

LIVESTREAMED LITURGIES FROM THE CATHEDRAL,
CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON:

Palm Sunday 28 March:
12:00 Solemn Mass of Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord

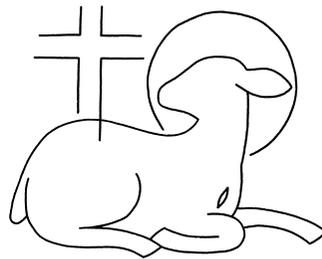
Holy Wednesday 31 March:
11:30 Chrism Mass

Maundy Thursday 1 April:
19:30 Mass of
the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 2 April:
15:00 Solemn Liturgy of
the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 3 April:
20:30 Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday 4 April:
10:00 Family Mass



FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS:

"V/: We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You.

R/: BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS,
YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD."

AN ACT OF CONTRITION:

"I love You, Jesus,
my love above all things.
I repent with my whole heart
of having offended You.
Never permit me to separate
myself from You again.
Grant that I may love You always
and then do with me what You will. Amen."

*(Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory be....) In Holy Week this year, in
place of the Walk of Witness, we are invited to walk the Way of the Cross, as
individuals and as family / household groups, beginning at the Baptist Church,
climbing Chapel Hill to St Mary's and then concluding in St Paulinus' Cemetery.*

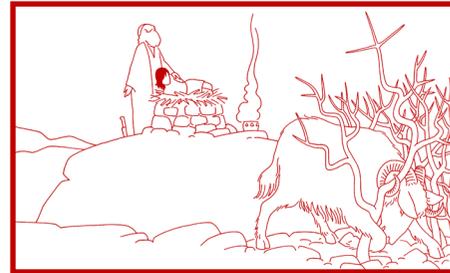


ST MARY OF THE CRAYS NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 21st March 2021

In the Year of St Joseph: 8th Dec. 2020 - 8th Dec. 2021

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted: Pray for us! Hope of the Sick: Pray for us!
Patron of the Dying: Pray for us! Terror of Demons: Pray for us!



*From: The Spirit of the Liturgy, by
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, page 114:*

"The mysterious story of the ram, caught in the thicket and taking the place of Isaac as the sacrifice decreed by God Himself, was now seen as the pre-history of Christ. The fork of the tree in which the ram was hanging was seen as a replica of the sign of Aries, which in turn was a celestial foreshadowing of the crucified Christ. **We should also say that Jewish tradition gave the date of March 25 to Abraham's sacrifice.**"



From pages 121 –122:

"Astonishingly, the starting point for

dating the birth of Christ was March 25. As far as I know, the most ancient reference to it is in the writings of the African ecclesiastical author Tertullian (ca. 150 - ca. 207), who evidently assumes as a well-known tradition **that Christ suffered death on March 25.** In Gaul, right up to the sixth century, this was kept as the immovable date of Easter. In a work on the calculation of the date of Easter, written in A. D. 243, and also emanating from Africa, **we find March 25 interpreted as the day of the world's creation,** and, in connection with that, we find a very peculiar dating for the birth of Christ. According to the account of creation in Genesis 1, the sun was created on the fourth day, that is, on March 28. This day should, therefore, be regarded as the day of Christ's birth, as the rising of the true sun of history. This idea was altered during the third century, so that the day of Christ's Passion and the day of His conception were regarded as identical. **On March 25, the Church honoured both the Annunciation by the Angel and the Lord's conception by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin. The feast of Christ's birth on December 25** – developed in the West in the course of the third century, while in the East – probably because of a different calendar – at first celebrated January 6 **as the birth-day of Christ.** It may also have been the response to the feast of the birth of the mythical gods observed on this day in Alexandria. **The claim used to be made that December 25 developed in opposition to the Mithras myth,** or as a Christian response to the cult of the unconquered sun promoted by Roman emperors in the third century in their efforts to establish a new imperial religion. **However, these old theories can no longer be sustained. The decisive factor was the creation and Cross, of creation and Christ's conception."**

