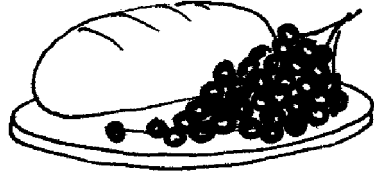


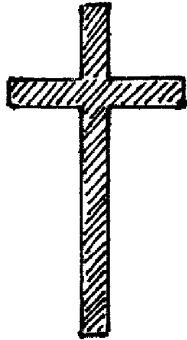
MAUNDY ✕ THURSDAY

Today Jesus institutes the sacrament of the eucharist moments before being betrayed. From now on whenever we eat and drink in his name we recall and make present the sacrifice he undertook on our behalf and share in the glory of a new and eternal life. But the price of this is service. Jesus washed his disciples' feet in an act reminiscent of the junior slave of a household. He gave us the "mandatum" or command to do the same. Just as Jesus gave his own life in service of others we are commanded to love and serve our neighbour as Jesus himself did. ✕ *Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries. Each time we offer this memorial sacrifice the work of our redemption is accomplished.*



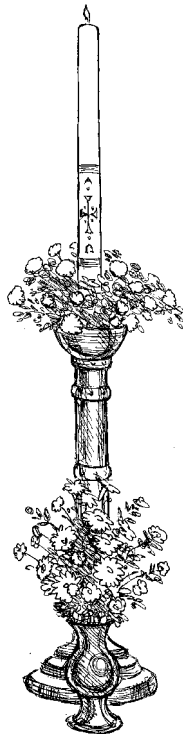
GOOD ✕ FRIDAY

And so today Jesus is led to his execution. Falsely convicted after betrayal by a friend, he is tortured, humiliated, mocked and put to death. But this day is not for breast-beating on our part. Rather it is a cause for thanksgiving since this horrendous death results in victory. Christ will triumph over the cross and all that is rotten about our lives and our world will be conquered and transformed. Today is indeed "Good" Friday. Never again will the dark side of life have permanent hold over us. ✕ *Lord, by the suffering of Christ your Son you have saved us all from the death we inherited from sinful Adam. By the law of nature we have borne the likeness of his human nature. May the sanctifying power of grace help us to put on the likeness of our Lord in heaven.*



HOLY ✕ SATURDAY

In the twilight hours between dusk and dawn all begins to change. The darkness of the past week is broken by the light of our Easter fire and the graciousness of our God is proclaimed as the candle leads us through the darkness to hear the never-ending story of God's love for us throughout history. Water abounds and there is the sound of baptismal promises and new profession of faith. Eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ unites the community in an alleluia of praise to the God who has set us free and raised us to fullness of life. Why? Because the tomb is empty, death has lost its battle and Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! ✕ *God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.*



OUR LADY ✕ OF GILLINGHAM



HOLY WEEK ✕ EASTER 2010

OUR LADY OF GILLINGHAM HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2010



PALM ✘ SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord 28th March

Palms will be blessed at both Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday:

Saturday 27th March: **6.30pm**

Sunday 28th March:

Mass (beginning in the Scott Hall): **9.30am**

Mass (beginning in the Scott Hall): **11.00am**

MONDAY in HOLY WEEK 29th March

Mass: **10.00am**

Confessions after Mass

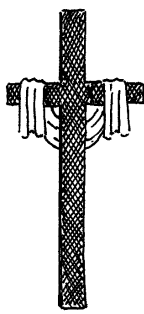
TUESDAY in HOLY WEEK 30th March

Mass: **10.00am**

Confessions after Mass

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK 31st March

Mass: **7.00am**



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Please try to attend all three of the great ceremonies marked †

MAUNDY ✘ THURSDAY 1st April

† Mass of the Lord's Supper: **8.00pm**

Procession to the Altar of Repose; watching until 11.00pm

(Compline at 10.45pm)

GOOD ✘ FRIDAY 2nd April

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Stations of the Cross: *(specially for children)* 10.00am

(Followed by confessions)

† Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death:

3.00pm

(Followed by confessions)

The Church will remain open until dusk

HOLY ✘ SATURDAY 3rd April

Church open: 8.00am

Confessions: 10 - 11.00am

Traditional Polish Blessing of Food (in English): 11.30am

The Church will remain open

† The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter:

Weather permitting, this ceremony begins in the church car park

8.30pm

EASTER ✘ SUNDAY 4th April

Mass: **9.30am**

Mass: **11.00am**

The end of the Easter Triduum

EASTER ✘ MONDAY 5th April

Mass: **10.00am**

Fr Geoffrey, Deacon Michael and Fr James
wish you and your family
a Joyous and Blessed Easter