

Reflecting in the Cross Lent 2024

'I invite you therefore, in the name of the church to observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word'

Introduction to the Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and continues until the Holy Triduum (Holy Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve) and Easter Day.

This Lent we are encouraged through study and prayer to reflect in the cross of Christ; to look in and see what the cross means for us and what the Passion story tells us of our own journey in faith, our relationship with Jesus.

Lent at St Peter's

Ash Wednesday 14th February:	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Daily Prayer:	9.00am	Morning Prayer: Mon-Thurs
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs
Monday: 7.30pm Lent Course: Reflecting on the Passion : exploring accounts of the Passion in the gospels and our place in them.		
Tuesday:	9.30pm	Compline on Zoom
Wednesday:	4.30pm	Contemplative Prayer Gathering
	7.30pm Wa	Stations of the Cross alking the way of Jesus
Sunday Services:		

9.00am Pebbles (first & third Sundays) 10.00am Parish Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Passiontide, Holy Week & Easter

Saturday 2nd March:	10.00am Quiet Morning with Reflections	
Passion Sunday 17th March: 10.00am Parish Mass		
Palm Sunday 24th March:	10.00am Palm Procession in Montpelier Park (weather permitting) followed by Parish Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion.	
Monday in Holy Week:	9.00am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Reflections on the Passion	
Tuesday:	9.00am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Study Film Night: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: 9.30pm Compline on Zoom	
Wednesday:	9.00am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Contemplative Prayer 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Maundy Thursd	ay: 10.30am Chrism Mass (St Paul's Cathedral) 8.00pm The Mass of the Last Supper followed by Vigil Watch until midnight	
Good Friday:	12-3.00pm The Three Hours with Good Friday Liturgy	
Easter Day 31st March:	6am Vigil Readings, First Light of Easter and the Dawn Mass followed by breakfast. 10.00am Parish Mass (followed by an Easter Egg Hunt!)	

Reflecting on the Passion : A journey through the Gospels.

This is a course looking at the four Gospels and their presentation of the Passion story. Over six sessions of an hour each we will explore the scriptural representation as given in each of the four gospels and explore the deeper meaning the writers of each text has for us today.

Contemplative Prayer Gathering encourages us to engage with God in a meaningful and life giving way. In twenty minutes of silence we sit in the presence of God looking for only one thing, God's love. No-one is an expert. We are all travelling together.

Morning & Evening Prayer follows the Church of England pattern of daily worship where, through recitation of the familiar words of psalms and readings from the Bible, we take time out to be in God's presence and to hear God's word for us.

At the Sunday Eucharist we gather as God's children, God's family, in all our brokenness and imperfection to hear God's word and to receive God's healing and loving grace through the gift of the sacrament of holy communion. Everyone is welcome for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Stations of the Cross. Part of Lent is to journey with Jesus and explore through prayer those final hours in which he completed God's saving act for us. In following the way of the cross from the pronouncement of Pilate's judgement to the placing of the body of salvation in the tomb of a stranger we too can explore or just be in that story which changed us and changed the world.

Holy Week & The Triduum. Holy Week creates space and time in which we can be with Jesus as the drama of his passion unfolds, and to prepare ourselves for the day of resurrection when the whole of creation will be changed. The Triduum allows us to walk in Jesus' footsteps, to be with him in the garden, to stand at the foot of the cross and to celebrate the destruction of death in Christ's resurrection.

Come and join us as we walk the way of Jesus.