

Good Friday, 29th March at 3pm

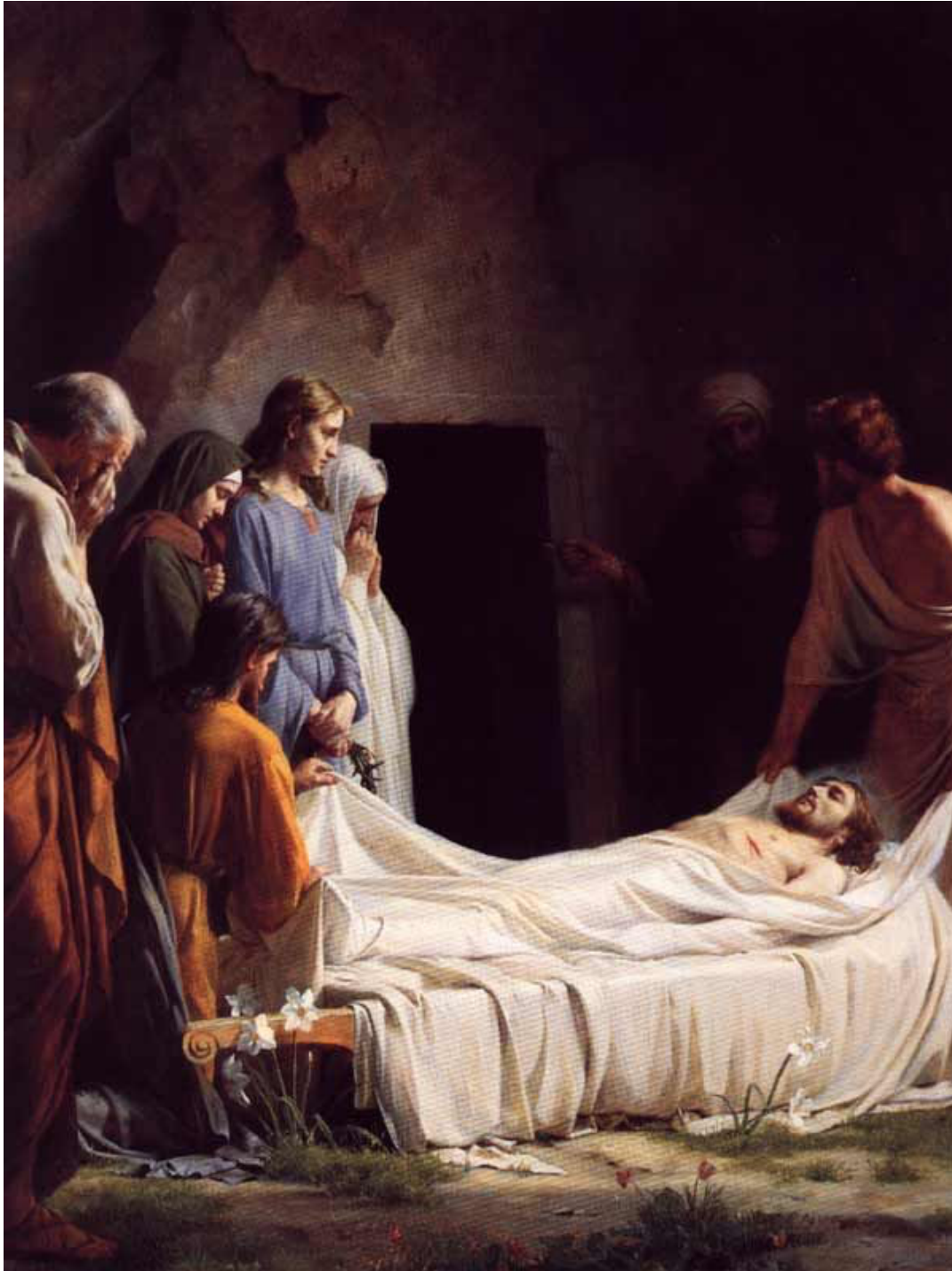


**Be seated in the Church before 3pm.
Maintain the silence.
When the Priest processes in, stand.
When the Priest lies on the floor, kneel.**



