

Easter Sunday 27th March

9.30am Mass (in the High School)

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6.00 pm Mass (in the Hall)

Easter Monday 28th March

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- please note the change of time to mark the 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

6.00 pm **Saturday 19th March**

Vigil Mass in the School

Palm Sunday 20th March

9.30am Mass begins with the procession from the Hall to the School, carrying the blessed palms.
At each Mass we will listen to the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

11.30am Mass in the School

6.00pm Mass in the Hall

Monday 21st March

8.15am Mass in the High School celebrated by Fr Rafal

10.00 am Mass in the Hall

7.00pm Deanery Penitential Service in Our Lady of Lourdes church

Tuesday 22nd March

7.00am Mass in the Hall

10.00 am Mass in the Hall

7.00pm Deanery Penitential Service in St Vincent de Paul's Church

Wednesday 23rd March

8.15am Mass in the High School celebrated by Fr Justin

10.00 am Mass in the Hall

Holy Thursday 24th March

10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church. (in the Hall)
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 (in the High School) followed by the Procession to the Altar of Repose set up in the Pastoral Centre

10pm Night Prayer in the Garden of Repose in the Pastoral Centre, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday 25th March

10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church (in the Hall)

3.00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (in the High School)

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 in the Hall: Stations of the Cross and reflection on Good Friday, with prayer, scripture and music, and ending with kissing of the cross

Holy Saturday 26th March

10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church (in the Hall) followed by Święconka, the traditional blessing of the Easter baskets of food for the Polish community.

8.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (in the School)

(No vigil Mass at 6pm that day)