

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF St. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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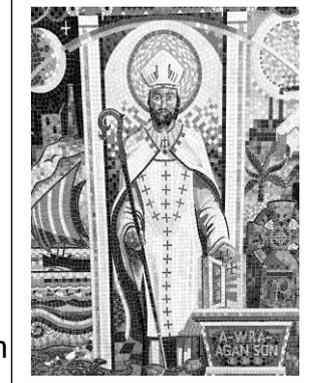
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## 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Fifth Week of Lent

	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm: Mass 8.30am: Mass 10.30am: Mass (Int: The Parish) 3.00pm: Holy Hour – Confessions
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Readings: Daniel 13:41-62; John 8:1-11.
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30.
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14.8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38. 12noon: Stations of the Cross 6.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Adoration 6.30pm: Mass
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Readings: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59.
	11.15am: Rosary 12noon: Mass
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42.
	10.10am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Mass
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56.
	<b>HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> Readings: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66.
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm: Mass (Int: The Parish) 8.30am: Mass 10.30am: Mass 3.00pm: Holy Hour – Stations of the Cross

**Church Opening:** Our Church is open at least 30 minutes before services for prayer.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 5.15pm; Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 3-4pm and on request.

## THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Psalm Response:** With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Praise to you...

**Gospel Reflection:** Today is the final sign (or miracle) in John's Gospel, after which the final journey to Jerusalem begins. And, in faith, we journey with Jesus. But we do this in hope, because Jesus shows us in today's Gospel that he has the power to roll back the tombstones of the dead, even his own tombstone. We journey with Jesus in hope, because to believe in Jesus, the Son of God, is already to have within oneself eternal life, which death cannot destroy.

**Further Reflection:** What aspects in my life need to 'die' and what needs to be 'born again'?  
What do I need to confess, so that I can receive God's mercy and forgiveness?

**This Sunday 3-4pm. Lenten Holy Hour – Confessions:** Fr John Guest and Fr Paul will be available to hear your confessions – a celebration of healing and forgiveness.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Lent Study Group:** Organised by Par Churches Together. See poster for details.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm. Zoom Lent Group:** Simon Giarchi, lead for Caritas Plymouth, shares his thoughts on a parable of Jesus. To access, the Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 and Password 125755.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 11am. Church Spring Clean:** The day before Holy Week starts, please come along and help clean our Church in readiness for the celebrations to come.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3pm. Lenten Holy Hour – Stations of the Cross:** We celebrate this devotion at the beginning of Holy Week, when we will be joined by our brothers and sisters from St Pauls, Charlestown.

## HOLY WEEK

The most important week in the Churches year. Full details next week, but here is a reminder of our Parish events. Come to what you can – but especially try to come to the Easter Vigil.

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Masses at 6pm (Saturday); 8.30am & 10.30am.  
Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

**Tuesday:** Evening Service celebrated at and with the community of St Paul's Charlestown.

**Thursday:** **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm** followed by a period of watching and night prayer.

**Friday:** **The Passion of the Lord at 3pm.**

**Saturday:** Swieconka (blessing of food) at 10am.  
Office of readings and morning prayer at 10.30am.

**The Easter Vigil at 8pm** followed by refreshments to celebrate the Resurrection.

**Sunday:** Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am followed by an Easter egg hunt.

**Good Friday's ecumenical Walk of Witness:** This takes place in the town centre at 10.30am. We need three volunteers to - 1. Carry the cross part of the way; 2. Read a passage from Scripture; 3. Read a prayer. Stewards are also needed. If you can help, please let either Jeremy Preece or Fr Paul know.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING...

Collin Collar, Jacquie Davies, Helen Ledwidge, John Ballard, Helen Gardner, Sally Tab, Yvonne Bradbury, Brendan Bowe, Brian Byrne, Marian Rolfe, Peter Houlihan, Angela Falvey, Jenny, Lyn Whittington, Kay Pearce, Catherine Simpson, Hilary Illsley, Catherine Venture, Joseph Poole, Teiaia Bradbury, Anne Day, Sharon Noy, James and Margaret Clapp, Teresita Hill, Jesus Mauri-Oria, Carmen Matthews, Teresa Fooks, Suzi Hill, Gerry & Daniel Good, George Phillips, Judith Pollard.