

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026)



Saint Michael Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the  
devil;  
may God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly  
host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil  
spirits who prowl through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



## Holy Week

➤ **Big clean** – the big clean to prepare the church for Easter will take place on **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March**. You are welcome to come to help!

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMES 2026

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> March	Masses 5.30pm & 10am
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Mass 7.30pm, watching the altar of repose until 11:45pm night prayer
<b>Good Friday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children's Stations of the cross 10am Stations of the Cross at noon [no soup] Good Friday Solemn Liturgy 3pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Basket blessing 10am Easter Vigil <b><u>8pm</u></b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> April	10am Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

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## Second Collection



**3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday)** – As is traditional, a collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Holy Places at the solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday afternoon.

Thank you for your contributions.



In many Eastern European countries, it is custom to have a basket of food blessed which is rich in Easter symbolism.

The traditional blessing of 'Easter Food Baskets' will take place on: **Holy Saturday 4th April at 10am** in Our Lady and St. Anne's Church. All are very welcome to attend and experience this lovely tradition.

## Easter Vigil



Congratulations to Jonathon and Rose who will be baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Also to Hortence, Sandra and Vittoria who will be confirmed at the same Mass.



## Children's Liturgy Good Friday Session

Join us in church at **10am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** for a special Good Friday session. There'll be a variety of crafts and activities, followed by refreshments. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

## Easter Offering



Traditionally the Easter collection goes directly to the priest as part of their annual income. Please collect an envelope on your way out or you can give on the contactless machines.

## Confessions during Holy Week



Fr Joe is available to hear confessions:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March after Mass from 9:45am until 10.30am
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 6pm before mass till evening Mass
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April before Mass from 7pm

## Weekly income 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar

Contactless:	£ 278.00
Candles	£ 299.75
Loose plate	£ 339.30
Cathedral maintenance	£ 176.90
200 Club	£ 20.00
Shop - February	£ 138.05

Weekly Standing Orders: £820.00



### CAFOD Family Fast Day:

Thank you for your generous contributions with the Family Fast Day envelopes and card donations, and going without so that others may be able to put food on the table. The total raised with Giftaid was £595.49.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”(Mt 25:40). #26

### CAFOD Big Lent Walk:

Our incredible Reading Catholic community, very much spearheaded by St. Anne's, raised a staggering total with Giftaid of £4123.25, defying the odds yet again by beating last year's total (by £57!). Most importantly, CAFOD estimates that our efforts will provide sufficient funding for complete water and sanitation systems for approximately 6 rural communities in the poorest parts of the world. We can feel very proud of this incredible effort. Thank you so much for your donations and the gift of your time and energy.

*It is Christ's Love that sends us forth; His love makes us servants; His love that opens our eyes to the wounds of others (Pope Leo XIV, Dilexit te)*

### Confirmation Mass on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Lessons would start from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.

Young people in Yr. 6 or above who would like to be confirmed please contact the office at [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk), or Cathy Freddi at [cmfreddi@talktalk.net](mailto:cmfreddi@talktalk.net) by end of March.

### Easter Liturgies

Thank you to all the readers, chaperones and Eucharistic ministers for your support with the Easter Liturgies.

Moving forward, I will endeavour to have the rota for the next quarter out by the end of next week but at present I have only received the available dates for seven out of a possible forty ministers. If you know there are weekends you will not be available, please let me know via the Parish office so we can avoid as much "chopping and changing" as possible. Thank you . Helen

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## Mass intentions

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30pm	Year A <i>Confession</i>
		5.30 pm	People of the parish
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Henry Dubaj RIP
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	John O'Hare RIP
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	No mass	
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	6.30pm	

### Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm mass	Hugh Eileen Magee RIP
(Maundy Thursday)		11.45pm	night prayer
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross
(Good Friday)		12 noon	Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

### Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Year A Blessing of Easter baskets
		8.00 pm	People of the parish
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Martina Downey RIP



### OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication this week

Evening Prayer before  
Saturday Mass, approx.  
4.45pm.



Everybody is welcome.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Sue Houghton** and **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: [sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.