

APRIL 13TH, 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Please Pray For those who are sick, especially:
George Korcsok, John, Margaret Lechelt, Divina,
Jacob, Sandra Pilipinko, Fr. Ron Meyer, and Anna
Please pray for those who have died, especially:
Rev. Fr. Leo Coughlin and Msgr. John Pearson

MASS SCHEDULE ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL

**TUESDAY 5:00 PM **
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 10:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MILLBROOK

FRIDAY, 5:00 PM
Mass & Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM
APRIL 12TH - For the Intentions of Kris Roberts
SUNDAY: 9:00 AM
APRIL 13TH - For the Eternal rest
of †Graham Moore
ST. BERNADETTE, NESTLETON
SUNDAY: 11:00 AM
APRIL 13TH - For the People of the Parish

***** IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER *****

Saturday, April 12 - 9:30 AM - CWMC Monthly Meeting in the Church Hall - Everyone welcome
Sunday, April 13 - 10:00 AM - Coffee Sunday following 9:00 AM Mass. (Palm Sunday)
Monday, April 14 - 2:00 PM - Chrism Mass in the Cathedral
Wednesday, April 16 - 4:30 PM - Penitential Celebration in the Church followed by Mass and individual confessions
Friday, April 18 - 10:00 AM - Way of the Cross - Starting at Peterborough Cathedral



Jubilee Year 2025 – Events Schedule:

https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?_mid_=35659



**JOIN us for COFFEE SUNDAY
APRIL 13TH @ 10 am
in the Church Hall following 9 am mass**

Quote of the Week: "Glory be to you, who laid your Cross as a bridge over death that souls might pass over it from the dwelling of the dead to dwelling of life." (St. Ephrem the Syrian)

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of: April: "For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

PLEASE VISIT THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND LINKS TO ON-LINE MASSES

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/index.aspx>

St. Thomas More Parish offers eGive.

Enroll: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx>

FR. TONY'S MESSAGE FOR THIS WEEK

Dear sisters/brothers; parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,

Theme: "Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

Our Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-7; The suffering servant was persecuted and struck by his own people; he was spit upon and beaten. He proclaims the true faith and suffers to atone for the sins of his people. Here we see a foreshadowing of the true servant of God."

Psalm Response: "My God my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Reading: Philippians 2. 6-11; Paul urges us to be humble like Christ. He put off the majesty of his divinity and became man and humbled himself in obedience to an ignominious death on the cross."

Gospel: Luke 22. 14-23.56 or 23. 1-49; "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends."

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Please, let us try to focus our attention to the different liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations during the Holy Week. We now enter the holiest of the weeks of the year.

*** Please refer to the additional page included detailing a complete schedule for Holy Week. ***

Somebody summarized the Jubilee Year into four Fs in life that are: Forgiveness, Freedom, Family and Fullness. There are four R verbs that go with the four Fs to realize the Jubilee, being Redemption, Release, Restoration of Families and Rest. Forgiveness is God's action through the sacrament of reconciliation that we may be Released from the bondage of sin thus experiencing Freedom. We focus on the Restoration of Family life so that while we Rest in God's presence, we experience the Fullness of God's mercy and love. Let us try to simplify our plan and focus of the actions to get more blessings from our Jubilee Year celebration. Let us add another 3 sets of Ps of life, Pray, Plan and Participate. God bless.

A diocesan pilgrimage is also planned for the diocese of Peterborough to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland on September 20, 2025. To visit a shrine is also suggested and what are these? Shrines are erected either to protect relics or to commemorate the presence of God in a particular place at a particular time. The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy says that they can also have a deep significance as 'signs of cosmic harmony and reflections of divine beauty because of their physical positioning' (paragraph 263). Some are placed over the grave of a saint, while others, like the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, are built on the faith of a visionary. These can be privileged places to ask for God's help or to give thank for favours received. They are often the object of pilgrimage.

Please, join and support our youth on the Living Stations of the Holy Cross in the streets of Peterborough from the Cathedral to Immaculate Conception Church on Friday, February 18th starting at 10:00 am.

Please, don't forget our celebration of the Divine Mercy Sunday on the 27th of April at 3:00 PM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the chanting of the Divine Mercy chaplet by the different groups in attendance. A little refreshment will be served after the prayers that we may come to know one another as a family devoted to the Divine Mercy.

Thank to all the men who said Yes to participate in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday.

God Bless, Fr. Tony

Fundraiser for Friends of Honduran Children

Fien Vannenberg, a parishioner from Nestleton, is baking and selling large, unbaked frozen apple pies to raise funds for the *Friends of Honduran Children* organization.

You can learn more about their work at <https://honduranchildren.com>.

Each pie costs \$15.00. Fien will arrange for pies to be delivered to Millbrook for convenient pick-up.

Contact Fr. Tony for details about arranging baptisms, marriages, birthday or anniversary announcements or blessings, or mass devotions.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE — 2025

Sunday, April 13 - Passion Sunday. We now enter the holiest of the weeks of the year. We start with the Solemn entrance of Jesus to the Holy City of Jerusalem to fulfill his passion as the Suffering Servant of God, to offer his life as a ransom for many. It is also the day that we read the Passion of the Lord by St. Luke as we are in cycle C of the liturgical year.

Monday, April 14, 2:00 PM - We are invited by the bishop to celebrate the Chrism mass at the Cathedral as the seat of the diocese. The three different oils that we use in the different sacraments of the church will be blessed. Part of the mass is also the renewal of the priestly promises during ordination. Please, plan to attend and maybe plan for a carpooling because there might be some problem with parking.

Tuesday, April 15, 5:00 PM - Usually, we don't have mass on Tuesdays but since it is Holy Week and we try to make it Holy, a mass will be celebrated at the rectory chapel.

Wednesday, April 16, 5:00 PM - Let us join together and celebrate a penitential service at 4:30 PM, and followed by a mass in the church.

Holy Thursday, April 17, 5:00 PM - we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. A mass will be celebrated with the ceremony of the washing of the feet of the apostles.

After the mass we are given the opportunity of having an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM. Please, sign up the sign sheet to be able to know that there is always somebody before I close the door for the night. Remember the words of Jesus to his disciples, can you not stay awake with me in prayer?

Good Friday, April 18 - as usual I will celebrate Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion in Nestleton at 11AM and at 3:00 PM in Millbrook. Again the Passion of the Lord is read today and a special collection for the Holy Land is to be collected to help maintain the Holy Places in the Holy Land.

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil. The blessing of the new fire will be at the entrance of the church and the Easter Candle will be brought in procession to the sanctuary. During the mass the blessing of the Holy Water will take place, and the renewal of our baptismal promises will also take place.

Easter Sunday, April 20 - regular mass times for Sunday. (9:00 AM in Millbrook and 11AM in Nestleton.)