





23rd March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School – Week 26

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging our pupils to attend the Chapel activities.

	Before school 8:15 am	Lunchtime 1:30 pm	
Monday:	Morning prayer: All welcome	While the weather is nice, the Faith garden is open for quiet time.	
Tuesday:	Morning prayer: All welcome	Knit and Natter	
Wednesday:	STAFF MORNING PRAYER: Expressive arts	Lent Big Walk – join the Chaplain and get some steps in!	
Thursday:	Morning prayer: All welcome	Youth SVP meeting in the Chapel.	
Friday:	Morning prayer: All welcome	Break up at 12:15 for our Easter holidays.	

During Lent, we have been praying and focussing on one of the stations of the cross in the Chapel every morning.

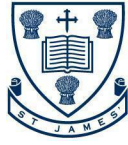
You might like to watch this during Lent and perhaps pray one of the stations each day...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-ltq65b5hc>

This is a link to some stations of the cross prayers for young people.

<file:///W:/Documents/Downloads/TeenStationsoftheCrossEnglish-PHL-2016.pdf>





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We have one week left to reach our target and for each pupil to donate to our Caritas appeal.

Thank you to all those who have been sharing pictures of their walks and their total km via email to Mrs Pardoe. These are being logged on our school page as we raise money together. **Please get involved if you can.** You can run, walk or ride. Here is a link to our school page:

We only have two weeks left (one week in school) to reach our target and we are asking all pupils to donate a minimum of £1 to our appeal. We can still add any walks that we do in the first week of our holidays- Holy Week.

St James' Catholic High School Big Lent Walk

https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-james-catholic-high-school-big-lent-walk?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-EM&utm_content=MPC

Prayer and liturgy in school

Pupils are invited to come to the Chapel at break time or lunchtime, if they want to talk to the Chaplain or need to take some time to pray, especially if they are having a difficult day.

This week, we are continuing with reflection lessons in the Chapel, for Key stage three. We have focused on the cross and God's plan for us. Also, Fr Samuel has joined us for penitential services for Year 11 and Year 10 and they have been invited to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer for the week ahead: A reflection for Holy week as we gaze on the greatest act of love mankind has ever known.

As you read this passage, consider Jesus' love for his Father in that he became one of us and freely accepted death on a cross for the salvation of humankind... How does it make you feel that he did it out of love for us?





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Philippians 2:6-11

*His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Lord, in this final week of term, we pray for all members of St. James' community, pupils, staff, families and friends. As we break up for our Easter holidays, help us to focus in Holy Week on preparing for the joy of Jesus' resurrection, with penitence and prayer.

Amen. St James: **Pray for us.**

Yours faithfully,

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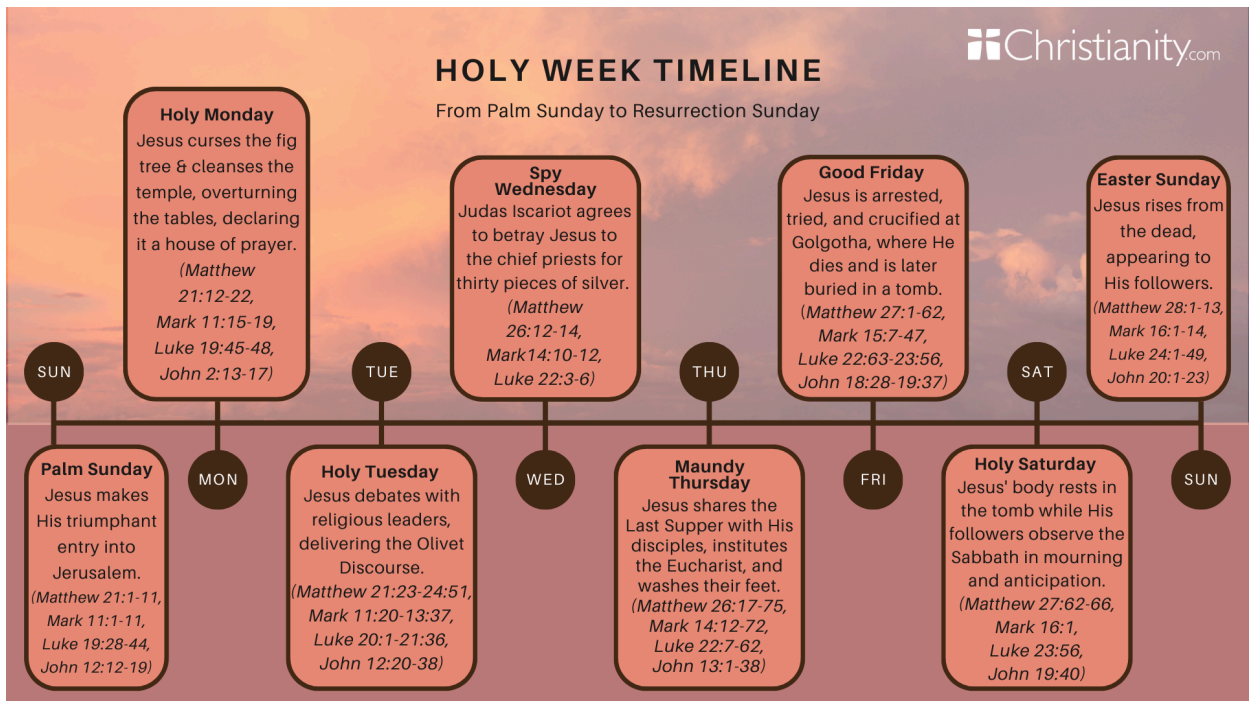
(Lay Chaplain)

