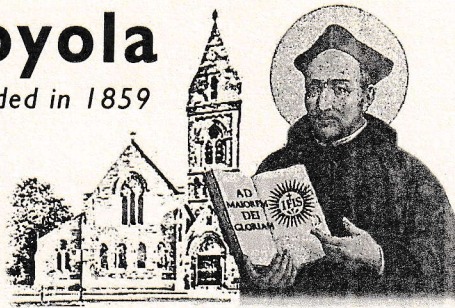


St Ignatius of Loyola

A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell, founded in 1859

Holy Week 2024



'In Holy Week we participate in the most sublime drama of religious history.' -FR. PIUS PARSCH

Holy Week stands at the head of our calendar, the holiest week of the entire liturgical year. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and continues until Easter Sunday. It celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and his victorious resurrection, his triumph over sin and death and his glorification by his Father.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday is so called because palm branches are blessed and carried in procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. At Mass the Passion Narrative is proclaimed. The Mass has two contrasting moods, jubilation at the outset, then lamentation. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem was exuberant as the people joyfully cheered Hosanna to greet him, but moments later all is somber, first with the Suffering Servant who gave his back to those who beat him, then with Jesus who obediently accepted death on a cross, and then with the Passion and his agony, scourging, and crucifixion.



- 4.00pm Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms
- 10.00am **Holy Mass**
with **Blessing of Palms** and **Solemn Procession**
Children are especially encouraged to attend this Mass to carry the palm branches in the procession.
- 12noon Holy Mass with Blessing of Palms
- 3.00pm Stations of the Cross
A cross will be carried through the streets of Wishaw from St Thomas' to St Patrick's. All welcome to participate.
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction

Holy Monday

Jesus is anointed at Bethany, a preparation for his death and burial.

- 9.10am Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 7.00pm **Penitential Liturgy**
with visiting priests available for confession.

Holy Tuesday

At the his Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples he will not be with them much longer.

- 9.00am Confessions
until 9.20am
- 9.10am Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass

Spy Wednesday

Judas Iscariot accepts 30 silver pieces in return for betraying our Lord.

- 9.00am Confessions
until 9.20am
- 9.10am Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass

Holy Thursday

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Mass recounts the establishment of the Jewish feast of Passover; and it commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and the washing of feet. John's placement of the footwashing where the other evangelists place the Last Supper conveys his belief that the real presence of Christ is found not only in the Eucharist but in service. Jesus gave us his mandatum or mandate: 'I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.' (Jn 13:15). Jesus is made present when disciples put aside their prideful aspirations, humble themselves, and serve one another, even to the point of doing a menial task joyfully.



9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church

11.00am Mass of the Chrism in Motherwell Cathedral

7.00pm **Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

The Liturgy concludes with a procession to the altar of repose. 'Watching' before the altar continues until 9.00pm. Tea is available in the hall after Mass.

9.00pm Night Prayer of the Church at the altar of repose

Good Friday

A day of fasting and abstinence.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion is a somber liturgy with three major parts: the proclamation of the Passion, the veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. In addition, there is an extended set of General Intercessions with ten petitions for some of the most important concerns for the Church and the world.



9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church

3.00pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death**

7.00pm Stations of the Cross with veneration of the Holy Cross

Holy Saturday

The earth is silent and still as our Lord sleeps in death, and we await his glorious Resurrection.

9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Weeks of fasting and self-denial are directed toward the highest point of the church year, the Easter Vigil, the feast of the resurrection. It ranks first because our entire faith hinges on it. As Paul said, 'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain' (1 Cor 15:17). But the pillar of our faith is that 'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep' (1 Cor 15:20), and in this firm conviction the Church rejoices with all of the energy it can muster: Alleluia! The Easter Vigil begins with the Service of Light, the lighting of the Easter Candle and the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet. Then after an extended Liturgy of the Word, the Vigil continues with the Liturgy of Baptism during which the Litany of Saints is sung, the water of the font is blessed and baptismal promises are renewed. The Vigil concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



8.00pm **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

10.00am Holy Mass

12noon Holy Mass