- ◆ Good Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world.
- ◆ The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death.
- ◆ The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, reminding us that Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning and prayer.
- ◆ The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered.
- ◆ **Good Friday services take place at 3 p.m., the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross.**
- ◆ **When you arrive, please respect the sacredness of the day by not talking in the church to anyone. Please show respect and kindness to God and for others who would want to experience a sacred time.**
- ◆ **At 3pm the priest will begin the service by prostrating himself in front of the altar. You are to kneel during this time. This will all be done in silence.**
- ◆ The Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service, in which the priest and the faithful kneel before a cross and kiss it.
- ◆ We depart the Church on Good Friday in silence. We do not share salutations. Please maintain the silence in the Church and hold your salutation, greetings and conversations to Easter Sunday.
- ◆ **Please stay in the Church and Pray, or go home. Do not congregate outside the doors of the Church to share a conversation. The entire Church needs to be silent. God sleeps, please do not disturb Him.**
- ◆ You can attend Confession after the Service.

Holy Saturday, 30th March at 10am



Morning Prayer at the Lord's Tomb:
at 10 am.

Followed by preparation & decoration of the Church.
Confessions until midday.

Easter Vigil 30th March at 6pm

- ❖ Blessing of the Fire;
- ❖ The Preparation of the Candle;
- ❖ Procession of Light;
- ❖ The Easter proclamation (Exsultet);
- ❖ Liturgy of the Word;
- ❖ Baptism Liturgy: Litany, Blessing of Baptismal Water, Baptisms;
- ❖ Receptions and Confirmations,
- ❖ Renewal of Baptismal Promises,
- ❖ Eucharistic Prayer I; First Holy Communion;
- ❖ Double Alleluia at the dismissal.



The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.

The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolising our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, **the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega `the beginning and the end')** and the current year, as he chants the prayers; then affixes the five grains of incense.

- ◆ **The Easter Vigil liturgy** is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. The entire liturgical year culminates in the Easter Vigil.
- ◆ It is the "mother of all vigils" and the "greatest and most noble of all solemnities and it is to be unique in every single Church" On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life. Therefore, the Easter Vigil does not correspond to the usual Saturday evening Mass and its character is unique.
- ◆ **On Saturday 30th March at 5pm in the Parish Garden**, a "blazing fire" (*rogus ardens*) is prepared so that the people may gather around it and experience the flames dispelling the darkness and lighting up the night. Thus does the beauty of the fire, its warmth and its light, draw the liturgical assembly together.
- ◆ Having reached the fire, the celebrant and faithful sign themselves with the sign of the cross. The celebrant blesses the fire. The RCIA Candidate and Elects prepare the Paschal candle incense nails.
- ◆ **The vigil is divided into four parts:**
- ◆ **The Liturgy of Light (Lucernarium):** The church is shrouded in darkness as a fire is lighted outside the church and the Easter candle is lit from it. The candle represents Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The deacon or priest processes into the dark church and stops three times, proclaiming "Christ, our Light!" By the time he reaches the sanctuary the entire church is blazing with candles that were lit from the Easter candle. When the Easter candle arrives in the sanctuary, the "Easter Proclamation" (also called the Exsultet, from its first word in Latin, "Rejoice"), an ancient hymn that speaks of the many mysteries of this night is chanted.
- ◆ **Liturgy of the Word:** A number of readings are read, still in the darkness of the church. From Genesis through the New Testament, God's marvellous plan is unfolded. The readings are often interspersed with chanted passages or hymns.
- ◆ **Liturgy of Baptism:** This is the liturgy at which all those who have been preparing to join the Church as older adults, are initiated into the Christian community by Baptism and then Confirmation. The water of the baptismal font is blessed in order to prepare for those who will be washed clean from their sins and reborn in the death of Christ. Those present renew their baptismal vows.
- ◆ **Liturgy of the Eucharist:** The liturgy draws to its culmination and conclusion with the celebration of the holy Eucharist, in which the newly baptised will partake for the first time.

During this Holy night, over 100 signs and symbols will be expressed in all the Rites and Rituals to Praise God for coming to save us. All these peaks with the double Alleluia, ushering a season of great joy for the next 50 days of Easter until Pentecost.

Church usual notices

Welcome to our Parish Founded 117 years ago in 1906

Church Opening Times

The Narthex (Porch) is open most days.
Church is open an hour before Mass.

