



PALM SUNDAY

“Hosanna to the King”

8.30am, Sunday 14th April

Palm Sunday begins outside the Church. We will be lining the path and holding palms, re-enacting what we read about in the Word.

Throughout the Mass, we hear the story of Jesus’ final week with his Apostles, his joyful entry through the gates of Jerusalem, leading to his last meal with his friends, his betrayal, trial, torture and death. We are left empty as we hear of him being placed in the tomb. For now, the story stops there.



THE MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Do this in memory of me”

7.30pm, Thursday 18th April

Holy Thursday night is the first celebration of the Triduum, 3 liturgies over 3 days, but a single continuous celebration. It celebrates the Mass of the Lord’s Supper where our parish family helps us to re-enact the Passover Feast and Jesus washing the feet of his 12 Apostles.

Mass does not end with the Sign of the Cross as a prayer of dismissal.

Instead we stay with Jesus on his journey to his death.

The beautiful, joyous memorial of the Last Supper ends in silence.



GOOD FRIDAY

“Father, forgive them”

3.00pm, Friday 19th April

The Good Friday ceremony is the second celebration of the Triduum. We enter the church; there is no singing and no Sign of the Cross. We begin the memorial of Jesus’ death by re-enacting the tragic events beginning with Jesus’ agony in Gethsemane, his betrayal, arrest, trial, condemnation to death and execution. In silence, we move forward to touch the wood of the cross; we may kiss it or simply touch it with our hand. There is no consecration, this is not a Mass. We are invited to receive Holy Communion and we are fed with hosts consecrated for us at the Mass of the Last Supper. The liturgy finishes in silence.



EASTER

“He is Risen”

Saturday Vigil 20th April 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 21st April 8.30am

The Easter Vigil is truly extraordinary. If your family is able to be there, it is an experience that can stay with them for a long time. For littlies it may be a challenge, as the full ceremonies can take well over an hour. For older children, this is a wonderful event, no longer than a movie. We arrive to find the church in darkness, remembering that this is the third movement in the Triduum.

We gather around a fire lit outside the church. Father blesses and lights the new Paschal candle, to be used in baptisms and funerals throughout the next year. We light our candles and move into the church, carrying the Light of Christ.

When we come to sing the Gloria, a wonderful prayer of praise, the bells are rung, the lights in the church are turned on, and our Easter joy is set free.

Jesus is risen!

Come & celebrate Easter with us at St Brigid’s Church

~ please keep this as a guide in your preparation towards Easter ~