

From Pope Benedict's words on the Easter Triduum given at the General Audience, Rome, March 21st 2008

...The rites suggested for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, the rich silence of prayer of Holy Saturday and the solemn Easter vigil provide us with the opportunity to deepen the feelings and the values of our Christian vocation unleashed by the Paschal mystery...

Maundy Thursday:

...Washing their feet was a concrete way of exclaiming the primacy of His love, a love that serves even to the point of giving oneself, anticipating as well the supreme sacrifice of giving His life, which He was to do the following day on Calvary. According to a beautiful tradition, the faithful close on Holy Thursday for a vigil of prayer and Eucharistic adoration enabling them to relive the agonies that Christ suffered at Gethsemane more vividly...

Good Friday:

...the Church gathers to consider the mystery of sin and evil that oppress humanity. They revisit, in the light of the word of God, the sufferings of Christ that atone for this evil...

Easter Vigil:

...the Church holds vigil next to the newly blessed fire and meditates on the great promise contained in the Old and New Testaments, of the conclusive liberation from the ancient slavery to sin and death. In the darkness of the night, the Easter candle is lit from the new fire as a symbol of Christ who rises again in glory...

Who are these talks for?

They are for anyone who would like to learn more about Holy Week.
THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE
for any of these talks.

The Aim?

To help us celebrate these days wonderful with greater understanding

The Place:

Each talk will be held at the Cathedral in St Walburge's Chapel.
The entrance can be found from the Pastoral Centre car park off Balmoral Road.
Starting at 7:30pm,
finished by 9:00pm.



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Curious about Holy Week?



Curious about Holy Week... ..come along and find out more!



Lord Jesus, help me to take some time this Lent to consider Your love for me. Help me to appreciate more deeply Your willingness to go to Your death for me. Teach me to express my love for You in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Holy Week is the week immediately preceding Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday. Solemn rites are observed commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Special observances recalling the institution of the Eucharist are celebrated on Maundy Thursday; Scripture readings, solemn prayers, and veneration of the cross recall the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday. Holy Saturday morning commemorates the burial of Christ; while the evening Vigil inaugurates the Easter celebration of the resurrection. Holy Week is sometimes called the "Great Week" because in these few days we commemorate the great deeds God has worked for us all.

Holy Week is at the very heart of the Catholic Church's yearly celebration, it invites us to enter fully into the central mystery of redemption; - the paschal Mystery. This is mystery we relive during this Great and Holy Week.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 23rd February
God, Time and the Liturgical Year:
Looking at liturgical time

Tuesday 2nd March
The Paschal Mystery:
'Kernel of the Gospel'

Tuesday 9th March
In the Shadow of the Cross:
the early days of Holy Week

Tuesday 16th March
The Sacred Triduum:
Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Tuesday 23rd March
The Sacred Triduum:
Holy Saturday and Easter



Friday Evening Devotions and Meditations for Lent

Each Friday evening during Lent in the Cathedral there will be:

7:00pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

7:45pm Guided mediation:
based on the characters we meet in the Lord's Passion:

Friday 19th February:
St Peter

Friday 26th February:
Judas and the Pharisees

Friday 5th March:
Pontius Pilate

Friday 12th March:
Simon, Veronica and the Holy Women of Jerusalem

Friday 19th March
The Secret Disciples

Friday 26th March
Our Lady

8:15pm Sung Compline
(Night Prayer).

People are welcome to attend any part or all of these evenings. They are offered as opportunities for reflection and prayer to help us on our Lenten journey.