

Holy Week & Easter 2026



Sacred Heart Wimbledon

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● ————— Before Holy Week ————— ●

Saturday 28 March

10.30am **Lenten Penitential Service**
with individual Confessions

Starting after the 10.00am Mass, a short communal Service of Penitence will be followed by individual Confessions, with visiting priests as well as our own. During the Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come and confess early for Easter!

● ————— Palm Sunday ————— ●

Sunday 29 March

The Blessing of Palms comes at the beginning of each Mass, and all Masses begin on time. Ensure that you are present on time if you want your palm blessed! Please join in the crowd parts (C) in the Passion.

Holy Mass with Solemn Entrance

6.30pm (Saturday) • 8.00am • 5.00pm • 8.00pm



Please collect a palm, hymn book, and service booklet from inside the church, and then assemble outside the church. Mass starts with the Palm Gospel and the Blessing of Palms. Please follow the Altar party into the church.

Holy Mass with Procession

10.00am • 12 noon

Please collect a palm, hymn book, and service booklet from inside the church, and then assemble by the arch at the Edge Hill entrance, facing the church. Mass starts with the Palm Gospel and the Blessing of Palms, and then the Palm Procession. Please follow the Altar party in the Procession. Do join in the singing in the Procession!

• Holy Monday to Spy Wednesday •

Monday 30 March – Wednesday 1 April

10.00am **Holy Mass**

5.45pm – 6.15pm **Confessions**

6.30pm **Holy Mass**

Also on Wednesday 1 April

11.30am **Chrism Mass**

Celebrated by the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral in Southwark (Lambeth Road, SE1 7HY), the Chrism Mass includes the Blessing of the Oils of the Sick and of Catechumens, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism. To signify the unity of the Presbyterate of the diocese, the priests renew publicly their priestly promises. You are advised to arrive early to get a seat.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2 April

5.45pm – 6.15pm **Confessions**

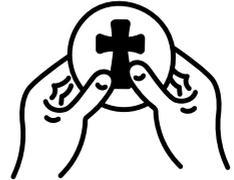
8.00pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper includes the Washing of Feet and is followed by Watch before the Altar of Repose until midnight. Additional parking will be available at Wimbledon College from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

Ubi caritas (O. Gjeilo)

O Sacrum convivium (C. de Morales)

Ave verum corpus (W. Byrd)



Good Friday (morning)

Friday 3 April

Good Friday is a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence.

- Fasting (for those aged 18 to 59) means eating one full meal and two smaller collations that do not equate to a full meal, and avoiding snacks.
- Abstinence (for those aged 14 and above) means not eating meat, including soups and gravies made from meat. We should also abstain from things like alcohol.

**10.00am Churches Together West Wimbledon
Walk of Witness**

This ecumenical witness begins at the Lantern Methodist Church in Raynes Park (Worple Road, SW20 8RA). After prayers and a hymn led by our 5.00pm Choir, we will process through Raynes Park, enacting the Passion of Our Lord. If you would like to read or enact a part, please email Cathy at wimbledoncoordinator@rcaos.org.uk.

10.30am – 11.30am Confessions

11.00am Children’s Stations of the Cross

Please email Rachel Marshall at rachel@marshallmail.net if your child would like to take part. Adult help is also welcomed! A rehearsal for all actors and readers will take place beforehand from 9.30am to 10.30am.



• Good Friday (afternoon / evening) •

Friday 3 April

3.00pm **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

Additional parking will be available at Wimbledon College from 12.30pm to 6.30pm.

The **Good Friday Collection** is the Papal Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area. Please donate by cash, by cheque, or through the card readers (select 'Second Collection').

Improperia (T.L. de Victoria)

Crucifixus (B minor Mass) (J.S. Bach)

O vos omnes (P. Casals)

In manus tuas (T. Tallis)

5.45pm – 6.15pm **Confessions**

6.15pm **Younger People's Stations of the Cross**

7.15pm **Traditional Stations of the Cross**

We recall Christ on the day of His Crucifixion and make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of Our Lord's Passion. If you can't attend in person, follow the livestream at sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/livestream.

Holy Saturday

Saturday 4 April

Please fast if possible until the Easter celebration. On this day, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on Christ's Passion and Death and on His descent into Hell, and awaiting His Resurrection.

10.30am – 11.30am **Confessions**

12 noon **Święconka**

The traditional Polish Blessing of Easter Baskets takes place in the church.

5.45pm – 6.15pm **Confessions**

8.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

This is the most important Liturgy of the Year; please attend if you possibly can. The liturgy includes the Blessing of the Fire, the Preparation of the Paschal Candle, the Procession of Light, the Exsultet, the Vigil of Readings, the Baptism, Reception, and Confirmation of Adults, and the Mass of the Resurrection. Additional parking will be available at Wimbledon College from 6.00pm to 11.00pm.

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This is the day (Anon.)



Easter Sunday

Sunday 5 April

8.00am Holy Mass

10.00am Holy Mass

12 noon Holy Mass (Latin)

5.00pm Holy Mass

8.00pm Holy Mass

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises replaces the Creed.

The Collection at all Easter Masses is for the priests of the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

After Easter

On Bank Holiday **Easter Monday 6 April**, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am only, after which the church will close.

Masses and Confessions will resume their usual schedule from Easter Tuesday 7 April onwards. Please see the newsletter.

He is Risen

The Parish Clergy and Pastoral Team wishes everyone - our visitors, friends, and particularly parishioners - a very happy Easter.

Canon David Gibbons KCHS, Fr Edwin Raj, Fr Peter Frank, Dcn Julian Burling, Sr Dorothy Perrott, & Robert Hitchcock