



1. This Sunday will be **PALM SUNDAY** – the beginning of Holy Week. The Mass can be found on pages 184 and following.
2. Please note the times of our special Holy Week services:
 - **Maundy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 8.00 pm
 - **Good Friday** – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion – 3.00 pm
 - **Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil at 8.00 pm
 - **Easter Sunday** – Masses at 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 6.00 pm
3. During the **Easter Octave (18th – 23rd April inclusive)** Mass will be at 10.00 am each day.
4. From **Good Friday until Low Sunday (24th April)** we will be celebrating a Novena in honour of the **Divine Mercy** – on Good Friday at 7.00 pm, on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at 3.00 pm, and during Easter Week at 7.00 pm - please see the poster in the church porch for full details. On Low Sunday itself – which is also the Feast of Divine Mercy - we will be showing the film ‘Love and Mercy’ after the Novena prayers at 3.00 pm, and there will also be Eucharistic Adoration, with Confessions available, at 5.00 pm
5. We very much need to find some more members for the parish **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**, especially as two members are temporarily unable to assist for personal reasons. People

often ask for more social events and they are an important part of parish life – but they can only happen if there are people to organise them. If you feel you could help, please speak to one of the priests or email us at balham@rcaos.org.uk

6. We would also be very pleased if there were more people willing to assist the **Welcomers Team in April**. Please sign up using:

https://doodle.com/poll/tuk7fh5vk7ssf36?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link.

People can also volunteer sending Monse Cisa an email at: holyghostvolunteers@gmail.com.

7. Since schools break up early for Easter this year, and people will soon be travelling, the **'Easter Offering'** envelopes are now available in the church porch. The Easter Offering is your personal gift to the priests of the parish.
8. The Sixth Formers at **St John Bosco College** in Battersea produce a free faith magazine for adults three times a year: Faith Matters. One of the articles in this number features an interview with Fr Giovanni on the Sacrament of Confession. You can find the digital edition of Faith Matters at this link:
<http://pages.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk/index.html?catalog=Edition7EditedV2>
9. We would like to draw your attention to a **conference being held at St Mary's Catholic Church West Croydon on Saturday 4th June** from 9.45 am – 5.00 pm. The conference features internationally renowned Catholic theologian and author Dr Ralph Martin and (among others) Fr Marcus Holden – former assistant priest at Holy Ghost, parish priest of St Bede's Clapham Park and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Catechesis. The conference comes highly recommended and the cost is just £22. More details on the poster and fliers in the church porch – to book call 01834 812643 or see www.saintant.com

With our prayers and blessing during this holy season of Lent,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni