

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT KENTIGERN'S PARISH 2016.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My Dear People,

Another year has gone and the Pope has proclaimed a Holy Year of Mercy from 2015 to 2016. In this time of Holy Week we will have plenty of opportunities to dwell on the Divine Mercy. Each of the Stations of the Cross provide a most profound and heart rending reflection on what Jesus, the Divine and Eternal and Incarnate Son has done for me to win me my redemption. How could I refuse so great a lover? His mercy is for sure and is deeper than any guilt we can create. The people our Lord showed His mercy to as he walked this earth walked away liberated with no conditions attached except to "sin no more". All of us sin- big or small- and our Lord is always there taking our sin away in the Sacramental Encounter in Confession. How we must avail ourselves of this meeting with Christ Jesus. If we do so we will see more clearly just how much we are loved and His LIGHT will reveal to us like the brightness of a blazing sun the debris that hold us back. Confession cures spiritual blindness's- believe me. Use the Confession leaflet outside the Confessionals this Lent to make a good Confession won't you? Do not leave it to Good Friday!! Easter duties should be done in Lent but must be done.

A fruitful Lent

Father Tom Connolly

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM) 20th March 2016

The Blessing of Palms at all Masses & Solemn Procession at the 11am Mass The Gospel of the Passion read in three parts. Weather permitting the palms will be blessed outside the church on Palm Sunday at 11 Mass. Gather outside the front porch for the procession.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 4pm

HOLY (Maundy) THURSDAY 24th March

Chrism Mass in *Salford Cathedral* with Bishop John Arnold on Wednesday 23rd at 11am) when the priests will renew their vows of priestly service & the Three Holy Oils used in the Sacraments will be blessed & sent throughout the parishes

Then

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND THE WASHING OF THE FEET (MANDATUM) at 7.30pm (note no other Mass in Church today)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND PROCESSION with the Blessed Sacrament TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE. ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 10PM. ENDING WITH NIGHT PRAYER (Compline)

GOOD FRIDAY 25th March (FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT TODAY)

3pm THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION. The Gospel of the Passion, the Solemn Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion. (No Mass is offered in the entire world today)

HOLY SATURDAY 26th/27th. The Easter Vigil & MASS 7.30pm

7.30pm **A** *The Liturgy of Light:* The lighting & Blessing of the Pascal Fire outside the Church & the Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Procession with lights into the Church & The Singing the Praises of the Risen Christ in the *Exsultet*. **B** The Liturgy of the Word (The story of our

Redemption, ending with the Easter Gospel of the Lord's Resurrection). **C** The Blessing of Baptismal Water & the Renewal of Baptismal Vows & the **FIRST MASS of Easter Day**

EASTER SUNDAY MORN

Masses at 9am 11am 6.30 pm with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at each Mass. & Sprinkling of the Easter Holy Water.

EASTER MONDAY Mass at 9.30AM –no Exposition this week

CONFESSIONS

Good Friday: 10am – 11.00 am & after the 3pm Liturgy

Holy Saturday 10.00am - 11.00 am