You will find the Parish Post (*that is our Parish newsletter*) in the Porch. It contains useful information for you. Please have a read and take it home with you.

Forms you need are in the Porch.

Mass Times

Monday & Wednesday and Friday
at 9.30 AM
Saturdays at 5.30 PM
Sundays at 9.30 AM & 11 AM

You will find the Hymn Books/ Music Booklet at the side of the Church. You can also use the Book to follow the responses at Mass.

The Parish Grotto Garden of our Lady is open before and after Mass for you to visit.

If you need the Toilet, follow the signs past the lobby.

Parents are encouraged to bring their babies to Mass and should not feel embarrassed if the child cries at Mass, it is okay. It shows that our parish is growing and flourishing. (Parents with Babies who need to attend to their babies can do so in the Lobby area.)

Children's Liturgy takes place on the First and Last Sunday of the Month.

After Mass Tea in the Hall on the First and Last Sunday of the Month.

We have a Parish Pigeonhole where you can collect letters and exchange cards.

Confessions:

Saturdays: 4 pm to 4.30 pm
Sundays: 9 am to 9.15pm
and 10.30 am to 10.45 am
or on Request

Facing the Church, on the left-hand side, you will find the gate that leads to the Grotto Garden of Our Lady and the Parish Hall and Garden.

The Penitent Room of the Confessional is located in the Lobby to the Gallery.

Post all letters and envelopes through the letterbox in the Priest house - No 5 Hillside Road.

Parish Rosary

On Mondays after the Morning Mass

For all information, check the website and email the Parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
On the First Friday of the Month
and at 4.30pm on Saturday

To Hire our Parish Hall with an outdoor Patio
Kindly email Gaius,
our Volunteer Hall Caretaker, at:
streathamhillhbk@rcaos.org.uk

Lime Tree Care Home

Communion Rounds once a month

MASS BOOKINGS - INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th March 2024	5.30 pm: Susan Stoker RIP
Sunday 17th March 2024	9.30am: People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March 2024	11 am: Barbara Atim, Birthday
Monday 18th March 2024	9.30 am: Holy Souls
Wednesday 20th March 2024	9.30 am: Holy Souls
Friday 22nd March 2024	6.30 pm: Holy Souls
Saturday 23rd March 2024	5.30 pm: Tina Massey
Sunday 24th March 2024	9.30 am: All Who Have Worshipped Here
Sunday 24th March 2024	11 am: Peter Veerapen RIP
Monday 25th March 2024	9.30 am: Mary Ellen Hutchinson RIP
Tuesday 26th March 2024	7 am: Eunice Cumberbatch RIP, 32nd Anniversary
27th - 31st March 2024	People of the Parish

RIP
Father David Standley

RIP
Alan Quinn

Praying for the Repose of the Souls of those who have Died Anniversaries in the Month of March

01/03/1981: **Josephine Hauene**; 01/03/2001: **Clairy Hall**; 02/03/2004: **Val Magner**; 05/03/1980: **Harold Sharland**; 05/03/1986: **Brian McNally**; 05/03/2004: **Josephine Mikalef**; 05/03/1970: **Marjorie Stuthert**; 05/03/20: **Fr Robert Wright**; 08/03/2009: **Cathy Rice**; 09/03/2005: **Carmen Glew**; 10/03/2003: **Lesley Irwin**; 11/03/2017: **Margaret Bryson**; 12/03/2000: **Maureen Bourke**; 14/03/2010: **Elizabeth Hibberd**; ___/03/2010: **Helen Rushworth**; 15/03/2017: **Benjamin Roux**; 17/03/2007: **Emma Wallace-O’Flaherty**; 17/03/00: **Anthony Esmonde**; 17/03/2014: **Noel Dias**; 18/03/2001: **Patrick Walsh**; 19/03/2012: **Guy Debuissou**; 19/03/2014: **Puliceria Klabukchenda**; 21/03/1993: **Peter Veerapen**; 21/03/2014: **Kitty Maher**; 22/03/2013: **Rita Marriott**; 25/03/2009: **Cecilia James**; 25/03/1996: **Patricia Prins**; 25/03/2017: **Edna (Dawn) Travis**; 27/03/2016: **Roland Bernard**; 27/03/2019: **Patrick Heneghan**; 31/03/2012: **Miroslav Gergel**; 1/03/2018: **Keith Winter**; 12/03/2011: **Carlton Vincent**.

