



St. Mary's Parish, Lindsay 2023 Holy Week Schedule

Saturday 1 April - *Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)*

5:00 p.m. Mass: Blessing of palms
 Passion narrative (Matthew)

Palm Sunday 2 April

9:00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of palms
 Passion narrative (Matthew)
11:00 a.m. Mass with Blessing of the Palms – procession

Monday 3 April

7:30 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterborough

Tuesday 4 April

7:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 5 April

7:30 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday 6 April - *Easter Triduum begins at evening Mass*

7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Procession with Eucharist
8:00p.m.-midnight Adoration ending at midnight.

Good Friday 7 April - *Worldwide day of fast and abstinence*

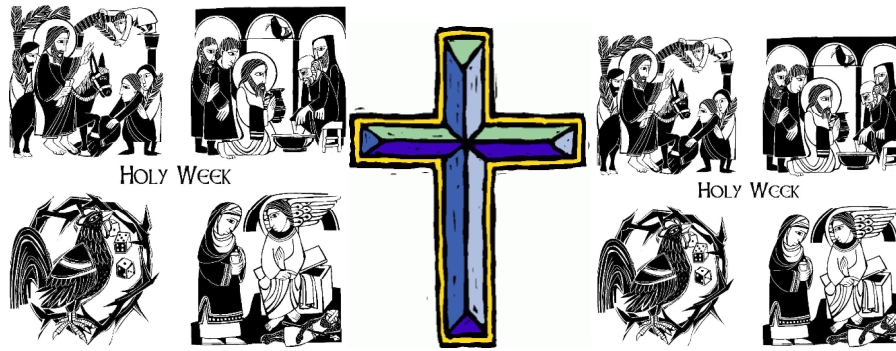
3:00 p.m. Liturgy - Passion Narrative (John)
 Veneration of Cross
 Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Parish Priests

Holy Saturday 8 April - *Voluntary day of fast*

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Food
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9 April

9:00a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Renew baptismal promises
2:00 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass



Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week in our year of praise and prayer. It is a rich time in our life of prayer. Our parish timetable for Holy Week is included in this leaflet.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday):

The Masses this weekend begin with a joyful blessing of the palms and with the procession in memory of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Then the mood becomes somber: we listen to the story of our Lord's suffering and death, as told by Luke. The red vestments today remind us of the blood shed for us by Jesus, Our Saviour.

During the year, we should keep our palms in a place of honour, with a crucifix or holy picture; we may keep a palm in each room at home.

Holy Thursday:

The three days from Holy Thursday evening to Saturday night Easter Vigil, are called the *Easter Triduum*, and are the year's most solemn days.

Evening Mass of the Lord's supper:

St. John's Gospel speaks to us about the commandment of love, which Jesus wants us to live by our actions. He showed His love by washing the Apostles' feet; traditionally priests, monarchs, and nobles washed the feet of the poor as a sign of service. Most prominently Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, the priesthood of the New Covenant and the New Commandment of Charity. Jesus invites us to partake of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

The procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass is followed by a time of adoration and personal prayer until midnight. Midnight concludes this period of adoration in our parish.

Good Friday:

This is a worldwide day of fast and abstinence from meat. ***Celebration of the Lord's Passion:*** We recall the time of Jesus' death on the Cross and we listen to God's Holy Word, including the Solemn Narration of the Passion according to St. John. Then we offer a special prayer of the faithful in its ancient format. After the Cross is carried solemnly into the church, we venerate the Cross in faith and love and then we receive Communion.

Holy Saturday:

This is a day of voluntary fast; we may wish to continue Friday's fast in memory of Jesus as His Body lay in the tomb. Holy Saturday is a day of prayer and reflection.

Easter Vigil:

Our celebration begins after dark remembering that this is the greatest night of the year, the Church's most solemn celebration. The Vigil Mass includes; the lighting of candles, the Liturgy of Word, and the Sacraments of Initiation.

Within the darkened church, we bless the new fire and light the Easter Candle. The priest carries the light of Christ through the community, and all light their candles from it. Then the Easter song of praise the Exultet is sung.

We listen to bible readings, and hear again the proclamation that Jesus has been raised in glory from the grave. We rejoice, and sing *Alleluia!* (This is Hebrew for "Praise the Lord!")

The water is blessed, and the catechumens proclaim their faith and are baptized. All members of the community renew their baptismal promises. The candidates are received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, and they are Confirmed.

Those who became Catholics this night make their First Communion.

Easter Sunday:

We continue to celebrate the rising of Jesus, and our share in His life: *This is the day the Lord has made, and we rejoice!* After the homily in the Masses, we all renew our baptismal promises.

