

St Margaret's, St Joseph's & St Finnan's Holy Week Services

Holy Week Masses

Tuesday: 10am St Joseph's

Wednesday: 10am St Margaret's

Holy Thursday

Mass of Our Lord's Supper: 7pm

**Watching at Altar of Repose till Night
Prayer 10pm**

Good Friday

**Commemoration of Our Lord's
Passion 3pm**

**Stations of the Cross 6.30pm
This is a day of fasting and
abstinence**

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 10am

Easter Vigil 9pm

Easter Sunday

Masses as usual



Palm Sunday

Today we celebrate the first joy of the season, Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The crowds welcome and worship their King.

We too, add our cries of joy and welcome. We also join the crowd also as the mood turns from welcome to hostility, cries of joy become cries of 'crucify him'.

Holy Thursday

Commemoration of the Last Supper when Christ establishes the sacrament of

Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. Christ is the victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

During this meal, Christ washed the feet of His first priests :
"If I then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet you should wash each other's feet"

Good Friday

On Good Friday, we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Saviour, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday

We celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. This marks the end of

Holy Week and is the beginning of the Easter season.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.