Lord in your Mercy, Hear our Prayer

Sacraments & Feast

Saints Patrick's Day

17th March 2024 - Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Happy Birthday:
Barbara Atim

Sunday 17th March 2024 at the 11am Mass
May the Lord bless this new year in your life. Amen.

Congratulations to
Mr Gbenga and Mrs Angela
Akande

Who were married on Saturday 10th February 2024
by Canon Victor Darlington

Couples getting Married

Saturday 5th April 2024
Andrea & Thomas

Saturday 20th April 2024
Emily & Alexander

Saturday 22nd June 2024
Laura & Humberto

RCIA 2024

Candidate: Daniella

Saturday 30th March 2023
at 6pm

Elect: Paul and Josephine

First Holy Communion 2024 Kaitlyn and Diego

Sunday 28th April at 11am

First Holy Communion 2024 17 Children:

Sunday 28th April 2024
at 11 am

Skyla; Sophie; Riccardo; Samuel; Caelan; Jonah;
Ashleigh; Kristen; Ange-Laun; Audrey; Ainhoa; Victor;
Joseph; Erick; Miguel; Sophia; Heavenly.

Confirmation 2024

10 Young People:

Sunday 19th May 2024
at 11 am

Juan and Stephen; Mariana Sofia; Kaitlyn and Cara;
Diego and Jeremy; Taleigha and Zachary.

Give to support our Church

Ways you can make your weekly offertory to support the good work of our parish church

• You can give cash in the collection bags during Mass.

• You can make a weekly transfer payment via Bank Transfer to our parish account:

NAME OF ACCOUNT: **RCAS STREATHAMHILL**

SORT CODE: **60-20-39**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: **50510355**

• You can set up a weekly Standing Order using our bank details.

• You can make a weekly cashless card donation - The Cash Machines are at the sides of the Church, by the statues of our Lady.

• You can make a Gift Aid donation: If you pay tax, at no cost to you, you can make use of the government Gift Aid scheme which allows the Church to receive an extra 25p for each £1 donated directly from the UK government.

You can use this QR code to make a donation. Simply scan the code with the camera in the phone and follow the instructions:



A Legacy Donation to commemorate an Anniversary or in Memory of a Loved one

You can choose to donate a particular amount to support the good work in the Parish, as a commemoration for an anniversary, such as a Memorial for a loved one who has died or for Birthdays, or a Wedding for yourself or for your children.

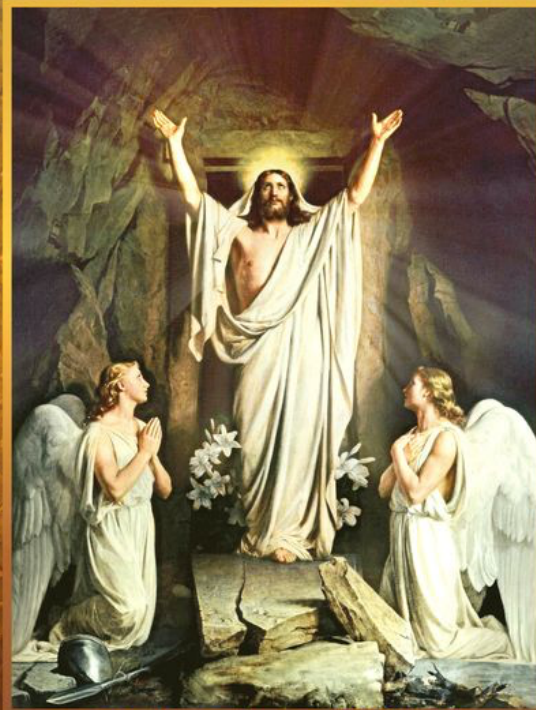
You can use the parish account to make these donation.

Thanks, and God bless

Happy Easter

Sunday 31st March 2024:

9.30 am - Low Mass & 11 am - High Mass



HE IS RISEN

**I give you news of Great Joy
He is Risen, just as He said**

Alleluia, Alleluia

A welcoming and flourishing Parish

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Priest Surgery is the office hours of the Parish Priest:
Send an email to the office to book an appointment.