

Times of our Services over Easter 2018 (Fernie)

The Church sees the services of **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil** as forming one continuous celebration, so please try to be at all these services if at all possible. At Easter we recall and celebrate what is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God, so please give time to this in some way or other.

7pm Maundy Thursday – 18th April

Our celebration of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass there will be the washing of feet. We will do the washing in the same way as previous years; we will have a big bowl of water at the front and everyone will be invited to come forward and briefly step into the bowl and have a ceremonial washing. So please come prepared to have your feet washed.

At the end of the Mass the Blessed Sacrament we will use on Good Friday will be reserved at a side altar, and anyone who wishes can stay and 'watch'. This is to fulfil Christ's command to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane to "Stay awake and pray". If you are doing nothing else spiritual over Holy Week, here is a perfect opportunity to give an extra few minutes, or even an extra hour or so in silent prayer, just being with Our Lord.

3pm Good Friday – 19th April

Our Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. At this we will hear John's version of the Passion read, after which we will be invited to come forward to venerate 'the wood of the cross'. We will pray for the Church and for the world, and then receive the Eucharist which was consecrated at the Maundy Mass.

Please Note: We assemble and disperse ***as quietly as possible***. This is Good Friday, so for this one day-of-the-year please do not talk before or after the service – like those who are grieving, our whole attention should be on one thing: Christ Crucified.

5pm Easter Night Mass – 20th April

Once more we gather in silence for our Easter Night Mass. This simplified Easter service celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, then with light, water and song we will celebrate our faith, we will praise God and receive Our Lord in the Easter Eucharist.

You will then be welcome to leave singing and being merry!

9am Easter Morning – 21st April

Easter Mass on Sunday morning as normal. At this Mass we will hear of Christ's resurrection and then celebrate it through the renewal of our baptismal vows and a truly joy filled celebration of the Eucharist.

And we hope these services will help you know God's love for you.

