



TIMES OF THE LITURGY

Sunday - 7.45am - Lauds | 8.15am - Low Mass | 9.15am - Dominican Rite Mass (Extraordinary Form) | 11am - Sung Conventual Mass | 6pm - Low Mass | 7pm - Vespers.

Monday - Friday - 7am - Lauds | 7.30am - Conventual Mass | 6.15pm - Devotions and Meditation | 6.30pm - Vespers. On Fridays in Lent, Stations at 6.50pm. [N.B. First Fridays of the month, Vespers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with a period of Adoration from 6.15pm.]

Saturday - 9am - Lauds | 9.30am - Conventual Mass | 4.30-6pm - Confessions | 6.15pm - Sung Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 6.30pm - Vespers.

THIS WEEK

Sun 30 **LENT IV**

Mon 31 *feria*

Tue 1 *feria*

Wed 2 *feria*

Thu 3 *feria*

Fri 4 *feria*

Sat 5 *feria*

Sun 6 **LENT V**



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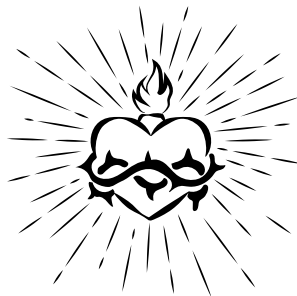
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after Vespers there will be Stations of the Cross in our chapel at around 6.50pm.



FIRST FRIDAY - 4 APRIL

7am - Lauds | 7.30am - Conventual Mass | 6.15pm - Exposition & Vespers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Adoration & Benediction.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH THE SISTERS

The Dominican Sisters invite you to a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday 12 April 2025 at 155 Huntingdon Road Cambridge CB3 0DH. The day will begin at 10.00 a.m. with coffee/tea and will include reflections on the theme. We will celebrate Mass together, and there will be a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Confession. The day will conclude at 4.00 p.m. with Vespers & Benediction. Light refreshments will be available. Suggested donation £15. For further information please contact Sr. Angela Mary <angelamleydon@gmail.com> or mobile: 07968091751

DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday 14 June at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, until 60 years where we celebrate each year thereafter) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. Refreshments will follow the Mass. For more details and if you would like to register please go to: <<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>>. Please direct all questions to the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: <mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk>.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

'Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her' (Jeremiah, 5:1).

In the streets of Jerusalem, there was a man who did justice, who was more than a seeker of truth. He was truth incarnate. He was taken through the streets of Jerusalem and out of the city into the darkness, he died and the truth did not die with him. So we walk the stations of the cross, with the man of truth.

The First Station - Jesus is condemned to death. Lord, you came into the world to bear witness to the truth. You are truth incarnate, yet you stood before a man who could only say, 'What is truth?'

The Second Station - Jesus Receives the cross. The cross contains many human truths about humanity. Human vulnerability, the need to control each other by inflicting pain and death are all human truths. Yet when Christ takes the cross to himself, a new truth is given to us, the divine plan to transform humanity through the suffering of Christ. From this come the truths about our lives that only the Father can give us in the cross of his Son.

The Third Station - Jesus Falls the First Time. It was not gravity that made Jesus fall so much as the lies we tell about God, about life, and about each other. Lies oppress us, push us down but the man of truth stands up against the lies, and leads us to the truth that will set us free.

The Fourth Station - Jesus is Met by His Blessed Mother. There are some truths which can only be between some people. Truth is a relationship with what is to be known but some truths need to be seen by more than one person. Jesus and his Mother shared the truth of the sorrow of the cross, without words, in a single glance. In our prayer to Our Lady, we pray to share in that truth.

The Fifth Station - The Cross is Laid Upon Simon of Cyrene. Simon carried the cross without understanding. A task laid upon him by the oppressors of his land. Later he would understand. Perhaps before the night of that terrible day fell, perhaps later. We too experience the cross before we understand it. It was always in our hands but only later do we take it into our hearts.

The Sixth Station - Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus. Show me your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. So says the Song of Song, (2:14). The face may show us something of what we are, and the legend of Veronica speaks of our longing to see the face of Jesus. Our faces are obscured by artifice, mistrust and oppression. Yet it is not the face that we are to see but we are to look through the face to the heart. This is true for all human beings. It was not blood and sweat that hid the

face of Jesus. It was our lack of love, because only through love that we may see into the depths of God, through the heart of Christ.

The Seventh Station Jesus Falls the Second Time. We stand between the earth and the sky. The past is the ground we walk on, the future is the life we yearn for above and beyond, the earth and the sky of the human heart. We have no other past but the past we walk on, and the future is in God's hands. We must stand up then, walk on what we have been, and by carrying the cross, go forwards to the kingdom of heaven.

The Eighth Station - The Women of Jerusalem Mourn for our Lord. Women wept before the coming of the Christ. All over the world they weep even when they do not know him. With Christ we learn how to cry in truth, for the sins of the world, and our inability to forgive, to weep for those who despair of life itself.

