

The Parish of
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Then, as is traditional, the Palms would be blessed and, as the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church: *'Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.'*

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus and Benedictus, during the Eucharistic Prayer. However, our joy on every Palm Sunday is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel. In this Holy Week, we are, unlike last year, permitted to gather for worship. Let us then make it even more a priority this year to be close to Jesus in this the Week of weeks.



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	9:30am	Blessing of Palms & PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
	6:00pm	Vespers at All Saints
Fig Monday	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Mass & Homily at St Mary & St Giles
Temple Tuesday	10:30am	Mass & Homily at All Saints
	5:30pm	Confessions
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Spy Wednesday	5:30pm	Confessions
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Holy Thursday	6:30pm	Confessions
	7:30pm	Mass of the Last Supper at St Mary & St Giles & Watch (<i>for one hour this year</i>)
Good Friday	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Mary & St Giles
	11:00am	Stations of the Cross at All Saints,
	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary & St Giles
Holy Saturday	4:00pm	Confessions
	8:00pm	The Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter at St Mary & St Giles
EASTER DAY	8:30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary & St Giles
	9:30am	PONTIFICAL PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
	11:15am	FAMILY MASS at All Saints

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