



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi
Villa

Good Samaritan
Donovans



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"Death and Life"

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 29th MARCH, 2026 - A

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 pm

Tuesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am
St. Anthony's Potters 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 pm

Thursday

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Villa 6:00 pm

Friday

Holy Family Cathedral 12:15 noon

Saturday

Holy Family Cathedral 8:00am

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL ADORATION HOURS

Fridays

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Saturdays

7:00 am - 8:00am in the main
Cathedral

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

22nd March, 2026

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday 6:00 pm	\$1,304.56	\$ 519.86
Sunday 7:00 am	\$1,874.67	\$ 479.25
9:00 am	\$2,789.53	\$ 703.54
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 303.00	\$ 150.10
Parham	\$ 350.00	\$ 186.10
Villa	\$ 554.55	\$ 222.00
Diocesan Schools	\$ 30.00	

Thanks for your Generosity

BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between **CRAIG H FERNANDEZ** of **Paradise View** and **BRITNEY S DEIB** of Langfords. Anyone knowing of any reason why this couple should not be married in the Catholic Church should contact one of the priests.

BIBLE

QUIZ

COMPETITION UPDATE!! NEW DATE

- **APRIL 17th!** Due to the slow registration, for this to be deemed a competition, it has been decided to give groups some more time to register. A team is made up of no more than 3 persons. For persons who have not experienced the competition since there was a pause, this is how it is done: The questions are asked, the teams have a time limit to discuss and write the answers on the paper provided which is collected after each question, and recorded by the scorers. A simple process which does not require individuals to speak. Get ready. Register! **BOOKS TO STUDY: Genesis chapters 37 - 50 and St. Paul's letter to Philemon. REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Call the Pastoral Centre at 560-2693. May the Word of God be a light and a lamp in our lives!

COUPLES FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES

Invites You to an

Afternoon of High Tea with Gala Entertainment - Fashion, Dance, Song, Musical Pan Rendition.

Prizes for best Easter Hat, Fascinator, Hand Bag

Sunday 19th April, 2026.

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Place: Holy Family Cathedral Grounds

Cost: \$40.00

Proceeds in Aid of continued Outreach & Caribbean Conference in July.

UPCOMING IN APRIL

- **HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER - 2nd April, 2026** at Holy Family Cathedral at 7:00pm
- **GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April, 2026** - Stations of the Cross from Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Tyrells to Mt Tabor Retreat Centre - 8:00am.
- Persons wishing to park at the Cathedral - buses will be available for transportation to and from. The buses will leave the Cathedral at 7:30 a.m.
- The Good Friday Service will be held at 3:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.
- **HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL**— Blessing of the Easter Fire at 10:00pm.

Parishioners are reminded to bring their candles.

- **EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April, 2026**
9:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral
9:00 am at Parham
11:00 am at Potters
11:00 am at Villa
- **EASTER MONDAY** 6th April, 2026 ...Mass will be at 8:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral
- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 12th** April, 2026 - 3:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral.
- **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 26th** April, 2026

UPCOMING IN MAY

- Sunday 17th May - The Ascension of the Lord
- Sunday 24th May - Pentecost Sunday
- Monday 25th May - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Mass will be at 8:00 am. (Whit Monday)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The funeral Mass for Mrs. Inez Henry, the mother of Louise Henry, will be held on Wednesday 1st April, 2026 at 10:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral.

The funeral Mass for Ms. Yvonne Watkins will be held on Wednesday 8th April, 2026 at 2:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral. Tributes begin at 1:00pm.

May their souls Rest In Peace.

S. J. A. Entrance Exams

Application Forms for eligible students wishing to enter **Forms 1, 2, 3 or 4** are now available at the school's office Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 am to 2:00pm. The deadline for receiving application forms is **Thursday, May 07, 2026** before **2:00 pm**. The Entrance Exams for students wishing to enter **Form 1** will be held on **Saturday, May 09, 2026 at 8:00 am**.

NEW ADMISSIONS OPEN!

St. John's Catholic Primary School and St. John's Catholic Preschool are now accepting applications for the Academic Year 2026 - 2027.

How to Apply: Collect application forms at the school office, email: sjcpsprimary@gmail.com to request a form or call 462-0113. Deadline: April 30th, 2026



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The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 2nd April, 2026 and will re-open on Tuesday 7th April, 2026 at 9:00 am.

LENTEN PANTRY DRIVE

Support the Lenten Drive!

Drop your non-perishable food items in the bins located at the church doors. Collected donations will be packaged and distributed to those in need of assistance.

PRE-COMMUNION REGISTRATION

All children 7 years old—from Catholic and non-Catholic schools—must now attend Pre-Communion sessions before registering for First Holy Communion. Sessions: April 2026 - June 2027 (*excluding school breaks*)

Registration: Open now

Requirement: Mandatory for all children before First Communion.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take note and register early. For further details, please contact the Parish or Catechetical Office.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

VACANCY: SPANISH TEACHER

St. John's Catholic Primary School is inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals for the position of **Spanish Teacher**.

