

Prayer of St Bernard of Clairvaux and Reflection

Lord, you have passed over into new life, and you now invite us to pass over also. In these past days we have grieved at your suffering and mourned at your death. We



have given ourselves over to repentance and prayer, to abstinence and gravity. Now at Easter you tell us that we have died to sin. Yet, if this is true, how can we remain on Earth? How can we pass over to your risen life, while we are still in this world? Will we not be just as meddling, just as lazy, just as selfish as before? Will we not still be bad-tempered and stubborn, enmeshed in all the vices of the past? We pray that as we pass over with you, our faces will never look back. Instead, let us, like you, make Heaven on Earth.

Amen

The Palm Sunday Procession

I want you to see in this procession, dearest brethren, an image of the glory of our heavenly fatherland, and in the Passion the way that leads to it. For the trials of this present time are the way to life, the way to glory, the way to the holy city, the way to the kingdom of God according to the witness of the thief who said from his cross "Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom." The thief beheld Christ on his way to his kingdom and begged to be remembered by him when he arrived there. He also came there as a result of his prayer; and by how short a journey you may gather from the fact that he was deemed worthy to be with the Lord in Paradise on that very day.

Thus the glory of the procession renders the pains of the Passion

Holy Week Masses and Services



Parish of St Bernard of Clairvaux

2026

Times of Masses and Services

All Masses and Services are in St George and St Martin's unless otherwise stated.

Holy Thursday 2nd April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm
(Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm)

Good Friday 3rd April

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross with
Veneration of the Cross 7.30 pm
(at Our Lady's and St Benedict's)



Holy Saturday 4th April

Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer 10.00 am

Easter Vigil 7.15 pm Underwood Family
Bob and Robert Skelding, Barbara Flanagan

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.30 am People of the Parish
(Especially the Sick and Housebound)
11.00 am John and Margaret Corbishley/ Silna
Paul Manjaly
(at Our Lady and St Benedict's)

Easter Monday 6th April 10.00 am at Sacred
Heart, Tunstall (Easter Monday Mass with
Bishop Timothy Menezes)

Easter Wednesday 8th April 9.45 am (at OLSB)
John and Mary Meehan

Easter Thursday 9th April 9.45 am
Luby Family (Int)

Easter Friday 10th April
9.45 am (at OLSB) Fr Thomas Cockburn

Easter Saturday 11th April
10.00 am Ferns Family

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday Saturday 11th April
5.00pm Kate, Des and Desmond MacNamara
(at OLSB)

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April 9.30 am
Cyril and Maud Mayland



*I wish you and all your families
a very happy and blessed Easter*
Fr Adrian