



29 March 2026: Palm Sunday (A)
Extraordinary Form: Palm Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

We are on the threshold of Holy Week and the destination of our Lenten pilgrimage. By this stage of Lent, our personal disciplines often become a bit difficult to maintain. Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, with its characteristic blend of joy and sorrow, uniting us to Our Lord at this moment of his own paschal journey, strengthens us in spirit and orientates us towards the Easter Triduum. As we stand with those who welcomed Our Lord as he entered Jerusalem, we invite Jesus also into our souls, where by his holy grace he desires to enter in afresh each year as we celebrate, please God with devotion, the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum.

Please pray for the Oratorians and priests of the diocese who will participate on Tuesday in the Chrism Mass in East London (Cambridge). Priests – in a particular and special way – share in the paschal mystery of Christ in their exercise of the Sacred Ministry. May Tuesday's celebration be an occasion of grace for them and the gift of God they received at ordination be rekindled in each one! (cf. 2 Tim. 1:6).

In our own Oratory and parish community we continue to pray for one another at this time. We recall those who are sick or housebound, for even if they may be unable to join us in church they are united with us in one Faith and one Hope. And we pray for all our loved ones near and far, that none may be without a share in the graces of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

May St Philip and St Bernadette accompany us on these last steps of the journey towards Easter!

Yours in Christ,

The Fathers of the Oratory

“... let us prepare to live the Holy Triduum intensely, in order to share ever more deeply in the Mystery of Christ. We are accompanied in this itinerary by the Blessed Virgin who silently followed her Son Jesus to Calvary, taking part with deep sorrow in his sacrifice and thus cooperating in the mystery of the Redemption and becoming Mother of all believers”
Pope Benedict XVI, 2009

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Good Friday
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil, 7pm

For times of Stations of the Cross and Confessions please see the posters around the church and our website

Church Schedule: Saturday: Mass 8:30; Exposition & Confession from 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Vigil Mass 18:00 **Sunday:** Exposition at 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Confession from 17:30; Mass 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (EF) and 18:00 **Monday to Friday:** Mass 6:30, 8:30 daily. Rosary daily at 9:00. **Parish Office:** Open weekday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00. Kindly call or WhatsApp Ann on 073 247 1316 (09:00 - 12:00) to arrange appointments outside these hours. **Pastoral Care:** Call 073 247 1316 or 082 925 2549.

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Readings: Daily Missal – 326; Sunday Missal – 119

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Liturgical Week	Mass Intentions
Sat	18:00 Ints of Fr Grant
Sun <i>Palm Sunday</i>	7:00 Ints of James Nicol (His family); 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of the Coyle-Dowling family; 18:00 Ints of the Freeman, Rowell & Skelton families
Mon <i>Holy Monday</i>	6:30 Ints of Sandy Shields; 8:30 Ints of Julia Powell (Jonél Roos)
Tue <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	6:30 Ints of Fr Johnson (The Oratory); 8:30 Ints of Christian Acho
Wed <i>Holy Wednesday</i>	6:30 For the reversion of lapsed Catholics; 8:30 Rie Broers RIP (André Mukheibir)
Thu <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	19:00 For vocations to the Priesthood
Sat <i>Holy Saturday</i>	19:00 Pro Populo
Sun <i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 In reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus; 10:00 Ints of Jonél Roos; 18:00 <i>No Evening Mass</i>

Parish Announcements

Joah Greyvenstein, son of Andries & Teresa, was baptised on Saturday 21 March 2026. Elaine Herholdt passed away on Wednesday 25 March 2026.

Parish Notices

Holy Week Collections: The collection at Mass on Holy Thursday (2 April) is for the benefit of the SVDP. The collection on Good Friday (3 April) is for the Upkeep of Shrines in the Holy Land.

Lenten Appeal: The Bishop's Lenten Appeal concludes this Sunday. EFT payments can be made to the parish account (reference NAME + LENTEN APPEAL).

Adam to Jesus Covenant Bible Study: Beginning with Adam, we will explore the six covenants God makes with humanity—covenants that find their fulfilment in Jesus Christ. All are welcome on Thursday evenings from 19:10 to 20:30 in the hall, from 23 April to 25 June. To register please use the Google form on the parish website, or mail peoratory@gmail.com. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with hospitality each evening.

Diocesan News

Retrouvaille Weekend: The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place in Port Elizabeth from 24-26 April. For confidential details about Retrouvaille, or to register for the weekend, visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com or phone 072 783 6785.

St Augustine's Jubilee Dinner: St Augustine's Cathedral, the mother church of our diocese turns 160 this year in April. There will be a Jubilee Dinner on Friday, 17 April at 19:00. This will be followed by a solemn Jubilee Mass on Sunday, 19 April at 09:30. Due to limited space, only 100 tickets are available for the Jubilee Dinner at R200.00 per person. Bookings and payments can be made via the parish office on 041 585 2161 or via what's app on 072 628 1826 or email on staugustines.pe@cdpe.co.za.

Dementia Support Group: The support group for family members of persons living with dementia will meet at Nazareth House on Monday 13 April at 18:30. All are welcome to attend. For details contact Kaye on 083 299 1842.