SEE BELOW FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHURCH SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



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With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26



The Olivet Discourse is the name given to the teaching given by Jesus Christ on the Mount of Olives. His subject is the end times. This is recorded in Matthew 24:1 – 25:46. Parallel passages are found in Mark 13:1-37 and Luke 21:5-36.

- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, featuring the blessing and procession of palm branches and the reading of the Passion Gospel.





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- [Stations of the Cross](#): Frequently prayed, especially on Good Friday.
- Chrism Mass: Usually held on Holy Thursday morning (or earlier), the Bishop consecrates the Holy Oils (Chrism, Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens) used for sacraments throughout the year.
- [The Sacred Triduum](#) (Thursday evening - Sunday evening): The summit of the liturgical year.
 - Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper): Re-enacts the Last Supper, including the washing of feet, the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood, and a procession to a place of repose for adoration.
 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: A day of fasting and abstinence. There is no Mass. The service includes the Liturgy of the Word, the solemn veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.
 - [Easter Vigil](#) (Holy Saturday Night): Held after dark, this service begins with the blessing of the fire and the Easter Candle. It includes extensive scripture readings, the baptism of new members, and the first Mass of the Resurrection.
- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection: Celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead, characterized by joyous, festive music.



***Please see your local parish websites for Mass times. Many parishes produce a sheet with all the times of the services listed.**





St Ann's St Chad's and Christ Church

Easter Mass & Service Times	St. Ann's	St. Chad's	Christ Church
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	8pm followed by watching till midnight	6.30pm followed by watching till 9pm	6.00pm followed by watching till 8.30pm
Good Friday 3 rd April			
Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm	3pm	3pm
Easter Vigil 4 th April	8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm
Easter Sunday 5 th April	11am	9.30am	9am and 11am

ST PETER'S AND ST PHILIPS Palm Sunday April 28th/29th usual Sunday Masses with Blessing of Palms Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March Wednesday 1st April Mass in St. Peter's each day at 12 Noon and on Wednesday at St. Philip's at 9.15 am.

The Chrism Mass this year is limited to two people per Parish, as it is to be held in the Cathedral. We have two Parishioners attending Holy Thursday April 2nd, Mass in both Churches at 7.00 pm Watching at the Altar of Repose in St. Philip's until 9.00 pm and in St. Peter's until 11.00 pm

Good Friday April 3rd Stations of the Cross led by the Children at 11.00 am Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00 pm in BOTH Churches

Holy Saturday April 4th THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil in St. Peter's only at 8.30 pm





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EASTER SUNDAY Masses in St. Peter's 8.30, 10.00 and 11.30 (NO EVENING MASS) Mass in St. Philip's at 10.00 am

Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul Telephone: 0161 480 2489 Email: stockport3parishes@gmail.com Website: threeparishesofstockport.co.uk Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Onuoha Email: frifeanyimom@yahoo.com

Sunday 29th March—PALM SUNDAY Sat 28th Vigil Mass 5pm St Ambrose 9:30 am St Vincent's 11 am Our Lady's

Monday 30th March—MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 9:30am St Ambrose **Tuesday** 31st March - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 9:30 Our Lady's

Wednesday 1st April—WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 9:30 am St Vincent's

Thursday 2nd April—THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK 7pm Our Lady's EVENING MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER

Friday 3rd April - **GOOD FRIDAY** CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION & VENERATION OF THE CROSS Day of fasting and Abstinence. Morning Prayer of the Church Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross. Stations of the Cross, Passion and Veneration of Cross. 10 am Our Lady's 3pm Our Lady's 4pm St Vincent's

Saturday 4th April HOLY SATURDAY Morning Prayer of the Church Blessing of Easter Food (Polish) Easter Vigil—Adult Baptism & Reception 10am Our Lady's 11am Our Lady's 8pm Our Lady's Sunday 5th April

EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 am St Vincent's 10am St Ambrose 11am Our Lady's

