



**ST PETER'S**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
CREMORNE

## **Ash Wednesday** **18 February 2025, 7pm**

**WELCOME to St Peter's Church today.** I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

Rev Mark Wormell, Acting Rector.

### **Today's Service**

#### **Sung Eucharist**

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| CELEBRANT & PREACHER | <i>REV ANDY BLEACH</i> |
| ORGANIST & CANTOR    | <i>GLENN AMER</i>      |
| SETTING              | <i>DUDMAN</i>          |

### **Rejoicing Together *In Christ***

A Hearing Loop is available in the pews on the left-hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.



*Ash*

W E D N E S D A Y

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please Stand

Tune: Heinlein

- 1      Forty days and forty nights  
        you were fasting in the wild,  
        forty days and forty nights  
        tempted, and yet undefiled:
- 2      Let us your endurance share  
        and from earthly greed abstain,  
        with you watching unto prayer,  
        with you strong to suffer pain.
- 3      And if Satan on us press  
        flesh or spirit to assail,  
        Victor in the wilderness,  
        grant we may not faint or fail.
- 4      Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
        ever constant by your side,  
        that with you we may appear  
        at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan, 1822 - 1870

*Celebrant*

✠ In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

**whose mercy endures forever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## INVITATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, from the earliest days of the church, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

It became the custom of the church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season was observed by those who were preparing for baptism at Easter and by those who, having been excommunicated, were to be restored to the communion of the church. By keeping these days with care and attention Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and grow in faith and devotion to our Lord.

So, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, by self-denial and acts of generosity and by reading and meditating on the word of God, let us keep a holy Lent.

## SENTENCE

### *Celebrant*

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Joel 2:13*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON



2 *mp*

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a measure rest of 2 measures, followed by the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff continues with 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff concludes with 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The tempo/mood is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano).

### *Celebrant*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

## PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

### *Celebrant*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING

A reading from Joel 2:1-2,12-17

<sup>1</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.<sup>14</sup> Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? <sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup> gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. <sup>17</sup> Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’.

Hear the Word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

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JOHN STAINER

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- 1 Have mercy on me God in your en|during|goodness:  
according to the fullness of your compassion | \_ blot out | my  
offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly | from my | wickedness:  
and | cleanse me | from my | sin.
- 3 For acknowledge | my re|bellion:  
and my | sin is | ever • be|fore me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your |  
eyes:  
so you will be just in your sentence and | blameless | in your |  
judging.
- 5 Surely in wickedness I was | brought to | birth:  
and in | sin my | mother • con|ceived me.
- 6 You that desire truth in the | inward | parts:  
O teach me wisdom in the secret | places | of the | heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop and I | shall be | clean:  
wash me and I | shall be | whiter • than | snow.
- 8 Make me hear of | joy and | gladness:  
let the bones which | you have | broken • re|joice.
- 9 Hide your | face • from my | sins:  
and | blot out | all • my iniquities,

- 10 Create in me a clean | heart O | God:  
and re|new a • right | spirit • with|in me.
- 11 Do not cast me | out • from your | presence:  
do not take your | holy | spirit | from me.
- 12 O give me the gladness of your | help a|gain:  
and sup|port me • with a | willing | spirit.
- †13 Then will I teach trans|gressors • your | ways:  
and sinners shall | turn to | you a|gain.
- 14 O Lord God of my salvation de|liver me • from | bloodshed:  
and my | tongue shall | sing of • your | righteousness.
- 15 O Lord | open • my | lips:  
and my | mouth • shall pro|claim your | praise.
- 16 You take no pleasure in sacrifice or | I would | give it:  
burnt-|offerings • you | do not | want.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a | broken | spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart God| you will | not de|spise.



## SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's second letter to the **Corinthians 5:20b-6.10**

<sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>6</sup> As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you. 'See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Hear the Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Cantor*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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Do not seek to have treasures on earth, but treasure in Heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

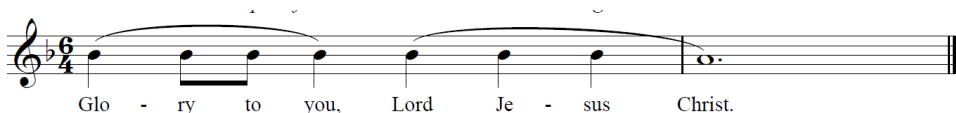
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

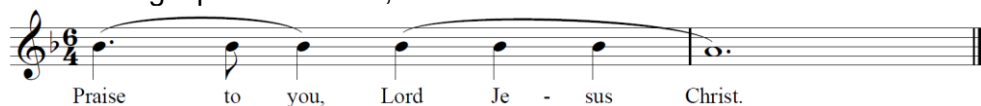
## A reading from the holy gospel according to **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**



<sup>6</sup> 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup> 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the gospel of the Lord,



## SERMON

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

*Please stand*

Tune: St Bernard

- 1 All ye who seek a comfort sure  
In trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
Or guilt the soul oppress,
- 2 Jesus, who gave himself for you  
Upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you his sacred heart;  
O to that heart draw nigh.
- 3 Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
Ye hear his words so blest--  
'All ye that labour come to me,  
And I will give you rest.'
- 4 O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
Thou hope of sinners here,  
Attracted by those loving words  
To thee I lift my prayer.
- 5 Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood  
Which forth from thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire, a new  
And better heart bestow.

