

Dear Friends in Christ:

Preparing for Holy Week 2018

As Holy Week rapidly approaches, this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to ponder on the great mystery of our Salvation gained for us through Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. Please read St. John's Gospel Chapter 13 onwards this week.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion; we recall in a very vivid way the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the cries of "Hosanna to the Son of David" greet Our Lord as the people lay their palm branches before him. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of this most "Holy Week".



THE TRIDUUM OF THE LORD is the most powerful liturgy that we experience during the church's liturgical year. I earnestly encourage you all to participate fully in these most wonderful celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. As we begin our Holy Thursday celebration with the sign of the Cross it is important to remember that the next time we cross ourselves will be at the end of the Easter Vigil; the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday Liturgy, and the Easter Vigil, are one continuous celebration of Salvation History.



Please make every effort to enter into the spirit of this Holy Week, attend the Masses and Services organised here at St. Edmund's. This is a truly wonderful time for parents to teach children about these most sacred events in Our Lord's life; bring your children with you and let them experience these most wonderful events of our Salvation.

There will be a Parish Reconciliation Service on 27th March 2018 at 8.00 p.m. There will be several visiting Priests to help with the Sacrament of Confession. Please make every effort to be there and, avail yourselves of the Sacrament of God's forgiving Love. There will also be other opportunities for Confession throughout Holy Week, please see your Parish Newsletter.

God Bless You All,

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: 24th / 25th March 2018

- 6.00 p.m. St. Edmund's. Blessing of Palms (Sat. 24th March)
9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's. Blessing of Palms and Procession
11.00 am St. Edmund's. Blessing of Palms and Procession
5.00 p.m. **St. Edmund's. Stations of Cross and Benediction**

MONDAY 26th March

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's.

TUESDAY 27th March

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's preceded by Morning Prayer.
8.00 p.m. **Parish Penitential Service (St. Edmund's) with visiting Priests. Please make a special effort to be there!**

WEDNESDAY 28th March

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's (Confessions after Mass, visiting priest)
7.00 p.m. **MASS OF THE CHRISM** (Brentwood Cathedral)

THE TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 29th March 2018

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's, Morning Prayer, Tenebrae / Confessions
8.00 p.m. **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER St. Edmund's**
There will be watching until Midnight at the Altar of Repose. Please join us in prayer. Night Prayer 11.50pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March Day of Fasting and Abstinence

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's, Morning Prayer. Tenebrae
10.00 a.m. Children's Service with Veneration of the Cross
3.00 p.m. **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
7.00 p.m. St. Edmund's. Stations of the Cross. Veneration

HOLY SATURDAY: 31st March 2018

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's Morning Prayer, Tenebrae, Confessions.
12.30 p.m. **Swieconka:** Polish Blessing for Easter Food Baskets
7.30 p.m. St. Edmund's. **THE EASTER VIGIL**

EASTER SUNDAY 1st April THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

- 9.00 a.m. St. Edmund's, Parish Mass
11.00 a.m. St. Edmund's, Parish Family Mass

Lenten Parish Penitential Service

27th March 2018

At 8.00pm



During Lent we should seek the opportunity of making our peace with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we enter Holy Week, please make every effort possible to come to our Parish Penitential Service on Tuesday, 27th March 2018, at 8.00pm. There will be several visiting Priests to help with the Celebration of the Sacrament.

Canon Pat Sammon

Fr. Kieran Dodd

Canon John McGrath

Fr. Bogden Kot MS

Fr. Francis Coveney

Canon John Harvey

PP Wanstead

Wanstead

Epping

PP Harlow

PP Chingford

PP. Loughton

St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton

with

St. Thomas More, Debden

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