

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2026

Sunday 29 March <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	08:30 hrs.	<i>Blessing of the Palm Leaves</i> <i>Blessed Palm Leaves will be distributed at every Mass</i>
	10:00 hrs.	<i>English Mass</i>
Thursday, 2 April <i>(Holy Thursday)</i>	09:30 hrs.	<i>Chrism Mass (Thai)</i>
	19:00 hrs.	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Thai)</i> <i>(No Daily Mass)</i>
Friday, 3 April <i>(Good Friday)</i>	12:00 hrs.	<i>Way of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross</i> <i>(English)</i>
	14:00 hrs.	<i>Way of the Cross (Thai)</i>
	15:00 hrs.	<i>Veneration of the Cross (Thai)</i> <i>(No Daily Mass)</i>
***** Today is a day of FASTING and ABSTINENCE *****		
[The discipline of the Roman Catholic Church dictates that Good Friday is another obligatory day of fasting and abstinence, while Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.		
For members of the Church, aged between 18 and 59, the norms on fasting are obligatory. These norms state that, when fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal during the day, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.]		
Saturday, 4 April <i>(Holy Saturday)</i>	19:00 hrs.	<i>Easter Vigil Mass (The Vigil of Easter) (Thai)</i> <i>(No daily Mass)</i>
Sunday, 5 April <i>(Easter Sunday)</i>	07:00 hrs.	<i>Easter Mass (Thai)</i>
	08:30 hrs.	<i>Easter Mass (Thai)</i>
	*** 10:30 hrs.	<i>Easter Mass (English) ***</i>
	17:00 hrs.	<i>Easter Mass (Thai)</i>

N.B. The services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be in Thai. However, English booklets will be made available for the English-speaking community.

*** Please note that the Easter Mass in English will start at 10:30 hrs. instead of the usual 10:00 hrs. ***

HOW IS LENT GOING?

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. It is now only two weeks until Easter. As is our wont, we may have started Lent with great enthusiasm and the best of intentions but, by now, we may easily be wondering – *what has happened to our firm resolve?* ‘Time stands still for no man’. So they say.

I have been reading *Surprised by Hope* (2007), by NT Wright. I have found it an enlightening look at the Resurrection. I would like to share with you an insight of the author on time. He offers it within a Christian perspective. I hope you find it as thought provoking as I did.

“The early Christians did not believe in ‘progress’. They did not think the world was getting better and better under its own steam – or even under the steady influence of God. They knew God had to do something fresh to put it to rights. But nor did they believe that the world was getting worse and worse and that their task was to escape it altogether. They were not dualists. Since most people who think about these things today tend towards one or other of these two points of view, it comes as something of a surprise to discover that the early Christians held a quite different view. They believed that God was going to do for the whole cosmos what he had done for Jesus at Easter.”

Think about it. This is what I would definitely call a **WOW!** thought. Sit with this for a moment and bathe in the wonder and mystery of God that it opens up to us. There is much food for thought in these few sentences to take us through the rest of Lent.

The Christian project is not about filling the world with optimists, nor about working for the conversion of pessimists. Rather it is about letting everyone know that, no matter what, God is with us; that God’s Reign has broken into our world, being neither defined nor confined by it. So Christian hope is ever real and sure. This is life-changing stuff. If we fully take in the mystery of God, our life will never be the same again. The Good News is transformative, letting us taste the true essence of life and see the new Creation of God.

As we face these last two weeks of Lent, we may take up the invitation to contemplate God with us in the midst of our world as it is, allowing our God to take us where He will, thus opening up a whole vista of possibilities for life, love and mission. So may we know with fresh purpose and resolve that the Resurrection is real, living it in our here and now.

— John P Murray



CALENDAR

MONDAY

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,

19-30, 33-62 or

13:41c-62

Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

MARCH 29

*Palm Sunday
of the
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or

27:11-54

ANNOUNCEMENT

During the coming Sundays of Lent, we will offer the opportunity to pray the Way of the Cross. This is a long-held prayer within the Church. My understanding is that this devotion arose within the Church in the Middle Ages, as a way of allowing the faithful to make a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, without actually — physically — going there. So, for us, the Way of the Cross is a Pilgrimage we can make this Lent in faith.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.

Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass

Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.

English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.

English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).

English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.

Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon

Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY – Belmont Mass

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION – Belmont Mass

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN – Belmont Mass

Amen, amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD – Belmont Mass

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: MERCIFUL GOD (No. 489)

FINAL: HOSEA (No. 484) PLEASE STAND

5th SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

Sunday, 22 March 2026

ENTRANCE: THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS (No. 481) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY – Belmont Mass

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

FIRST READING: Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 130: WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY



℣. With the Lord there is mercy and full-ness of re-demp-tion.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. (R)
2. If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. (R)
3. I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. (R)

4. For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**All: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.**

GOSPEL: Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Lord, hear your people."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: TURN TO THE LIVING GOD (No. 485)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.