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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (year A) 29th March 2026

THE EASTER TRIDUUM ('three days')

Holy Thursday 8pm – Good Friday 3pm – Easter Vigil Saturday 8.30pm at St Joseph's Church

Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy... Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'feast of feasts', the Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments' (the Great Sacrament). St Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1168/9) Our Diocese has created three short films to help explain the Holy Week liturgy <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/holy-week-des>

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's Church on Mon 30th March from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. A Jesus Youth initiative across the UK, Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday. - come when you can in the holy presence of the Eucharistic Lord as one family in prayer, especially for the Church, the Holy Father's intentions, families, peace in the world, and all movements within the Catholic Church.

Please pray for our Adults making final preparations for entry into, full communion with, the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Vigil.

March of Witness on Good Friday 3rd Apr, start 11am at Gloucester Rd Car Park and 11.15am Warwick Quadrant (by Harlequin). Service on Easter Sunday 5th April 7am Redhill Common (by King George V memorial)

'Blessing of Easter Baskets' will take place on Holy Sat 3rd Apr, 10.30am in St Joseph's Church, all are welcome.

Parish Lunch: Our next parish lunch will be on Sun 12th Apr, hosted by our Indian community and led by Michelle.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11am Mass at St Joseph's on the first Sunday of every month (except August). To comply with diocesan safeguarding rules we must adhere to the appropriate adult/child ratios meaning limited numbers; each child must have a consent form pre-filled by their parent/guardian, and registration of children attending is required for each session. We welcome new volunteers, please contact pnlchildliturgy@gmail.com Submit forms at: <https://forms.gle/XJgWreVksmvK7Pwv9> - As Easter Sunday falls on 5th April, the next session will be held on 12th April instead, and then 3rd May as usual.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Held at the PNL Centre, St Joseph's, 7:30pm. This seven week journey offers an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the Holy Spirit, 14, 21, 28 April; 12, 19 May; 2 June. Pentecost Vigil: West Grinstead, 23 May.

PNL Youth Group: Our next meeting will be on 19th April (not the first Sunday as this is Easter Sunday) For more info please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com

Gift Aid 2026-2027- New boxes of numbered Gift Aid envelopes will be available to collect from St Joseph's this weekend and next. Please pick yours up. Thank you.

Update from Fr Tony: Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and the many cards, emails, and messages, they have been a wonderful support and encouragement. My recovery is continuing well, and I am trying to take up light work in the parish as I get better, though I need to manage this carefully, so I thank you also for your continued prayers, patience, and understanding.

Parish Charity - St Catherine's Hospice Fund Raising Plant Sales after all Masses on Sat 18th & Sun 19th Apr. Vegetable and flower seedlings, plants, young shrubs and fruit bushes etc. Contributions needed so please sow and prepare now for a full stall and lots of purchasers! For more details or collection please contact pnljandp@gmail.com

Bereavement coffee morning: Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk about one's feelings to someone who is not family or a close friend. If you feel that this would be of comfort to you then please come along to our Bereavement Coffee morning on Sat 4th Apr 10:30-12:00 in the Parish Meeting Room at St Joseph's. Trained Befrienders will be there to support

CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Mary Barrett is pleased that she has completed the 200km 2026 Big Lent Walk. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored her, sponsorship is still open until the end of Holy Week. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/mary-walks-yet-again>

Enjoy the holidays - maybe bring the family and walk the way of the Cross with them privately, St Joseph's Church is kept open all day for anyone to pop in to the visit the Lord.

The Easter Collection (gift-aidable) is by tradition your personal offering to your parish priest. If you would like to donate online please email the parish office for details.

The Good Friday Collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Places of Jerusalem.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1458.78
Easter Flowers £368.35

Thank you for your support and generosity

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself. If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Fr Tony Bridson, Marian Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Andrew & Mary Wilson, Ron Smales, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & housebound of our parish

If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (year A)

(Procession Mt 2:1-11) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66
Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Sat 28 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael and Elizabeth Ashe RIP

Sun 29 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 The People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Deceased Priests and Benefactors RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 30 Mar
No Mass

Tue 31 Mar
No Mass

Wed 1 Apr
No Mass

The Easter Triduum

Thur 2 Apr **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Ex 2:1-8.11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
St Joseph's 20.00 The People of the Parish

Fri 3 Apr **Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion**
Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
St Joseph's 15.00

Sat 4 Apr **Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter**
Gn 1:1.26-31a; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Rm 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
St Joseph's 20.30 The People of the Parish

Easter Sunday (year A)

Acts 10:34a.37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Mt 28: 1-10
Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Sun 5 Apr
Holy Family 09.00 The People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 For peace in the world
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tues 19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed 10.30	Prayer, tea and Coffee	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Wed 10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri 10.30	Prayer, tea and Coffee	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sat 15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun 10.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun 12.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Maria Wojtanowski RIP her funeral will take place take place at St Joseph's on Monday 13th April at 10:30 followed at Redstone Cemetery

Philip Albert RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

David Green RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers