

# St Hilda's Parish, Whitby

(Incorporating English Martyrs Church Sleights)

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## HOLY WEEK

### Masses & Services 29<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Day	Place	Time	Mass Intention	Feastday
Sunday	Sleights	9.00am	People of the Parish	Palm Sunday Yr A
Sunday	Whitby	10.30am	Joe Hodgson	
Monday	Whitby	10.00am	Paul Curran RIP	
Tuesday			No Mass in the Parish today	
Wednesday	Whitby	10.00am	Sheila Angus anniversary	
Thursday	Whitby	6.30pm	James McCormack RIP	Holy Thursday
Friday	Whitby	3.00pm	-----	Good Friday
Saturday	Whitby	6.30pm	People of the Parish	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Sleights	9.00am	Private Intention	Easter Sunday
Sunday	Whitby	10.30am	Michael Hollinrake anniversary	Easter Sunday

#### Palm Sunday.

Today we commemorate the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The people welcomed Him, singing 'Hosanna' and laying palm branches in His path. Palm leaves will be blessed at both Masses, please feel free to take some home, and to pass them on.

**Easter Egg Raffle** – the draw takes place after 10.30am Mass today, proceeds to SVP and the Food Bank.

#### Tuesday

The Chrism Mass is in the Cathedral at 12 noon, everyone is welcome. The bishop will bless three jugs of olive oil for the celebration of the Sacraments: The Oil of Catechumens is used before Baptism, the Oil of Chrism is used for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination to the Priesthood, the Oil of the Sick is for Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick and dying.

#### Wednesday.

Today is often called 'Spy Wednesday' as the Gospel at Mass recalls the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot.

Rosary is at 9.35am. Confessions available after Mass.

#### Holy Thursday.

The Sacred Triduum begins with Mass commemorating the Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be carried to the Lady Chapel for quiet prayer until 8.00pm. Confessions available after Mass. (*Please be kind enough to leave the church quietly so as not to disturb those who wish to pray*)

#### Good Friday.

This a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting today means taking a maximum of one full meal and two snacks and is binding on Catholics 18-60 years. Abstinence means not eating meat and is binding on Catholics 14 years +. Vegetarians are to abstain from another luxury.

At **3pm** we gather to hear the reading of the **Passion** and have the opportunity to venerate the Cross.

*A collection for the **Holy Places** is taken today; it helps to maintain the Christian shrines in the Holy Land and also is used to support the struggling Christian families living there.*

The Divine Mercy Novena begins today and concludes on the Sunday after Easter; leaflets are available in the churches.

#### Holy Saturday.

Today we complete the commemorations of Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection with the Easter Vigil. We bless the Easter Candle, Easter water, renew our Baptismal Promises and celebrate the first Mass of Easter. (Church open at 5.30pm)

**Confessions:** Tuesday, Holy Thursday after Mass & Good Friday after the Liturgy of the Passion & on request.

**Easter Duties** can be made until 31<sup>st</sup> May, details on previous newsletters.

Outdoor Ecumenical Services.

*Whitby. Good Friday Walk of Witness – 10am starting from St Mary's*

*Sleights. Good Friday I Act of Witness- 12 noon & Easter Day Sunrise service- 6.30am, both on Daffodil Green.*

**Wishing you all every blessing for Holy Week and Easter, Fr Michael Sellers.**