

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

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Mass times

Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Palm Sunday of Lent-A
Sunday, 29th of March, 2026.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 (21)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Christ, our companion in suffering and glory

In today's celebration, Jesus is praised by all, yet he knows very well that he is destined for the Cross. The same voices that cry "Hosanna" will soon fall silent, and others will scream "Crucify him." In all, Jesus remains resolute. He enters Jerusalem fully conscious of the outcome. He knows that the path ahead leads through humiliation and death. And still, he goes ahead. Why? Because he knows that it will end in glory.

Jesus is the Suffering Servant, the one spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, "despised, rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief." He knows betrayal from Judas who hands him over, from Peter who denies him and from the crowd that abandons him. He knows anguish in Gethsemane, where his soul is sorrowful even unto death. Jesus' experience is as real as the air we breathe. Jesus is God in human flesh. God enters fully into the depths of human brokenness, absorbing the full gravity of what sin does to the human soul and the whole of creation.

In our community, many recognize this path. Many walk quietly, carrying burdens that are not of their own making. There are those bearing the weight of illness and broken relationships. Some of us carry not only our own struggles, but also the pain of loved ones. We accept them in silence and support them with prayer. We, like Christ, are called to be **Wounded Healers**. We carry within ourselves our own frailty, our own wounds, and yet we are drawn to stand with others, and to share in their burden, offering support and healing. Such an act is a participation in the very life of Christ, who is Wounded yet Heals humanity by his stripes.

As we enter this holy week, we are invited not simply to watch from a distance, but to walk with Jesus. He walks the road of suffering not alone, but with us, and for us. Jesus wants to share the burdens we carry, the quiet struggles we endure and the wounds we try to hide. So, he asks us to turn them over to him and leave them at his feet. For when we place our crosses at Jesus' feet, we begin to discover that we do not carry

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them alone. If we stay with him, through the uncertainty and the pain, we will come to see that the road of the Cross leads not to despair, but to the glory of the resurrection.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Hail Redeemer	No. 310
Offertory: In bread we bring you Lord	No. 362
Communion 1: One Bread one Body	No. 538
Communion 2:	
Recession: Majesty	No. 469

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially **Paul Stackpool Martin** and **Jim Docherty**.

The funeral of **Martin Gaffney** is on **Wednesday, the 1st of April**, at **8 AM**.

There will still be the 10 AM Mass, but there will be **NO ADORATION** on that day.

Death: *Baby Bo Galloway, Fr. Pat Currie, Michael Spillane, John Myers, Jimmy Jurlay, Martin Gaffney.*

Anniversary: *Annie McKay, Paul Herrity.*

Stations of the Cross continue at 7 PM on Tuesday,

NO MASS ON THE MORNING OF HOLY THURSDAY

NO FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION MASS

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

- ◆ **Mass of the Lord's Supper** – 7:00 PM
- ◆ **Adoration at the Altar of Repose** – Until 12:00 Midnight

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- ◆ **Drama of the Passion** – 2:35 PM
- ◆ **The Passion of the Lord** – 3:00 PM
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** – 7:00 PM


Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- ◆ **Easter Vigil (Mass of the Lord's Resurrection)** – 9:00 PM

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- ◆ **Masses** – 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

**NO ADORATION THROUGHOUT EASTER OCTAVE 6TH TO 10TH
MASS DURING THE EASTER OCTAVE IS STILL AT 10 AM**

 Come, let us journey together through the sacred mysteries of Holy Week and rejoice in the Glory of Christ's Resurrection. ✠ 🙏

Collections for 22/03/2026

Offertory: £569.94

Gift Aid envelopes: £320

Sick and Retired Priests: £491.81 Thank you.

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