



| DATE | TIME | DEDICATION | INTENTION | CHURCH |
|----------------------------|----------|--|--|----------------------|
| Sun 29 th March | 9 am | PALM SUNDAY | Wendy Kerrigan (LD) Parishioners | Holy Family |
| Sun 29 th March | 11.15 am | PALM SUNDAY | Mary & Jimmy Murphy (A) | Our Lady V |
| Mon 30 th March | | Holy Week | ----- | The church is closed |
| Tue 31 st March | 9 am | Holy Week | Mass Intention assigned | Our Lady V |
| | 2 pm | Requiem Mass | Wendy Kerrigan | Holy Family |
| Wed 1 st April | 9 am | Holy Week | Mass Intention assigned | Our Lady V |
| Thu 2 nd April | 7 pm | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | S.I. Susana 85 B'day (Fr Sergio's Mum) | Holy Family |
| Fri 3 rd April | 3 pm | LORD'S PASSION Divine Mercy Novena | ----- | Our Lady V |
| Fri 3 rd April | 7 pm | VIA CRUCIS | ----- | Our Lady V |
| Sat 4 th April | 8 pm | EASTER VIGIL | Catherine & Joseph Jackman (Easter R.) | Holy Family |
| Sun 5 th April | 9 am | EASTER DAY MASS | S.I. Christine Watts | Holy Family |
| Sun 5 th April | 11.15 am | EASTER DAY MASS | Patricia Callender LD | Our Lady V |
| Sun 5 th April | 3 pm | MISA DE PASCUA | EN ESPANOL Parishioners | Our Lady V |

Clocks go forward one hour at 1 am on Sun 29th March

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments.

We pray for all who are sick and elderly:

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Margaret Smith, Joyce Mitchell, Val Greaves, John Getchell Jnr, John J. Tuft,

We pray for those who have died: Wendy Kerrigan.

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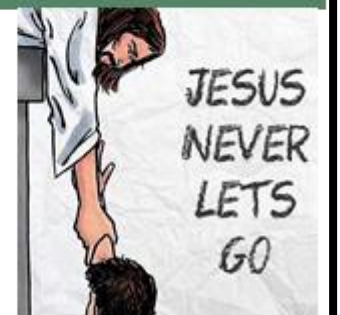
Palm Sunday (A): 29th March 2026



HOLY WEEK



When life knocks me down
JESUS
picks me up.



It is only in walking through the shadows and darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday, only in realizing the horror and magnitude of sin and its consequences in the world incarnated in the dying Jesus on the cross, only in contemplating the ending and despair that the disciples felt on Holy Saturday, that we can truly understand the light and hope of Sunday morning!

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Father Sergio

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word.

Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion,

Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly **on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father**. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfilment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, **Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven.**

Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matt. 26:28)

Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death.

Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death. **Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple.**

However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that **all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus** and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like **Judas**, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like **Peter**, who denies him, or like the **disciples**, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like **Simon**, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like **the leaders** who fear Jesus or like **Pontius Pilate**, who washed his hands of the whole affair.

Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

Our final task: to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

Holy Week and Easter:

Holy Thursday:

7 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Family Ince Blundell, followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday:

11 am: Walk of Witness & Passion Play on Chapel Lane, Formby.

3pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Divine Mercy Novena: at Our Lady of Victories, Hightown

7 pm: Stations of the Cross at OLOV.

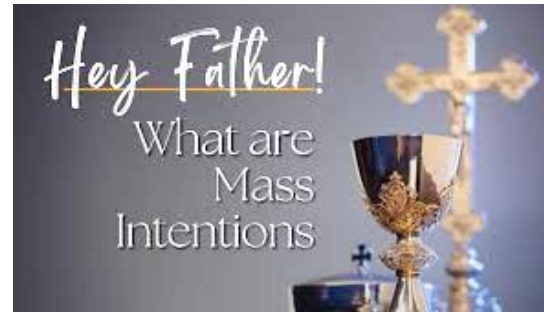
Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm at Holy Family, Ince Blundell.

Easter Sunday:

9 am: Mass of Easter at Holy Family

11.15 am: Mass of Easter at OLOV

3 pm: Santa Misa Pascual en ESPANOL



A Mass Intention is a specific purpose or prayer request for which a Catholic priest offers a Mass, usually designated for a particular person, group, or cause. It is a longstanding, traditional practice in which the faithful ask for a Mass to be said for a specific intention, such as the repose of a deceased loved one, healing for the sick, in gratitude for blessings, or for a special need. Anyone can request an intention, usually with a suggested, voluntary stipend (£10 suggestion in many dioceses).

[Here is a detailed breakdown of the meaning and practice of Mass Intentions:](#)

Core Meaning

Application of Fruits: While every Mass is offered for the entire Church, a specific Mass intention applies the "ministerial fruits" of the Eucharistic sacrifice to a particular, designated need or person.

Highest Prayer: Because the Mass is considered the most perfect form of prayer in the Catholic faith, having a Mass offered is viewed as a profoundly powerful spiritual gift for the living or the dead.

Communion of Saints: It is an expression of the solidarity of the communion of saints, linking those on earth with those who have passed away.

Types of Intentions

Deceased (RIP): Often to help a soul in Purgatory or asking God to grant them rest and peace to a lately dead (LD).

Living (GE - Good Estate): For healing of the sick, support in difficult times, or protection.

Thanksgiving: In gratitude for a prayer answered, a birthday, an anniversary, or another special moment.

Special Intention: Specific needs, such as vocational growth, peace, or a private matter. (S.I.)

Practice

Mass Offering/Stipend: It is customary to make a small donation (stipend) to the priest or church when requesting a Mass. This is not a "payment" for a sacrament (which is forbidden), but an offering to support the minister and for the church's work.

Scheduling: Intentions are usually requested through the parish office and are often published in the weekly bulletin or announced at the beginning of Mass.

Private Intentions: If a donor wishes for the intention to remain private, they can ask the priest to keep it as a "private intention" without mentioning the name publicly.

Limits: While generally one intention is assigned per Mass to ensure that each request is properly honoured, bishops may allow multiple intentions to be "bundled" or combined in certain circumstances.

Significance

For the Deceased: It is considered one of the best spiritual helps one can offer a soul who has passed away.

For the Living: It is a way to spiritually support someone in a time of trial or joy, placing their needs "at the foot of the Cross".

GOOD FRIDAY †
WALK OF WITNESS & PASSION PLAY
CHURCHES TOGETHER at Formby, Altcar and Hightown
Friday 3 April
11 a.m. Chapel Lane near Boots
11.20 a.m. Formby Pool Gardens
ALL WELCOME

DIVINE MERCY Sunday
NOVENA STARTS ON GOOD FRIDAY AT 3PM, THEN EVERYDAY UNTIL 11th APRIL
MASS OF THE DIVINE MERCY: 12th APRIL 3PM AT OUR LADY OF VICTORIES