

The Drama of Death and Life

The celebrations of Holy Week are extraordinary, in the true sense: they take us out of our everyday life and immerse us in the drama of the last days of the life of Jesus.

The Sacred Triduum (celebrations on Thursday, Friday and Saturday) form one continuous liturgy: there is no dismissal after the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, and no Opening Rite on Friday or Saturday; the blessing and dismissal at the Saturday Easter Vigil mark the completion of the celebration.

As we take part in these sacred celebrations, we are, in a sense, taking part in the drama they represent: the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord. In doing this, we are coming before God with our own suffering and the suffering of the world; we face the awfulness and inevitability of human death; and we have our faith renewed in the true and everlasting life offered by the Risen Christ. Throughout the solemn celebrations, the 'Alleluia' of Easter is hidden, waiting to burst forth with joy!

Holy Week in the English-speaking Catholic Community



**journeying with the Lord
from the cross to the
empty tomb**

St Alphonse
32 rue des Capucins Luxembourg

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

all at St Alphonse unless otherwise noted

WEDNESDAY 01 April

Mass with blessing of the Holy Oils

18:30, Cathedral

HOLY THURSDAY 02 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper

with procession to the altar of repose

20:30

GOOD FRIDAY 03 April

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

with Veneration of the Cross

15:00

Commemoration of the Burial of the Lord

with procession

20:30

HOLY SATURDAY 04 April

Morning Prayer with blessing of Easter Baskets

10:00

Easter Vigil with lighting of Easter Fire

& Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord *begins in garden*

21:00

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

11:15