

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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## This is Holy Week



Saturday 28th 6.00pm Vigil Mass **Palm Sunday** we begin in the parish hall  
Sunday 29th 9.30am Mass we begin in the parish hall  
March 4.00pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer, Benediction.

Monday 30th March 10.00am Mass

Tuesday 31st March 10.00am Mass

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2nd April 7.00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

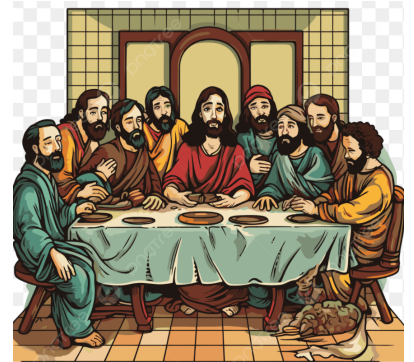
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Followed by 'watching' at the Altar of Repose

We accompany Jesus to the Garden of

Gethsemane and accept his invitation to "watch and pray".

9.00pm We close the 'watching' with Night Prayer.



### Good Friday

Friday 3rd

3.00pm

April

### The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

The Proclamation of the Passion

The Universal Prayer

The Veneration of the Cross

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Saturday Saturday 4th April

### 7.00pm The Easter Vigil

The lighting of the Easter Fire in the yard.

The blessing and lighting of the Easter Candle.

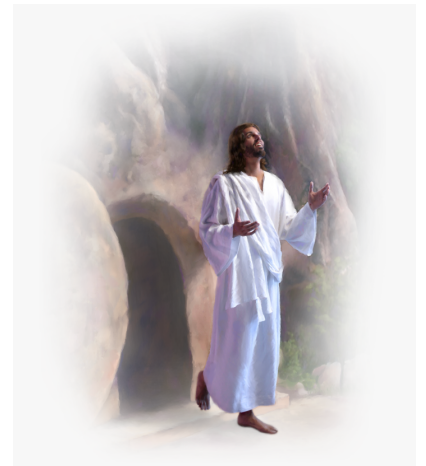
The Procession of Light into the dark church.

The Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, our Faith Story.

Reception into Full Communion and our renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass of Easter Day**



## The Sacred Triduum.

The Sacred Triduum is the most sacred of all the church's liturgy throughout the year.

It contains, meditates on and celebrates the pinnacle of Jesus fulfilling the name he was given at birth.

'Jesus' means Saviour.

We celebrate his saving action in a three-part liturgy spread over three days. It is a continuous liturgy. There is no formal end to Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. There is no procession or formal start to the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday nor does it have a formal end. In it, we receive again, the Body of Christ which was consecrated on Maundy Thursday: a sign that Jesus giving us his Body on the Cross and at the Last Supper was and is the same action of generous Love and Salvation. In the same way on Saturday we are simply together and light a fire. But there is a triumphant end to Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil. We acclaim, "Thanks be to God, alleluia! alleluia!" as we are sent out to proclaim to everyone Jesus's victory over sin and death through his Passion, Death and Resurrection!

Please join us for the full event: Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday evening.

## Parish Community Support Group

Wanted - a bike suitable for a 5 year old boy. If you have a bike you no longer need, please consider giving it to us for a family we are helping. Please call 07946 532209 and we can pick it up. Thank you.

## Preparing the church for Easter

Come and clean some brasses - make Easter sparkle!

On Tuesday 31st of March we will be cleaning the brasses in the church. If you can spare a little time to help out with this after the 10.00 am Mass we will be most grateful. Thank you.

## Easter Garden

Help is needed to bring the garden frame up from the cellar and to carry and empty the bags of compost into the garden. If you intend to attend the 3pm Good Friday service and can help with this after the service it will be much appreciated.

## Easter Garden Plants

We are collecting donations of plants for the Easter Garden from this weekend and all week, (leave at the back of church). Alternatively you could bring your plants to church on Saturday, 4th April for 10.00 am. Please bring small to medium plants that are not too tall.

## Fundraising for the church roof

The Roof Fundraising Committee met last week. A lot of ideas on how to raise funds were generated. We will be going through these and allocating responsibility to team members as well as parishioners who have offered to help. You will all be kept informed of any progress. Thank you.

## Good Friday Passion - Bach St Matthew Passion - in Manchester Cathedral

Manchester Baroque will perform Bach's St Matthew Passion at Manchester Cathedral on Good Friday, 3 April, at 4.30pm, in partnership with Manchester Cathedral Choir. One of the greatest musical settings of the Passion story, performed on period instruments in the cathedral setting.

A 25% discount on selected seats is available using the code CHURCHDISCOUNT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1425707081259/?discount=CHURCHDISCOUNT>

**Postponed**

**Afternoon Concert**

Join us for afternoon and musical entertainment, including piano recital by Gabriel with

Tuesday 31st March 2026

Drama Studio John Fisher & Thomas More RSC School, 3:30pm-5:00pm

In support of St Joseph's Penny Lent Appeal

Ticket price £5

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## Upcoming pilgrimages - Salford Diocese

### Our Lady's Shrine, Walsingham Saturday 2nd May 2026

This year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 2nd May with the option of extending your pilgrimage by joining us for our two-day pilgrimage, departing on Friday 1st May.

Click [here](#) to register your interest today.

For more information or to speak with our pilgrimage office, please email

[walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or call 0161 817 2209.

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### Lourdes, France Thursday 30th July 2026

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, will take place between 30th July and 5th August.

Full details, including travel and accommodation pricing, insurance details and volunteer application forms are available on the Salford Lourdes website

at [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk)

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