

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
HAINAULT**



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
2017**

PALM SUNDAY (9th April)

6.00pm Vigil Mass

10.00am Mass

12noon Mass

***(Blessing & Distribution of Palms
at all Masses)***

**5.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
*(Confessions after Stations of the Cross)***

HOLY MONDAY (10th April)

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers

6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

(Confessions after Mass)

HOLY TUESDAY (11th April)

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers

(Confessions after Mass)

HOLY TUESDAY (12th April)

10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers

(Confessions after Mass)

HOLY THURSDAY (13th April)

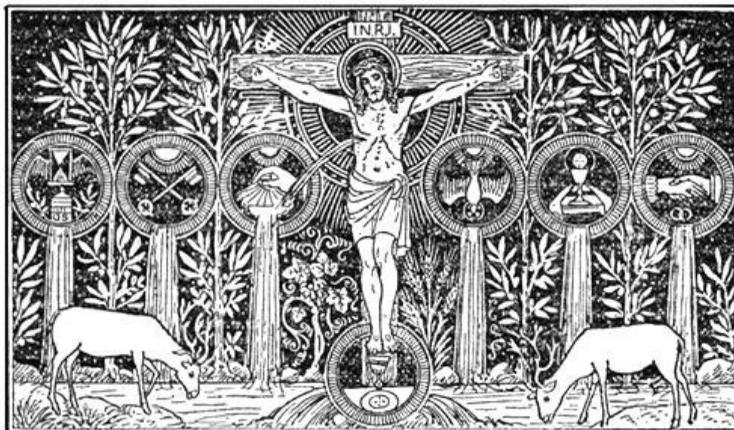
**8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
& Watch until 10.30pm**

(Confessions – 7.30pm)

GOOD FRIDAY (14th April)

11.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
and Death

8.00pm Maria Desolata
(Confessions after the Solemn Liturgy)



HOLY SATURDAY (15th April)

8.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil
& First Mass of the Resurrection
(Confessions 10.00 – 10.30am)

EASTER SUNDAY (16th April)

10.00am Mass
12noon Mass

On the Sacred Triduum

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Holy Thursday we begin the ***Sacred Triduum***, the heart of the entire liturgical year: a time when we immerse ourselves in the central events of our Redemption. The ***Chrism Mass*** serves as a prelude to these three days, as priests renew their promises to the Bishop, who then blesses the holy oils and consecrates the chrism signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit. At the ***Mass of the Lord's Supper***, we recall the institution of the Eucharist, the supreme sign of Christ's love for us. As we venerate his Cross on ***Good Friday***, we contemplate the full meaning of his words: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many" (*Mark 14:24*). Holy Saturday finds us waiting in silent hope for the ***Easter Vigil***, when every church will break forth in a song of joy at the Lord's Resurrection. The celebration of the Paschal mystery recalls the depth of Christ's love: he did not wish to exercise his divinity as an exclusive possession, a means of domination, or a sign of distance between him and us. Rather, "he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" (*Philippians 2:7*) by sharing fully in our human condition, even to the point of death: not a death imposed by blind chance or fate, but one freely chosen in obedience to the Father's will for the salvation for all. May our fervent celebration of the Triduum draw us ever more deeply into Christ's Paschal mystery!

Pope Emeritus Benedictus XVI