

# Holy Cross Community Swansea

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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7th April 2019 Fifth Sunday Lent  
Reading cycles: Sundays C Psalter Week

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## Mass Times and Intentions

**Saturday 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday**  
Intention: Mary McCarthy Special Intention

**Sunday 9.30 am Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Intention: Joe & Karen Moruzzi Special Intention

**Monday 5th week Lent 11.00 am Funeral Mass Gemma Pelusi**

**Tuesday 5th week Lent**  
**NO MASS**

**Wednesday 5th week Lent 7.30 pm**  
Intention:

**Thursday 5th Week Lent 9.30 am**  
Intention: Devasia Thomas & Bincymol Pathckal RIP

**Friday 5th Week Lent Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm Mass 7.30 pm**  
Intention: Clive Thomas RIP

**Saturday 5th Week Lent 12.00 noon**  
Intention: John Collins Special Intention

**Saturday 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday**  
Intention:

**Sunday 14th April 9.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
Intention:

## Recently Died

### Anniversaries

Fred Chriswick  
Louisa Taylor  
Bridget Thomas  
John Thomas  
Mattie Pearce  
Kathleen Conway  
Miriam Orr  
Arthur Osmundsen  
Michael Halloran  
Jean Fender  
Terence Cullen

*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord*

*R. And let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they  
rest in peace. Amen*

## Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Heavenly Father,  
look with mercy on the sick of our  
parish community and help them in  
this time of sickness.  
Restore them to health, we pray,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Petitions to our Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;  
Body of Christ, be my salvation;  
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;  
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains.  
Passion of Christ, my comfort be;  
O good Jesu, listen to me;  
In thy wounds I gladly would hide;  
Ne'er to be parted from thy side;  
Guard me, should the foe assail me;  
Call me when my life shall fail me;  
Bid me come to thee above;

Jesus remains faithful, even when we have done  
wrong, and he waits to forgive us: he is the face of the  
merciful Father. This is a faithful love. *Pope Francis*



**Easter Offering envelopes are in the porch.  
This is your personal gift to Father Cyril.**

# HOLY WEEK

In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem until his blessed Passion and glorious Resurrection.

## **Palm Sunday Saturday evening 6.00 pm Sunday 9.30 am**

On this day, the Church enters upon the mystery of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of her Lord, brings together the triumphal procession of Christ as King and the proclamation of his Passion.

## **Sacred Triduum**

Christ accomplished the work of redemption and the perfect glorification of God principally through his paschal mystery, in which dying he destroyed our death and rising restored our life. Hence the Sacred Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection shines forth as the culmination of the whole liturgical year. By the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of her Spouse, the Church means to make present and to fulfil the mystery of the Passover, the passing over of the Lord from this world to the Father.

## **Chrism Mass Cathedral, Wednesday 11.30 am**

In cathedrals around the world, priests and people gather with their bishop for the Chrism Mass. The oils that will be used in our parishes and in our communities throughout the coming year are prepared and blessed before they are first used in our Easter Vigil. The oil of Baptism and the Oil of the Sick are solemnly blessed, the Oil of Chrism is blessed and consecrated.

## **Maunder Thursday 7.00 pm**

This evening, we come together as a community of believers to celebrate the feast day of the Eucharist. On this night we call to mind what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper. We are reminded that he washed the feet of the disciples and so gave us a clear example of the way in which we are to follow him: in loving service to others. Jesus then gave himself to his disciples in his gift of the Eucharist, calling them to share his mission: to do what he had done.

## **Good Friday Solemn Passion 3.00 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross 7.00pm**

The word "Good" in the name we give to this day originates from an old sense of the word, meaning "holy". Today we commemorate the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. Our liturgy will take us through three stages as we unite ourselves with him in his suffering and sacrifice for love of all people.

- ◆ We listen to the word of God. In the prophecy of Isaiah, the letter to the Hebrews and, most importantly of all, in St John's account of our Lord's Passion, we discover the depth of love shown in Christ's sufferings. We respond to his love in praying for the welfare of the whole world, that Christ's love may reach the hearts of all men and women.
- ◆ The cross on which Christ suffered and died is the sign of God's love that won life for the world and so each one of us is now personally invited to venerate the cross.
- ◆ Finally, we receive Holy Communion. Jesus Christ died to make us one in love and truth. He called us to be reconciled with him and with one another. In Holy Communion we are made one.

As we leave the church in silence we contemplate the gift of Christ's suffering.

## **Easter Vigil Saturday 7.00 pm Easter Sunday Morning 9.30 am**

All day today the church has been silent. We have been waiting in prayerful expectation, reflecting on the love of God, confident of the triumph of God's love over pain, suffering and death.

Tonight we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at our Easter Vigil. Tonight we share in a special way in the glory of the risen Christ.

**Part one** is the Lucernarium, or Service of Light—new fire is kindled and blessed. From that fire comes the light for the Easter Candle symbolising Christ who dispels the darkness of the night. The candle is placed high on the sanctuary and the joyful song of the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) is sung, as we rejoice in all that this light symbolises for us and for our world in the new life of Christ.

**Part two** is the Liturgy of the Word—the story of our salvation is told once more. We relive the story. As we listen to the Old Testament narrative our trust in the promise of redemption and hope for men and women is rekindled.

**Part three** is the Liturgy of Baptism—through our baptism we share in the risen life of Christ and are called to share in his work of redeeming the world. Tonight we celebrate with those who are being baptised and we recall our own baptism. We renew our personal baptismal promises and reflect on their significance for us.