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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 the Passion of the Lord, Year C.

Sunday, 13th of April, 2025.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22.

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: Luke 22: 14- 23:56.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection: Weakness of Love is the Power of Love

Today, we enter the most sacred week of our Christian faith. We raise our palms with joy, echoing the cries of the people of Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Yet, we are invited to walk with Jesus into the silence, betrayal, suffering, and death of the Passion. Jesus moved across towns and villages for three years, preaching, healing, forgiving, challenging systems, and lifting the broken. His words had power. His hands brought healing. His presence stirred hope. But from today, everything changes. On this Palm Sunday, Jesus, who has always been the actor, now becomes the one acted upon. He is now a star. He allows the people to tell him what they will. On this day, the people wish to praise him, eulogize him, and proclaim him King, a title that is rightfully his.

There is another aspect of humanity that has yet to resurface. Humans are weak and unstable beings. Easily swayed by circumstances, pressure, and fear. And yet, Christ understands this. He knows the depth of our inconstancy. Instead of condemning us, Christ embraces it. He does not turn away. He plunges deeper into the mystery of our brokenness. Jesus takes on the entirety of the anomaly of the human heart. Jesus allowed himself to experience the betrayal, denial, injustice, and cruelty hidden within us all.

We may ask: Why would Jesus allow this? Why not defend himself? Why did he not prove His power one last time? The answer lies in the nature of true love: to give oneself completely, even to the point of appearing weak, so that others may be saved. The cross is not just the measure of Christ's suffering. It is the measure of His love. It shows us a God who does not wait for us to be perfect, stable, or firm. He meets us in our weakness. He does not save us by overwhelming force, but by absorbing all that is broken within us and transforming us from within.

Let us walk with Jesus, not just in the triumph of Palm Sunday, but into the silence of Holy Thursday, the agony of Good Friday, and the glory of Easter Sunday. Only by walking this full journey do we uncover the

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mystery that the Weakness of Love, its willingness to be broken, is the Power of Love.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Give me joy	No. 274
Offertory: Gifts of Bread and wine	No. 273
Communion: Longing for Light	No. 439
Communion 2 - Hail Redeemer	No. 310
Recession: How lovely on the mountains	No. 346

Deaths: Margaret Martin, Mary Milloy

Anniversary: Elizabeth Quinn, Frank Walsh, Connor Francis Love, John Johnston.

Stations of the Cross takes place every Tuesday at 7 p.m. It is part of the Lenten spiritual exercise, and we are all encouraged to attend.

Charismatic Renewal: The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a weekend Holy Spirit retreat. It is an opportunity for deepening relationship with Our Lord through a prayerful preparation for the feast of Pentecost. Praise, talks and healing service. Venue: 3/1 Victoria Chambers, 142 West Nile Street, Glasgow G1 2RQ. Guest Speakers: Colin Calmiano. Saturday 3rd May: 10:0 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday 4th May: 1:00pm - 5:30pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information phone: Minin 07448786569 Email: glasgow.service.team@gmail.com

RCAG Young Adult Sessions: Lent Reflection Evening with Archbishop Nolan. Monday 14th April, from 7-9 pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral. All young adults (aged 16+) are invited to join this special Lenten Holy Hour with the Archbishop and Youth Office. Refreshments and social afterwards in Eyre Hall. More info and sign up: www.tinyurl.com/rcagyasessions.

Collections

Offertory: £533.29

Gift Aid envelopes: £315

Second collection: £521.04. Thank you for your generosity.

✠ Holy Week & Easter Schedule

📅 Thursday, April 17 – Holy Thursday

◆ **Mass of the Lord's Supper** – 7:00 PM

◆ **Adoration at the Altar of Repose** – Until 12:00 Midnight

📅 Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

◆ **Drama of the Passion** – 2:30 PM

◆ **The Passion of the Lord** – 3:00 PM

◆ **Stations of the Cross** – 7:00 PM

📅 Saturday, April 19 – Holy Saturday

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

📅 Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

◆ **Masses** – 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

NO ADORATION THROUGHOUT EASTER OCTAVE 21ST TO 25TH
MASS DURING THE EASTER OCTAVE IS STILL AT 10 AM

📅 Thursday, April 24 – Parish Easter Party

📍 **Location:** Parish Hall

🕒 **Time:** 7:00 PM

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

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