



The Parish of Saint Peter le Poer

Diocese of London

Weekly News Sheet



14th April 2019 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Peter's Church. We extend a very warm welcome to all. Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the Parish Mass.

This week's Services

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday	11am	Parish Mass with Procession of Palms (from the memorial garden) Fr John Wainwright Followed by APCM and Lunch
Tuesday in Holy Week	7pm	Mass Fr Matthew Foy
Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper and watch until midnight Fr Ben Rutt-Field
Friday 19th April	3pm	Good Friday Liturgy Fr Martin Poole
Saturday 20th April Holy Saturday	8pm	Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter Held at St Andrew's
Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday	11am	Parish Mass <i>followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i> Fr John Wainwright

Notices

APCM. Our APCM will be held today after Mass. There will be a bring and share lunch after the meeting.

Saturday 27th April 10am – 1pm. Car park- and grounds-clearance working party. Please come along if you can and help us clear the fly tipped rubbish from the car park and the weeds from the flower beds. There will be a skip to load. Bring stout gloves and gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided.

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The Palm Gospel (Luke 19.28–40)

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

For the readings for the Mass, please see the service booklet.

The Passion Gospel is Luke 23.1-49

The Services of Holy Week

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (*1 Peter 1:3*)

In **Holy Week** we follow the last journey of Jesus to Jerusalem, to his betrayal and death, and to his glorious resurrection from the dead. The services of this week tell the drama of salvation in actions as much as in words. It is a drama that we participate in as actors, not spectators; through the liturgies of this week we enter once more into the mystery of salvation, the triumph of God's love reversing the disaster of human sin, and discover afresh the inexhaustible depths of grace given to us in Baptism and the Eucharist.

On Palm Sunday we follow Jesus into Jerusalem as he is acclaimed by his followers as the Messiah, God's chosen leader who will set his people free. We wave palm branches and sing in triumph as we begin our worship. But quickly the mood turns. Mob rule descends on Jerusalem as the Messiah is rejected, and we hear the dramatic reading of the Lord's suffering and death from the Gospel.

On Maundy Thursday we gather with the disciples at the Last Supper, where Jesus gave his new commandment: "love one another as I have loved you". Jesus showed that love by washing his disciples' feet, a ministry of service enacted again tonight by the priest

and members of the congregation. And then Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the everlasting memorial of his self-giving love and the summit and source of the Church's life. Through this sacrament Jesus feeds his Church continually with himself under the forms of bread and wine, and through worthy participation we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In token of joy at this great gift white vestments are worn and bells are rung during the Gloria. After the Mass the Blessed Sacrament for communion on Good Friday is carried to the Altar of Repose, representing the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed in anguish to the Father, "Your will be done". In the rest of the church lights are extinguished and all decoration is removed. We watch and pray in silence, keeping company with our Lord in his sacramental presence.

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Jesus, "who was handed over to death for our sins and was raised for our justification" (*Romans 4:25*). The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is simple and stark. We hear Bible readings which speak of the death of the Messiah, and the account of the Crucifixion from John's Gospel is dramatically read. Prayers are offered for all the Church and the world, for which Jesus suffered. The veneration of the Cross expresses our devotion and love for Jesus who gave himself for us. The bells are not rung and Mass is not celebrated, for the Church is in mourning, but Holy Communion is given from the Blessed Sacrament consecrated the night before, "this is my Body, given for you" (*1 Corinthians 11:24*).

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and reflection. The offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are said in a restrained and truncated form, and Mass is not celebrated. Candidates for baptism and confirmation prepare for those sacraments, while those of us who have already been baptised reflect with St Paul that, "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life". (*Romans 6*)

Nightfall in ancient times marked the beginning of the next day, and as darkness falls on Saturday we begin the celebration of resurrection with the **Easter Vigil**. This begins with the blessing of a new fire struck from a flint, a symbol of the risen Christ bursting from the cold dead rock of the tomb. The great Paschal Candle is carried in to the darkened Church and the light spreads among the people as their candles are lit. The Exultet, an ancient hymn of Easter triumph, is sung. Readings from the Old Testament speak of God's plan of salvation, fulfilled in Jesus. We sing "Glory to God" as bells are rung and the church bursts into light. At the font we renew our Baptism promises, and recall how God saved his people Israel through the waters of the Red Sea, and brought Jesus through the deep waters of death to new life. Then we gather at the altar to celebrate the first Mass of Easter, as the Risen Lord once more "makes himself known in the breaking of the bread" (*Luke 24:35*). After Mass our celebration continues as we end the Lenten fast and rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus our Redeemer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer (www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx)

Sunday, 14 April 2019 (Palm Sunday)

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

The Most Revd Suheil Dawani - Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem

Monday, 15 April 2019

Mississippi (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Seage (Diocesan Bishop)

Western Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Douglas Fisher (Diocesan Bishop)

Ifo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe (Diocesan Bishop)

Tuesday, 16 April 2019

Missouri (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Smith (Diocesan Bishop)

Western Mexico (Mexico) The Revd Ricardo Joel Gómez Osnaya (Diocesan Bishop)

Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Mityana (Uganda) The Rt Revd Stephen Kaziimba (Diocesan Bishop)

Western Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Whayne Hougland (Diocesan Bishop)

Western New York (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Franklin (Diocesan Bishop)

Thursday, 18 April 2019 (Maundy Thursday)

Mombasa (Kenya) The Rt Revd Alphonse Mwaro Baya (Diocesan Bishop)

Western Newfoundland (Canada) The Rt Revd John Organ (Diocesan Bishop)

Western North Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin (Diocesan Bishop)

Friday, 19 April 2019 (Good Friday)

Monmouth (Wales) The Rt Revd Richard Pain (Diocesan Bishop)

Western Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sadock Makaya (Diocesan Bishop)

Igbomina (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekola (Diocesan Bishop)

Saturday, 20 April 2019

Montana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd C. Franklin Brookhart (Diocesan Bishop)

Wiawso (West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Kobina Ackah (Diocesan Bishop)

Igbomina - West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olajide Adebayo (Diocesan Bishop)

Your prayers are asked for:

The sick & those in need in our Parish or known to us

Recently Departed: Okwui Enwezor, John Dent, Jonathan Williams

Anniversaries of Death:

Sun: Anthony Allen, William White

To update these lists, or to receive the sacraments at home, please contact a Churchwarden.



The readings and psalms for next Sunday 21st April (Easter Sunday) are :-

First reading : Acts 10.34-43

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Second reading : 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel : John 20.1-18