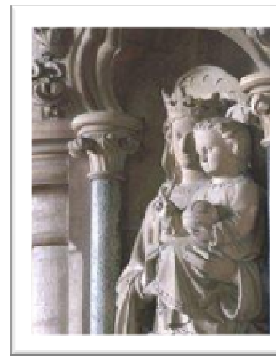


# Watch of the Passion

**T**HE *Itinerarium Egeriae*, or the 'Travels of Egeria, set out for us a late fourth century account by a Spanish nun of a visit to the Holy Places in Jerusalem, telling us about all the ceremonies and liturgies that took place during Passiontide. It is from this account, we think, that throughout the Church the vivid ceremonies of Holy Week began to be celebrated. The Entry into Jerusalem. The Last Supper, with the washing of feet. The Stations of the Cross and the Veneration of the Wood of the Cross. Lighting the New Fire and the Paschal Candle. Amongst these ceremonies, one of the most beautiful and poignant – especially in East Hendred – is the Watch of the Passion. After the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, the Blessed Sacrament is processed to the Altar of Repose in St Amand's Chapel. Nothing could be more beautiful than the walk up to what, for us, is Gethsemane.

In former times, as some will remember, the Watch of the Passion would go on all night, 'Men Only' from midnight with the clergy having to plug whatever gaps there were in the nocturnal rota. After midnight, Gethsemane, the Garden of Flowers, would become Pilate's House, and the Lord, in the Tabernacle, would be surrounded no longer by flowers as the Chapel was stripped. The Blessed Sacrament would be brought back for Holy Communion in the Good Friday Liturgy, the one time when there is no Eucharist and we communicate from the Pre-sanctified.

'Could you not watch with me one hour?' says Jesus to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, who are sleeping as he prays in Gethsemane. In response to that, we sign up to keep watch. Some outdo the disciples by putting in an hour. Others admit their frailty but put in a devout half-hour. The Watch lasts from about 9.30pm to midnight and we punctuate it with readings from the Farewell Discourses in St John's Gospel, the sayings of Jesus between the Supper and the Arrest.



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<b>Sunday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> <b>Procession of Palms: 9.30am</b> ( <i>from Champs Chapel</i> ) <i>followed by Mass at St Mary's</i> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's</b>	<b>Year A: Week 2</b> [RED] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Of Holy Week</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple]
<b>Tuesday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Of Holy Week</i> <u>No Mass at St Mary's</u> <b>Mass of Chrism: 11am Portsmouth Catholic Cathedral</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Of Holy Week</i> Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[purple]
<b>Thursday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8pm St Mary's</b> <i>followed by the Watch of the Passion (until Midnight)</i>	[white]
<b>Friday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Morning Prayer: 9am St Mary's <i>followed by</i> Confessions Children's workshop: Parish Rooms 10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: 12 noon <b>St Mary's</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm St Mary's</b>	[RED]
<b>Saturday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Morning Prayer: 9am St Mary's <i>followed by</i> Confessions <b>EASTER VIGIL</b> <b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8pm St Mary's</b>	[—] [GOLD]
<b>Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> <b>Solemn Mass: 9.30am St Mary's</b> <b>Mass and Holy Baptism: 11.15am St Patrick's</b> <b>Solemn Vespers and Benediction: 6pm St Mary's</b>	<b>Year A: Week 1</b> [GOLD] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
	<b>Confessions: as advertised or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST PATRICK'S

7 pm on **Wednesday** (28<sup>th</sup> March) for adults and children.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

There are a couple of lists in the porch to sign up for, one for those who can watch before the Blessed Sacrament on Maundy Thursday night and another for volunteers for the washing of the feet.

### GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

All children are welcome to the Good Friday workshop in St Mary's Parish rooms from **10.30am to 12.00 noon**. Stations of the Cross, activities, crafts, hot cross buns and drinks.

### HOLY PLACES

The collection for the Holy Places allows us to support the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land which feature so prominently in the events of Holy Week. Traditionally this is taken up on Good Friday after the Passion Liturgy.

### HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS

Servers rehearse at 11.30am on Holy Saturday (31<sup>st</sup> March). Hot cross buns and drinks afterwards.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON HOLY SATURDAY AT ST MARY'S

We will be decorating the church for Easter on the morning of Holy Saturday, if you would like to help please come along. Cleaning, polishing and dusting the church will be done from 11.30am. Please come to help!

### EASTER OFFERING

The Easter offering is traditionally for the personal use of the clergy, forming part of their income. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

### PARISH GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please collect your new envelopes from the back of the church.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish rooms after Mass. All donations go to a good charity - eye camps.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Holy Places: Good Friday; Clergy Training Fund: 22<sup>nd</sup> April



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**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by **Wednesday 10 am**

## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Ann McCarthy.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Clare Vaughan, Kathleen Ballard, Ann Ansell, Hugh O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Elizabeth McElroy, John Doyle and Ted More.*

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION** - Evangelization: *Formation in Spiritual Discernment.* That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

### SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and warmth shown by the parish and the school: cards, cakes – one from each, Facebook messages, e-mails. It is a huge privilege to be supported by such a lovely, vibrant community. Thank you and God bless you all.

Fr Andrew

### THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group would like to thank all who have supported them on their sponsored walk by donating to CAFOD. We have raised an amazing £297. If you would still like to donate, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmarysyouthgroup2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmarysyouthgroup2). Thank you once again. We really appreciate your generosity and support.

### MESSAGE FROM DIDCOT FOOD BANK

Thank you very much for your continued support of the food bank in Didcot. At the moment we are very short on tinned vegetables and would be very grateful of any donations of these. Thank you again for your very generous and ongoing support.

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

At our next meeting we begin to look at Paul's letter to the Romans. We will meet on Tuesday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, in the parish rooms beginning with biscuits and coffee at about 7.15. We read, discuss and pray together and finish between 8.30 and 9.00. All are welcome.

### TO THE HEIGHTS

A retreat for young adults 16-35 yrs from the 27-29 April at St Jude's School. Bishopsfield Road, Fareham. Dynamic talks, creative workshops, friendship, adoration & worship, reconciliation & healing. Please see poster in church or go to [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)