

**HOLY SATURDAY  
AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST**

*Today the Church pauses at the Lord's tomb, contemplating his Passion, Death and Descent into the Underworld, awaiting his Resurrection in prayer and fasting.*

**10.00am MORNING PRAYER** in the Church.

**HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT  
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

*The Easter Vigil on Saturday night is the "mother of all vigils" celebrated during the night Christ rose from the dead. Keeping watch, the Church awaits his resurrection and celebrates it in the Sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration takes place at night.*

**Saturday 8.00pm**

**SOLEMN VIGIL  
OF  
THE LORD'S RESURRECTION  
CEREMONY OF THE FIRE  
CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
LITURGY OF THE WORD  
LITURGY OF BAPTISM  
THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
Mass: 11.00am.**

*We will renew our Baptismal Promises at both Masses today.*

**OCTAVE OF EASTER**

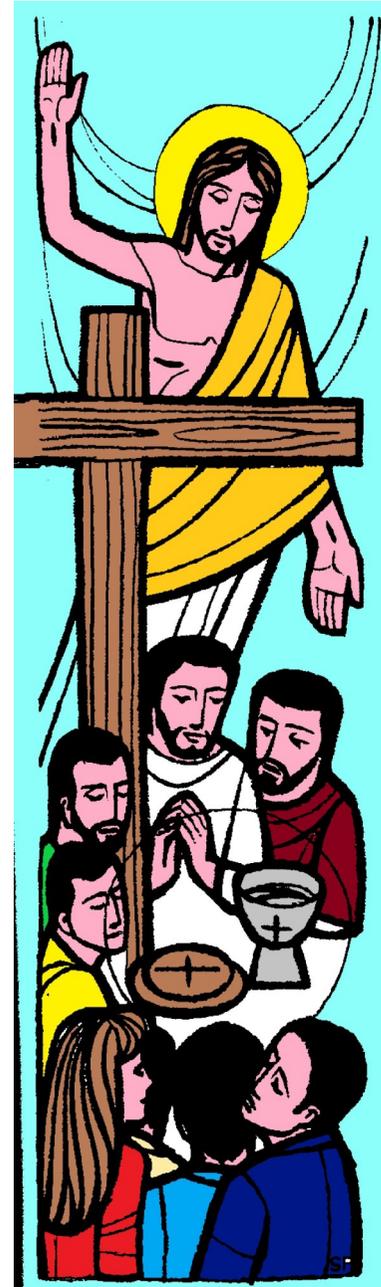
*Each Day this week is celebrated as EASTER DAY.*

**MASS: Monday–Saturday: 10.00am**

**EASTERTIDE**

*The fifty days from Easter Sunday to PENTECOST are celebrated in joyful exultation as one great feastday, one "GREAT ALLELUIA!", for CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!*

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St. Patrick's  
Parish,  
Greenock

The Liturgical  
Celebration  
Of Holy Week  
&  
Easter  
2026

## DEANERY DAYS OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

**Thursday, 26th. March:**

**St. Mary's, Greenock: 10.30am-7.00pm.**

**Monday 30th. March:**

**St. Francis' Church, Port Glasgow: 11.00am-6.30pm.**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

*In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation in Christ's latter days on earth, beginning with his entry into Jerusalem where he was acclaimed as Messiah.*

### PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

*Every Mass today commemorates  
the Messianic entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.*

**Mass: Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm: Sunday: 11.00am.**

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: Mass: 10.00am**

### TUESDAY

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

**6.30—7.30pm,**

with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### WEDNESDAY

**7.00pm THE MASS OF THE CHRISM**

St. Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley.

**The coach will leave from the Church at 5.30pm.**

*The Mass of the Chrism demonstrates in a special way the unity of the Bishop with his Presbyterium (his priests). The priests of the Diocese renew the promises of their Ordination. The Bishop blesses the OILS of CATECHUMENS and of THE SICK. He consecrates the HOLY CHRISM which is used in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders.*

### HOLY THURSDAY

**10.00am MORNING PRAYER**

**& RECEPTION OF THE NEWLY BLESSED HOLY OILS**  
(in the Church).

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

*By the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, that is, of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of her Spouse, the Church means to make present and to fulfill the mystery of the Pasch, the passing over of the Lord from this world to the Father.*

### HOLY THURSDAY

#### EVENING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This evening the Church celebrates Christ's INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST of the ORDER OF PRIESTS and of his NEW COMMANDMENT (to love one another as he has loved us). For the Lord Jesus, the night he was betrayed, offered his body and blood in the form of bread and wine to his Father, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink and commanded them and their priestly successors to offer them in memory of him. In this way he showed his love to the end.*

**6.30pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**9.00pm NIGHT PRAYER** *at the Altar of Repose.*

### GOOD FRIDAY

#### THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

*Today the Church recalls her origin from the side of Christ her Lord and Spouse, and prays for the salvation of the whole world.*

### DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION for the HOLY PLACES

**10.00am MORNING PRAYER** *in the Church.*

**3.00pm SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF  
THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH**

*Liturgy of the Word with the Reading of St. John's Passion*

*Veneration of the Cross*

*Holy Communion*

*There will be a collection for the Holy Places at this Liturgy.*

**6.30pm Way of the Cross**

*Veneration of the Cross*