Edward Caswall, 1814 – 78

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Senior Server*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Senior Server*

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

## **BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a ✠sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward. The ashes are applied to the forehead of each person with the following words:*

May the cross of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.*

*All kneeling*

*Celebrant*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace with a greeting, "Peace be with you".*

## HYMN

*Please stand*

Tune: O Waly Waly

- 1 An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their risen friend.
- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.

- 3        And after supper he washed their feet,  
          for service too, is sacrament.  
          In him our joy shall be made complete –  
          sent out to serve, as he was sent.
- 4        No end there is! We depart in peace.  
          He loves beyond the uttermost:  
          in every room in our Father's house  
          he will be there, as Lord and host.

Fred Pratt Green 1903 - 2000

## PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. *1 John 4:10*

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under  
your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always  
to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Cantor* The Lord be with you: *People* And al - so with you. *Cantor* Lift up your hearts:

*People* We lift them to the Lord. *Cantor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### *Celebrant*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

*f* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.





Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, and we pray that we who eat and drink them in obedience to our Saviour Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may be partakers of his ✕ body and blood, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

‘Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.’

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

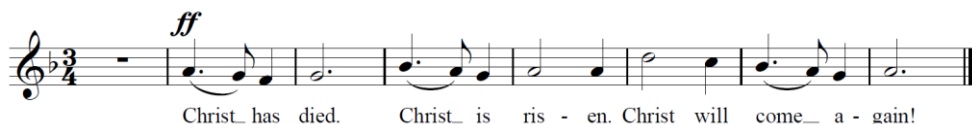
‘Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

### *Celebrant*

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

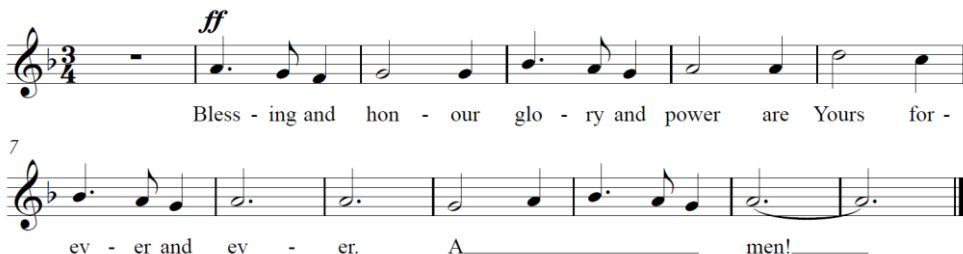
### *Cantor*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



As we eat and drink this holy sacrament, renew us by your Spirit that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you in songs of never ending praise:



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share  
in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

*mp*

Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je - sus bear-er of our

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*p*

sins, have mer-cy on us. Je - sus re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace

## INVITATION

### *Celebrant*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. **Amen.***

*All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.*

*Alcoholic wine is available in the Common Cup, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail and wait until chalice bearer says the Words for the Giving of Communion before drinking.*

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.*

*After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.*

## COMMUNION

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

*Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.*

## SENTENCE

### *Celebrant*

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:1

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please Stand

Tune: Southwell

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earthbound passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me  
by care and woe oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be,  
and taste your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
amid the bitter strife;  
through all my pain and misery  
become my health and life.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point to the heavenly way.
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the trial is past,  
I may your radiant glory see,  
and share your joy at last.

A.W. Chatfield 1808 - 96

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love:

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power  
of your Spirit. Amen.**

Edward Caswall, 1814 – 78

## GOD'S BLESSING

*Celebrant*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the ✠ blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Senior Server*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Sanctuary party leaves in silence.*

ASH  
WEDNESDAY



Remember that  
you are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20



## ***St Peter's Cremorne***

*We hope you can join us at one or more of our  
Easter Services.*

### **29 March 2026 - Palm Sunday**

9am Procession of Palms and Solemn Eucharist

### **2 April 2026 - Maundy Thursday**

7pm Evening Eucharist

### **3 April 2026 - Good Friday**

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### **5 April 2026 - Easter Sunday**

9am Sung Eucharist

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