



HOLY WEEK

at St Mary's

Holy week is at the very heart of the Christian faith and Christians throughout the world will be celebrating it in a multitude of ways. Here at St Mary's we will travel through the week seeking to understand our own lives in the light of this story. We will live in the bitter/sweet day of Palm Sunday; rest in the intimacy of Maundy Thursday, recognising both our closeness to Christ and our easy acts of betrayal; we will stand at the foot of Jesus' cross on Good Friday and pause to remember the ways in which Christ is still being crucified today. We will wait in silence on Holy Saturday, alongside all who wait and despair. Then finally on Easter Day, together we will celebrate our conviction that love is stronger than hate, hope stronger than fear and life stronger than death.

*If you would like to travel a part or all of this journey with us,
you'd be very welcome.*



Palm Sunday: March 24th

We gather in the garden behind the New Church for the Blessing of the Palms as we begin our journey through Holy Week. We process into the **New Church for our service at 11 am**. We remember the euphoria of the crowd as Jesus entered the holy city, a welcome which, all too soon, turned to hostility and rejection. We consider the part we play in this story.

If you are unable to attend, please note this service will be live-streamed: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarystokenewington/live/>

Monday 25th

‘Stations of the Cross’

7.00pm in the New (big) Church

Guided meditation and prayer as we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary

Wednesday 27th

Eucharist

12 midday in the New Church

Meditation

8.15pm in the St Mary’s Centre



Maundy Thursday: March 28th

'In the Shadows'

7pm in the Old (little) Church

We share a simple supper and communion and through poetry, prayer and music we recall the events of the night before Jesus died. The service ends in silence as we enter into the darkness and watch and wait with Christ.

Good Friday: March 29th

'At the foot of the Cross'

12 - 3pm in the New Church

We hear the words Jesus spoke in his dying and reflect on where such words connect with our own lives and the life of the world. A service with much silence and the chance to bring your own prayers to the foot of the cross.

*The last hour of this service will be live-streamed (2-3pm):
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Holy Saturday: March 30th

Service of Confirmation

We celebrate with those from St Mary's who will be confirmed this evening at the Cathedral. 6pm at St Paul's but come early to get a seat under the dome.

Easter Day: March 31st

Easter Vigil:

5.00am in the Old Church.

We hear words from scripture of our salvation history culminating in the triumph of resurrection.

Dawn Eucharist

We begin with the lighting of the new fire (6.00am approx) in front of St Mary's Centre. We re-affirm our baptismal vows and welcome resurrection light and life. The service is followed by a shared breakfast in the Centre.

Celebration of Easter

11am in the New Church.

A service designed for all ages, celebrating the God of life, love and new beginnings.

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