The Ninth Station - Jesus Falls the Third Time. Jesus fell to the ground, the ground out of which Adam was formed. For many this earth meant death and not life, the dust to which we must return. Yet as the heart of Jesus beat against the earth, so his love resonated through all the world. From the dust we will live again, for it is blessed by Christ who lay on it.

The Tenth Station - Jesus is Stripped of His Garments. Not all our clothes tell the truth about us. God was the first tailor who clothed our shame, and clothing may be a way of hiding. Yet the clothes of Christ who knew no sin were transformed on the mountain of the transfiguration. Now we must be clothed in Christ, that we may live his life.

The Eleventh Station - Jesus is Nailed to the Cross. In itself, death may be the final loss of freedom, the end of choice so that it does seem like we were nailed to an inescapable and desolate truth. Yet in Christ, death has become our freedom, so that, in his kingdom, we may walk where we please, not against but by God's good pleasure.

The Twelfth Station - Jesus Dies on the Cross. Death may seem the ultimate form of our lives, the final boundary of all that we are. Yet death is not a wall at the end of our life. It is a boundary between the dying life that we live now and the risen life of Christ, for the death of Christ touches the life of the risen Christ in the cross. So it is that he hands over his spirit from the cross.

The Thirteenth Station - Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross. The courtesies we offer to the dead in our funeral rites may be for the comfort of the living out of a wish to dispose of the uncomfortable truth of death. Yet because Christ died, it is given to us to console the dead, so that all who live now, may through the cross, offer life to those who live in death, waiting for the vision of God, and that all those who live in that vision may comfort us, and bring us to everlasting life.

The Fourteenth Station - Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre. We Christians should never fear the places of the dead. These places are blessed by God, guarded by angels, and seedbeds of immortality. For some, tombs are places to hide the dead, but for us they are places to offer the dead back to God, for we shall see them again when there is a new heaven and a new earth, and the dead shall rise.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

- HOLY WEEK & EASTER, 2025 -

SUNDAY 13 APRIL - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

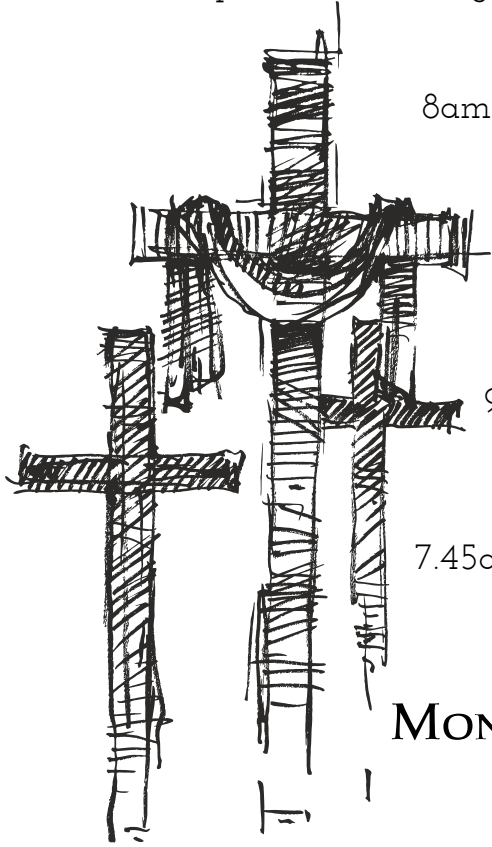
7.45am - Lauds | 8.15am - Low Mass | 9.15am - Dominican Rite Mass (Extraordinary Form) | 11am - Sung Conventual Mass | 6pm - Low Mass | 7pm - Vespers. Palms will be blessed and distributed at each of the Masses.

MONDAY 14, TUESDAY 15, AND WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

Liturgy times as usual. Chrism Mass on Tuesday 15 April at 11.30am at Norwich Cathedral.

THURSDAY 17 APRIL - HOLY THURSDAY

7.30am - Office of Readings & Lauds | 6pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.



FRIDAY 18 APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

8am - Tenebræ (Office of Readings & Lauds) | 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.

SATURDAY 19 APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY

8am - Tenebræ (Office of Readings & Lauds) | from 4.30pm Confessions | 6.30pm Vespers.

9.30pm - Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord in the Holy Night

SUNDAY 20 APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7.45am - Lauds | 8.15am - Low Mass | 9.15am - Dominican Rite Mass (Extraordinary Form) | 11am - Sung Conventual Mass | 6pm - Solemn Vespers. NOTE NO EVENING MASS.

MONDAY 21 APRIL - WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9am - Lauds | 9.30am - Conventual Mass | 6.15pm - Rosary and Meditation | 6.30pm - Vespers

TUESDAY 22 APRIL - FRIDAY 25 APRIL - WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7am - Lauds | 7.30am - Conventual Mass | 6.15pm - Devotions and Meditation | 6.30pm - Vespers.

All Liturgy Times return to normal from Saturday 26 April.

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