

Holy Week at St Joseph's

This year St Joseph's will be open for Holy Week and the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The ceremonies will be necessarily be curtailed to comply with guidance from the Bishops' Conference. All regulations relating to hand sanitising, wearing face masks and social distancing will remain in place. As now, you must pre-book a place to attend any of the Holy Week Ceremonies by contacting Maria be email or phone.

We may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend at the more popular liturgies. Please do not turn up if you do not have a confirmed pre-booking.

Those of you who cannot attend church are encouraged by the bishops to participate online in the diocesan ceremonies from the Cathedral as a sign of unity.

Palm/Passion Sunday: Mass 4:30pm Saturday, 11:00am Sunday. No Procession of Palms, Blessing of Palms will take place on the Sanctuary and palms distributed as you leave church. At the reading of the Passion the 'crowd' parts should not be exclaimed by the congregation.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm Washing of Feet, Procession to Altar of Repose and Watching to be omitted

Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm. Unveiling of the Cross to take place on the Sanctuary and Veneration of the Cross to be done from your place by a genuflection or simple bow when invited by the priest. At the reading of the Passion the 'crowd' parts should not be exclaimed by the congregation.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 4:30pm, Easter Fire, Procession into Church and sprinkling of the congregation with the newly blessed Holy Water to be omitted. Three readings only from the Old Testament.

Easter Sunday, Mass at 11:00 as usual