunity. Let us with Jesus in this journey of Passion, Death and Resurrection, knowing that only through this is sin and death conquered. When we look at our world there is so much of the Cross. But the triumph of the Resurrection comes through the Cross, not despite it. Although this gives us hope, it does not take away the pain we feel when we witness the sufferings of others.

Bishop Richard has asked "every parish to set aside some time of dedicated prayer during the Triduum in order to be in spiritual solidarity with all who suffer as a result of war or violence." We will be doing this after the Good Friday service.



Poverty Challenge:
See, Judge, Act

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network, the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from: www.csan.or.uk.

Fr Tony will be away Easter Monday to Friday, 18-22 April. Fr Paul Wilkinson will celebrate the 10am Masses at St George's on Tuesday and Thursday, and the 10am Mass on Friday at St Theresa's.

Fr Alistair will be celebrating the funeral of Sheila Hooper on Tuesday 19th April, 11am, at St Theresa's. All welcome.

There will be no Mass or Holy Hour on Wednesday 20th April

Fr. Tony is going to South Wales to 'scout out' part of this summer's Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage route. The Pilgrimage this year is from Swansea to Hereford. To find out more about this, and also the 'taster' pilgrimage from Arundel to Guildford, and perhaps even sign up, go to:

www.thepilgrims.org.uk



Invited
 2021-2025

Season 2 of **Invited** begins on Easter Monday, 18th April. Videos will be released each Monday, and there will be an opportunity to join an online discussion each Thursday

For more information, and to sign up, go to the Invited website:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited

Please pray for:

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, and Jean Ryan, Also those who have died recently, especially Hattie Baker, June Porritt, Sheila Hooper, Ronald Paine and Maria Grazia Topa. Also remember those and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Support the people of Ukraine

The Diocese continues to promote CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to parishes and people wishing to give financially. You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: cafod.org.uk/Give.

To access Reset's website go to: www.homesforukraine.org.uk.

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative: homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.

To find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

Smiles of Sunflowers in Southwick



As last year, we will be joining other churches in Southwick in the Smiles of Sunflowers project, this year made all the more poignant by the fact that the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.

We still need people to volunteer to give out sunflower growing kits at St Theresa's between 10am and 3pm of Holy Saturday, 16th April. Please sign up!

The second collection this weekend is for the church flowers.

The collection over the Easter weekend is your personal gift to Fr Tony. Both collections can be gift-aided.

The collection after the service of the Passion (Good Friday) is for the Holy Places.

Holy Week Timetable

Saturday 9th April	4:30- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 10th Palm Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's 3pm, St George's	Ronald Paine RIP All Parishioners Reconciliation Service
Tuesday 5th	10am Mass, St George's	
Wednesday 6th	10am Mass, St Theresa's 6pm Chrim Mass, Arundel	P. Weatherseed RIP
Holy Thursday	8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Theresa's <i>'Watching' until midnight.</i>	
Good Friday	3pm Celebration the Passion, St Theresa's <i>Followed by a time of prayer in solidarity with all</i>	
Holy Saturday	9pm The Easter Vigil, St Theresa's <i>Followed by fizz and chocolate!</i>	
Easter Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Melita & Charles Muscat RIP All Parishioners

Confessions: As well as the usual time on Saturday (starting a bit earlier), and the Reconciliation Service on Sunday at 3pm, Fr. Tony will be available after the Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday, and also during Watching on Holy Thursday and the Time of Prayer on Good Friday. If Fr Tony is not in the confessional he will be praying nearby. Feel free to disturb him—that is what he is there for!

The Polish Community in Brighton

Fr Tadeusz has asked me to communicate the heartfelt thanks of the Polish community for the use of St George's.

They will be celebrating their Holy Week and Easter services there. Their times are:

Maundy Thursday: 5.30 pm

Good Friday: 3 pm

Holy Saturday - Food blessing - Swieconka- 9.30 am
This is a traditional Polish celebration. Families prepare baskets of symbolic foods, which are blessed by the priest using a special prayer. There are similar celebrations in other Eastern European countries.

Vigil of Easter 7 pm

Easter Sunday 1 pm (no mass at 9.15 am)

Easter Monday 9.15 am



St George's Day is on **Monday 25th April** this year, as the 23rd falls within the Easter Octave. As this is one of our patronal feasts, it is incumbent on us to mark it properly! Accordingly we will celebrate **Mass at St George's at 7:30 pm**, followed by cheese and wine in the hall. All welcome, even (perhaps especially!) those who normally go to St Theresa's!