Requirements:

- ✓ Certification or Qualification in Spanish
- ✓ Experience teaching at the primary level (preferred)

How to Apply: Send your application letter and resume to:

sjcpsprimary@gmail.com

Application Deadline: April 3rd, 2026

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT- INS:

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.

We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Amen.

Gillian Howie, Catherine Durand, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, Arnold Gomes, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart, Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Cheralyn Beazer, Anthony Mathurin, Shirley Dyer.

EXAMINE OUR FAITHFULNESS TO CHRIST

The betrayal of Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus's closest companions, serves as a sobering reminder of human nature's frailty. Chosen as one of the Twelve, Judas had the privilege of walking alongside Christ and witnessing His miracles and teachings. Yet, for thirty pieces of silver, he betrayed the Saviour, driven by greed, disillusionment or perhaps a deeper internal struggle. This act of betrayal highlights the tragic reality of misusing free will and the consequences of turning away from God's grace.

Judas' betrayal calls us to examine our faithfulness to Christ. In moments of weakness, fear or temptation, we, too, can falter—whether by compromising our values, prioritizing worldly gains, or failing to stand firm in our faith. Judas' story warns us against complacency, urging us to remain vigilant in prayer and steadfast in our relationship with God. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 29th March

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm

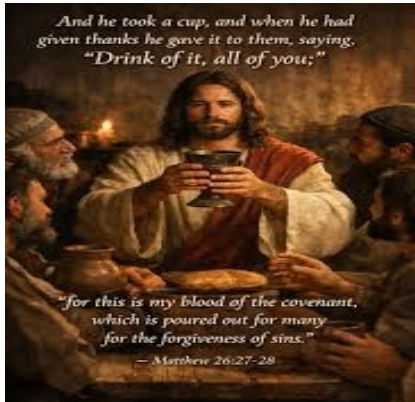
Psalm 22: 8,9,17-20, 23,24

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel

Matthew 26: 14—27: 66



Monday 30th March

Isaiah 42: 1-7

Psalm 27: 1,2,3, 13,14

John 12: 1-11

Tuesday 31st March

Isaiah 49: 1- 6

Psalm 71: 1 - 6, 15 & 17

John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 1st April

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalm 69: 8-10, 21,22,31,33,34

Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday 2nd April

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116: 12,13,15-18

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-15

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3rd April

Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12

Psalm 31: 2,6,12,13,15,16,17,25

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

John 18: 1-19: 42

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 4th April

Genesis 1:1—2:2

Psalm 118: 1,2,16,17,22,23

Romans 6:3-11

Matthew 28: 1-10

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME

This reading is taken from the third song of the Servant of Yahweh. As mentioned at the feast of the Baptism of our Lord, it is not clear whom the inspired writer had in mind when he composed these four songs describing the ideal Servant (Son) of God. Is he a collective person: Israel, God's people? Is he a king of the past or the Messiah (anointed king) to come? In any case the Christian community applied these hymns very early to Jesus and they are used throughout Holy Week as a beautiful commentary on the passion narratives. Indeed, "the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many". Read the Responsorial Psalm meditatively, applying it to the Lord Jesus dying on the cross.

WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME

This text is actually a Christ hymn, sung in church. It beautifully describes our Lord's utmost humiliation, which he suffered on the cross. By being obedient, he made up for our sinful disobedience. But this hymn also sings of Christ's exaltation by the Father. Meditating on the Lord's suffering and death, as Christians do during Holy Week, we should keep both sides of the Christ event in mind. It is suffering and death that actually constitutes a passage to exaltation. Good Friday and Easter belong together even in our lives!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Paul states: "For our sakes (God) made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him". Jesus identified himself entirely with sinful humankind, whom he freed from sin and death. Each of the evangelists relates the narrative of Christ's passion with only a few different memories of the tragedy. In Matthew and Mark Jesus' last words are: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Luke remembers that on the cross Jesus promised paradise to the criminal who repented and that Jesus said: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit". All three relate the Lord's supper, which Jesus gave us to celebrate as a memorial of his passion, death and resurrection.

LECTIO DIVINA



Read: The readings for this Sunday lead us into the most sacred time of the Church's calendar. They present a portrait of our humble and meek king as he approaches his passion and death. The passages from the prophet Isaiah and the Psalms remind us of the suffering servant who never turns away from his divine call and willingly submits to his suffering. They culminate in the narrative of the Lord's Passion according to Matthew.

Reflect: As we enter Holy Week, we reflect on the Lord's physical, emotional and spiritual suffering. He endured physical pain through His scourging and crucifixion, emotional distress from the betrayal and abandonment of His friends and spiritual agony in feeling forsaken by His Father as He hung on the Cross. However, His sufferings were redemptive, for He unites our pain with His and offers us salvation. They remind us that we are never alone in our suffering because He experienced pain and emerged victorious. In our struggles, we find hope in Christ, who transforms suffering into victory. Let us walk with Him in this Holy Season, trusting that we are healed through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Pray: Thank you, Lord, for saving us by your passion, death and resurrection. Enable us to also walk with our suffering brothers and sisters.

Act: Go and help a suffering or needy neighbour.



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