

EASTER SUNDAY - 31st March

St Joseph's 8.30am
St Joseph's 10.am

Easter Sunday's liturgy is a joyous celebration. We celebrate Christ's resurrection, Christ's rising from death to life. It gives meaning to our lives here on earth and the assurance of everlasting life.

It is also a time to commemorate our Baptism. Through Baptism we became members of the Church, the living body of Christ. This membership calls us to reflect on God's love in our lives and our commitment to love and care for other members of Christ's body.



Blessed Easter Water will be available after Mass.

*"The mystery of the resurrection is central to our faith.
If Christ is not risen, then our faith collapses".
As Bread that is Broken: Peter van Breeman, SJ*

*May the Risen Christ, present in the Easter Ceremonies, Give you
strength and comfort and fill your home with peace and joy.*

happy
EASTER

BRIGHTON CATHOLIC PARISH

INVITES YOU

to participate in the

HOLY WEEK

AND

EASTER CEREMONIES

2024



**COME, CELEBRATE
and
Journey with Jesus**

*the mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection
the mystery of your own experiences of
life, death and resurrection.*

Palm Sunday - 23rd/24th March

Mass Times:

St Joseph's 6pm Sat. (Vigil)
St Joseph's, 8.30am
St Joseph's, 10am



From the humble, yet triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all the challenging elements of our lives, all our experiences of suffering, sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death and resurrection.

We enter into a week made “*holy*” forever by the self-surrendering love of Jesus—for all of us.

Monday of Holy Week – 25th March

Mass of the Oils, 6pm in St Francis Xavier Cathedral

During this Mass the Oils of Baptism, Chrism & Anointing are blessed for the Archdiocese for the coming year.



EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - 28th March

St Joseph's 7.30pm

Holy Thursday begins our Easter Triduum and commemorates the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. It is a time of thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist and also a time when we thank God for calling us to participate in Christ's priestly ministry through the Sacrament of Baptism.



The Gospel story recalls Jesus at the Last Supper during which he washes his disciples feet. Through this action He calls us into loving service for all people.

After the ceremony you are invited to pray at the Altar of Repose at the back of the Church.

Communal Night prayer begins at 9.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY - 29th March

Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) St Joseph's 9.30am
Stations of the Cross St Joseph's 10am

Outdoor Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart College 12 noon

GOOD FRIDAY - 29th March

Liturgy St Joseph's 3pm



Good Friday commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. The liturgy of Good Friday is in four parts; the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, General Intercessions, Holy Communion.

Today as we gather to walk with Jesus, on the journey to his death, we ask him to share with us something of the pain, the struggle, the despair and the hope of that journey. We ask him to help us understand the depth and boundlessness of God's love and mercy for us. We ask Jesus for healing in our own pain, despair and suffering.

“For these painful experiences are part of our human existence, and if the cross is to have any meaning for us, it must touch the darkness of our lives too. But it must touch the darkness with light, the suffering with joy; the shame with triumph.”
The Holy Week Book: Eileen Freeman



EASTER VIGIL - Saturday 30th April

St Joseph's 7.30pm

The Easter Vigil is the most solemn and important of all the Church's celebrations. It is the feast of Christ's resurrection.

St Paul said: *“If Christ had not been raised, then our preaching and your faith would be in vain”*. This night we come to the Church to celebrate our lives, lives which have a deeper meaning because of Christ's victory.



The liturgy for the Easter Vigil is arranged in three parts:

Service of Light: We begin in darkness, as if we were in the empty tomb waiting for the resurrection. The lighting of the Paschal Candle brings us out of the darkness.

Liturgy of the Word: Our readings recall God's saving deeds in history; how he saved his people in ages past. Let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption. We will all be invited to renew our baptismal promises.

Liturgy of the Eucharist: We bring our gifts in the form of bread and wine which will become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The whole Church is called to the table which the Lord has prepared through his death and resurrection.

Please do NOT bring your own candles. (candles will be provided for the renewal of Baptismal Promises.)

Blessed Easter Water will be available after Mass.

“At Easter we are celebrating not only Christ's historical resurrection or our own resurrection on the last day, but our constantly renewed resurrection to new life at every moment of our existence”.
The Holy Week Book: Eileen Freeman