PARISH COLLECTIONS AND GIFT AID

In early April we will start a new financial year for Gift Aid. This year I am reducing the number of boxes we will be using and changing the numbers. I have also ordered boxes for those who pay by standing order for second collections. Can I ask that all those taking part in the Gift Aid scheme either text or email me to let me know if they are able to carry on with the scheme and if they wish to pay by standing order? Once I have details of those taking part in the scheme next year I will let you know your number so that you can get your box from Father David. If anyone wants to pay by standing order but does not want to take part in the Gift Aid scheme then please get in touch and I will supply details of the bank account. I can be contacted

by text on 07504 460736 (please DO NOT PHONE ME)
or by email on thingy.rmg@virginmedia.com.

Thank you all for your support of the Church at this time.

Richard Gillespie (Gift Aid Co-Ordinator).

The covering of Statues and images in Church for Passiontide

From Pius Parsch: THE CHURCH'S YEAR OF GRACE, Volume II, page 255: Passiontide.

“The Church now enter the period of mourning over her Divine Bridegroom as she puts on her widow’s weeds. Passiontide, beginning to-day (Sunday), marks the third stage in our preparation for Easter. If Pre-Lent was only an introduction and the past four weeks a time of conversion and spiritual renewal, Passiontide in a special way commemorates Christ’s suffering.

In the liturgy this finds expression in various ways. For instance, the Crosses and Statues in the Churches are draped in, an outward sign of the Church’s inward sorrow. Over crosses, brilliant with precious stones and a-shimmer with gold or silver, a cloak is placed (in past times the image of the suffering Christ was not on the crosses), while pictures and statues lose importance in the face of Christ’s sufferings.”

THE SECOND PRAYER OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA: 1916

taught to, and prayed by, children of 6, 8, and 9 years of age.

“**MOST HOLY TRINITY, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT**, I adore You profoundly and I offer You **the Most Precious BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY** of **JESUS CHRIST**, PRESENT IN ALL THE TABERNACLES of the world, in reparation for all the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended.

And through the infinite merits of **HIS MOST SACRED HEART** and **the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.”

HOLY WEEK IN ST MARY OF THE CRAYS:

PALM SUNDAY:

Sat 27th March: 18:30 Holy Mass;
Sun. 28th 08:30 Holy Mass;
**09:40 Children’s Liturgy of
the Word (ZOOM)**
10:30 Holy Mass, and on ZOOM.

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th:

**Holy Mass at 09:15, preceded by
A Holy Hour of Eucharistic
Adoration and Benediction.**

Wednesday 31st:

**Holy Mass at
08:45, preceded by A Holy Hour
of Eucharistic Adoration
and Benediction, followed by
Stations of the Cross (?)**
**(Chrism Mass at St George’s,
Southwark R. C. Cathedral
at 11:30)**

HOLY THURSDAY 1st April:

**08:00 Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer of the Church,
followed by Confessions (?);**
**20:00 /
8:00pm SOLEMN MASS OF
THE LORD’S SUPPER.**

GOOD FRIDAY [2nd APRIL]

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**08:00 Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer of the Church,
followed by Confessions (?);**
**15:00 /
3:00pm THE CELEBRATION OF
THE PASSION,**
**18:00 /
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (?)**
**19:00 /
7:00pm The Holy Rosary
(KSC Zoom)**
*Begin the Divine Mercy
Novena today.*

HOLY SATURDAY [3rd APRIL]

**08:00 Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer of the Church,
followed by Confessions (?);**

**NO HOLY MASS at
18:30 / 6:30pm.**

**20:00 /
8:00pm EASTER VIGIL
in the HOLY NIGHT**

- 1) Lucernarium & Exultet
(Easter Candle)**
- 2) Vigil of Readings,**
- 3) Baptismal Liturgy and
Renewal of Baptismal Promises,**
- 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

**08:30 Holy Mass
Renewal of Baptismal Promises**
**09:40 Children’s Liturgy of
the Word (ZOOM)**
**10:30 Holy Mass, and on ZOOM
Renewal of Baptismal Promises.**

