

Easter Sunday 16th April

9.30am Mass

11.30 am Mass

6.00 pm Mass

Easter Monday 17th April

10.00am Mass

Easter Octave.

St Paul declared: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith also is in vain". Our faith is anchored in the good news of the resurrection. The resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would have been only a matter of time before everything about Jesus had been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in a crowded history of lost causes. But God had the last word.

In raising Jesus from the dead, God raised every value that Jesus cherished, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance.

The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is wakened to glory by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The Father refuses to write RIP over Jesus' grave. Our faith focuses not on an empty tomb but on the everlasting presence of Jesus as Lord.

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Saturday 8th April

6.00 pm Vigil Mass

Palm Sunday 9th April

9.30am Mass begins with the procession from the Pastoral Centre to the Church, carrying the blessed palms.

At each Mass we will listen to the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

11.30am Mass

6.00pm Mass

Monday 10th April

10.00 am Mass

7.00pm Deanery Penitential Service -St Vincent's

Tuesday 11th April

7.00am Mass

10.00 am Mass

7.00pm Deanery Penitential Service St Brides

Wednesday 12th April

8.15am Mass in the High School

10.00 am Mass

7.00pm Deanery Penitential Service St Leonards

Holy Thursday 13th April

10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church.
Coach leaves for Chrism Mass immediately after Morning Prayer

11.30 am Chrism Mass (in the Cathedral, Motherwell)

7.30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Procession to the Altar of Repose set up in the Pastoral Centre

10.00pm Night Prayer in the Garden of Repose in the Pastoral Centre, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday 14th April

10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

3.00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3.00 pm Our children have their own service in the Pastoral Centre, where the Children's Liturgy Team will lead them in a re-enactment of the passion story and Adoration of the Cross. Children of P5 age and upwards will receive Holy Communion at this liturgy. The children will remain safe and supervised until the adult service ends

7.30 pm Evening Service : Stations of the Cross and reflection on Good Friday, with prayer, scripture and music, and ending with kissing of the cross

Holy Saturday 15th April

10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church followed by Świąconka, the traditional blessing of the Easter baskets of food for the Polish community.

9.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(No vigil Mass at 6pm that day)