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Wednesday 24th March 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

Below is a list of the upcoming Masses and Liturgies for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. As you will see there is plenty of opportunity to walk and pray with Our Lord during these days of His sacred Passion. In His agony in the garden, when the disciples had fallen asleep, He simply said: '*Had you not the strength to keep awake one hour?*' (Mk 14:37). Let's ask God, the Holy Spirit, to inflame us with a true and sincere love for Our Lord this Holy Week. Let's wake from our sleep and keep vigil with Jesus as He continues to draw us into the mysteries of His love.

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Palm Sunday

6:30pm Vigil Mass Saturday 27th March
10am Sunday Mass 28th March
3pm Stations of the Cross (No need to book for this devotion)

Monday of Holy Week 29th March

10am Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week 30th March

10am Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week 31st March

10am Mass

Maundy Thursday 1st April

10am The Holy Rosary (No need to book for this devotion)
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 2nd April

11am Stations of the Cross (No need to book for this devotion)
11am – 12noon The Sacrament of Confession
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 3rd April

8:30pm The Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 4th April

10am Mass

The Bishop has asked that all Masses and Liturgies at Salford Cathedral, the mother church for all Roman Catholics living in Salford Diocese, should be advertised. All events at the cathedral are live streamed and you can find a link to the Cathedral via the parish website.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Salford

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday

5.30pm – Saturday Vigil

9.15am - Mass

11.00am - Mass

Monday 29th March

12.10pm – Mass

Tuesday 30th March

12.10pm – Mass

5.00pm Sung Vespers (Livestreamed only)

Wednesday 31st March

11.00am – ChrisM Mass (Livestreamed only)

Thursday 1st April - Holy Thursday

11.00am – 12.00noon - Exposition & Confessions

7.30pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's supper

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

10.00am – Sung office of Readings and Morning prayer

11.00am – 11.55am - Confessions

12.00noon – Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7.30pm – Service for the Burial of Christ

Saturday 3rd March - Holy Saturday

10.00am - Sung office of Readings and morning prayer

8.30pm – Easter Vigil

Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday

9.15am – Mass

11.00am – Mass

5.30pm—Mass

Covid-19 Health and Safety Reminder

The government has allowed places of worship to remain open during this third national lockdown but we must not become complacent. The diocese have asked us to remind people of the following procedures:

- Please make sure you are wearing a face mask **before you enter the church** building. Nobody should be putting a mask on once they are sat down at a pew or in the entrance/foyer near the stewards.
- Please do not remove your mask to speak to a steward or another parishioner in church. This shows a lack of safe respect for others. We all need to care and look out for each other.
- Please wear your mask when you are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Once, and only once, you are stood before the priest then you can remove your mask. Communion is not a race so please take your time and do not rush. Once you have received the Blessed Sacrament then replace your mask and leave the church building.
- Please do sanitise your hands at the stations provided at both entrances and exits of church.

- **Please keep the Two Meter Rule.** This new strain of Covid-19 is more easily transmitted therefore it's important that we all keep to this practice.
- Please do not congregate to socialise on church property before or after Mass/Liturgy.
- Please do not come to church if you have Covid-19 symptoms, have tested positive for Covid-19 or are in isolation.

Mass Bookings

To book a place at Mass via our telephone service then please ring (01254) 232 433 on Wednesdays between 5pm – 6pm. To book a place at Mass online please visit the parish website www.saintmarysoswaldtwistle.co.uk Sadly, some volunteers have had to return to work and therefore you will only be able to book online during the week (Monday to Friday).

God Bless and keep praying.
Our Lady of Oswaldtwistle, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Fr. O'Brien

