

Holy Week 2021

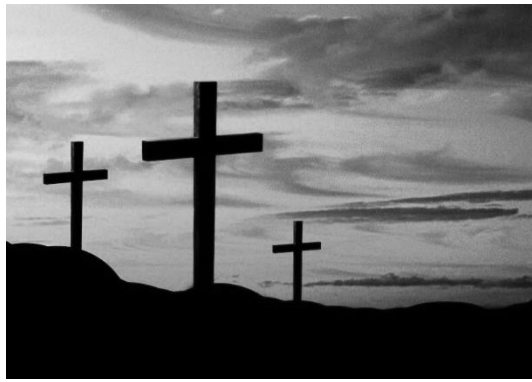
Programme of Masses

St Agatha's Church, Kingston

Lenten Reconciliation

A Lenten Reconciliation service will be held on Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm here in the Parish of St Agatha, for everyone. It is an opportunity for those who would like to go to confession before the Easter Triduum, which begins on Maundy Thursday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the healing sacraments and a powerful help on our Journey of Faith.

Palm Sunday Masses	Sunday 28th March
Saturday 27 th	6.30pm
Sunday 28 th	9am
	10.30am
	6.30pm
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Holy Week Masses:	
Monday 29 th	9.30am
Tuesday 30 th	9.30am
Lenten Reconciliation	7.30pm
Wednesday 31 st	9.30am
St George's Cathedral (Virtual only)	Chrism Mass 11.30am.
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Maundy Thursday	1st April
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm
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Good Friday	2nd April
<i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	
Stations of the Cross	10am
Solemn Liturgy	3pm
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Holy Saturday	3rd April
No Morning Mass	
Easter Vigil	9pm
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Easter Sunday	4th April
Masses:	7.30am
	9am
	Family Mass – 10.30am
	Family Mass – 12pm
	6.30pm
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Easter Monday	5th April
Masses:	12pm



Easter Message:

Dear Friends,

We are fast approaching Easter when we shall celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a unique way. It is a mystery we relive every time we gather as members of the Body of Christ at the Eucharist celebration and whenever we proclaim the Gospel in word or action. In the past year, we have all experienced the pandemic constraint, which has limited participation in the daily and weekly masses. However, in many ways, we have all continued to live out the resurrection message by caring for each other throughout these difficult times.

Last year we attended the Holy Week ceremonies and Easter mass online. I never imagined as a priest that I would celebrate Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum bereft of any participation by the faithful. I was heartbroken, as many of you were. Still, we thank God that this year, we will have the opportunity to gather and celebrate the solemn liturgies as a community while observing all the restrictions and social rules.

In the Holy Week solemn liturgies, we shall renew our commitments to the Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. A commitment to continuing to live out the Gospel values of Faith, Hope and Love. In his 2021 Lenten message, Pope Francis reminds us that in following the footsteps of Christ's love, concern and compassion for all, we will be expressing the highest levels of faith and hope. Our faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters, and hope as living water enables us to continue our life journeys, especially in these times of trouble when everything seems fragile and uncertain.

On Good Friday, we will call to mind the painful journey of Jesus to Calvary. We will also recall the fear and doubts of his followers. These doubts and fears were extinguished by the excitement of the resurrection of Jesus. We have our fears and doubts today as believers. I have had many parishioners ask me, "what is the message of God to us in the pandemic". I have asked God the same question again and again. I believe that we have learned to pull our strengths together and support each other, among many lessons. Let us, therefore, continue to pray for one another as we look ahead in faith to our triumph over the present predicament and a glorious future.

Wishing you all a joyful Easter!!!

With love and blessings,

Fr Anthony Oleh, MSP

Fr Eugene Lughra, MSP

Deacon Bob Beresford

St. Agatha's Parish



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever