



1 April 2012 Palm Sunday

Penitentia Agite!

Holy Week in Seville (*Semana Santa de Sevilla*) is one of the best-known religious events in Spain, when the city is crowded with residents and visitors drawn by spectacle and atmosphere. This week features the procession of *pasos*, floats of lifelike wooden sculptures of the events of the Passion, and images of the grieving Virgin Mary. The processions work along a designated route from their home churches and



chapels to Seville Cathedral, with those from the suburban *barrios* (districts) taking up to 14 hours to return to their homes. These are organized by religious brotherhoods whose members precede the *pasos* dressed in penitential robes and distinctive pointed hoods (*capirotes*). This year, a total of some 60 processions are scheduled for the week, the most popular of which set out on the night of Holy Thursday, and arrive at the Cathedral on the dawn of Good Friday. This tradition began in the Middle Ages at a time when bands of flagellants roamed the countryside throughout the year.

Their cry *Penitentia agite!* ('Stir up repentance!') was a call to public penance,

expressing communal sorrow for sins. The present day Seville Holy Week retains much of this penitential flavour. The *Cruz de Guía* - Guiding Cross, is carried at the beginning of each procession, and many people, sometimes barefoot, dressed in a habit, and holding long wax candles, are sincere and genuine penitents.

Here at St Paul's our devotion may not be quite so expressive, but that does not mean we are any less serious about Holy Week. Beginning today (Palm Sunday) with the recalling of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, we will follow him through the events of his Passion on Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. This is the appropriate time to ponder his suffering, repent our sins and express our sorrow. But that is only half the story. On Saturday night the great Vigil and First Mass of Easter celebrate the climax of the Christian

year, the Resurrection of Christ. It is important to hold Holy Week and Easter together. Passion and Resurrection are two sides of the same spiritual experience, the

Paschal Mystery. Following Christ in his Death and Resurrection take us beyond sorrow into real joy. Entering into the Paschal Mystery gives us a foretaste of a new existence where sin and suffering will have no place. Christ died and rose again as the first fruits of a new creation, and we are that new creation. This Holy Week we do well to mourn with Mary at the cross, to heed the call to repentance... *Penitentia Agite!* But even in the midst of our sorrow we need to be deeply aware that *Christ is risen... our joy that has no end.*

Fr Stephen Young

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 1 April 2012 - Palm Sunday

0900 Family Mass - the celebrant and preacher is Fr Alan Gyle

1100 High Mass with Blessing of Palms and Procession. The celebrant is Fr Andrew Norwood; preacher The Rt Reverend Frank Griswold

Missa Brevis - Palestrina

Hosanna to the Son of David - Weelkes
Herr, wenn ich nur dich habe - Schütz

1830 BBC Singers live broadcast from St Paul's - *Stainer Crucifixion*

Please note that this broadcast is in place of the usual Sunday Evening Service

EASTER WEEK

Please see service times on the adjacent page

NEXT SUNDAY, 8 April 2012 - Easter Day

0900 Family Mass - the celebrant and preacher is Fr Stephen Young

1100 Solemn Mass of Easter Day - the celebrant is Fr Nick Mercer; preacher Fr Alan Gyle

Missa Bel' Amfitrit - Lassus

We praise thee, O Father - Gibbons
Surgens Jesus - Phillips

PARISH LUNCH

Palm Sunday, 1 April at 1300

The Parish Lunch will take place in the Church Hall, 77 Kinnerton Street.

PALM SUNDAY EVENING CONCERT



Palm Sunday, 1 April at 1830

BBC Singers live broadcast from St Paul's

Stainer Crucifixion

Sir John Stainers's oratorio was first performed in Marylebone Parish Church in 1887. It has since become one of the most popular devotional works in the English language, and is recognised as a classic of the Victorian choral repertoire.

'AFTERNOON ON 3' - BBC SINGERS



Maundy Thursday, 5 April at 1400

BBC Singers live broadcast from St Paul's

Tallis Lamentations

Byrd Peccavi super numerum

Gabriel Jackson Lamentations of Jeremiah
(BBC commission; first performance)

Whyte Christe qui lux es

Parsley Lamentationes

Patric Standford Stabat Mater

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 14 April at 1000

The Parish Jumble Sale will be held in the Hall on Saturday 14 April at 1000 hrs. If you have any donations, please contact Nikki Bartman or the Parish Office.



Masses, Psalm Responses and Music this week

Monday 2 - Monday of Holy Week

Mass at 1800; Lect 159; Red

Lord, with you is the well of life

Tuesday 3 - Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass at 1800; Lect 161; Red

O Lord, you are my refuge

Wednesday 4 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Wednesday Evening Service at 1845,
followed by light refreshments

Thursday 5 - Maundy Thursday

Liturgy with Foot Washing and Watch of the
Passion at 1900

Preacher: Fr Andrew Norwood

Christus factus est - Anerio

Missa Brevis - Berkeley

Ubi caritas - Durufle

Eram quasi agnus - Victoria (Tenebrae
Responsories)

Friday 6 - Good Friday

Family Stations of the Cross at 1030

Preaching of the Cross at noon

Preacher: Fr Stephen Young

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, Veneration of
the Cross and Mass of the Pre-sanctified

at 1400

The Reproaches - Victoria

Crux fidelis - John of Portugal

Saturday 7 - Easter Eve

The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter

at 2030, with drinks afterwards

Messe Solennelle - Vierne

My beloved spake - Hadley

Surrexit a mortuis - Widor

In our prayers

On this day we pray for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- the people of Syria
- the nations of the European Union
- those on active service overseas

Among the sick and those in need, we
pray for:

Michael Cook, John King; Kenneth James;
Jean Steers; Alex Holesh; Elizabeth Doig;
Ian Powe; Elizabeth Gordon, Daphne Nugent;
Peter Brook; Ryan King, Ian O'Hara, Richard
Thornton, Eve Margolies, Frederico Fernandez,
Philip Sapsford, Dominique Murray, Michael
Taylor, Thomas Keatley, Robin Higgs, John
Willmington, Rachel Morris; James Clapp, Paule
Bedford, Joey Walsh and Nancy Seligman.

and those whose year's mind is at this time:

Joan Bull	2 April
Joan Sheehan	2 April
Malcolm Aird	6 April
David Ross	14 April

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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Fridays and Fr Stephen is unavailable on Tuesdays.

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