



HOLY Week

Services 2026

MARCH

Sunday 29th - 11 am: Palm Sunday,



a service with distribution of palms and celebration of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by the reading of the Passion

Gospel. This year we will be reading the version found in Matthew 26:14-27:66.



the emotional weight of the events of Holy Week. There will be readings and the gradual extinguishing of candles, symbolizing the darkness of Christ's death.

Thursday 2nd - 5 pm:



Maundy Thursday service, the commemoration of the **Last Supper** after which Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. There is also provision for the consecration of the bread and wine for administering Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament on Good Friday.

Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from the sanctuary.



Tuesday 31st (All Saints' Church Rome): The

Chrism Eucharist, also known as the "Mass of the Holy Oils" or "Mass of the Chrism," is a special service during Holy Week where the bishop blesses three types of oil, which are used for sacramental purposes throughout the year.



†**Oil of the Catechumens:** Used for anointing those preparing for baptism.

†**Oil of the Sick:** Used for anointing the sick, praying for their healing.

†**Holy Chrism:** Used in baptism, confirmation, ordination, and for consecrating objects for worship, such as the altar.

Fr. Shawn will be attending and bringing the oils back for us at Taormina.

The Chrism Eucharist is also a key moment in which priests and deacons **renew their vows** and the Bishop renews his own vows. In our Diocese, the Bishop also invites specific lay ministers to renew their vows.

Friday 3rd - Noon: Good Friday, focuses on reflecting on Jesus' suffering and crucifixion of



Jesus at the hands of the Roman authorities. The liturgy is a moving one in which we read St. John's Passion, proclaim the Cross, read the Solemn Collects and, at the end, receive Communion from the Sacrament reserved from Maundy Thursday.

Saturday 4th - 8 pm:

Easter Vigil

(Holy Saturday), consists of four parts: **The Service of Light**

(kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle);

The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist.



Sunday 5th - 11 am: Easter Sunday -

The Feast of the Resurrection



APRIL

Wednesday 1st - 8 pm:

Tenebrae Service, is a reflection on Christ's suffering and death, using darkness and silence to evoke





106th Archbishop of Canterbury

We will gather at St. George's Church on the Feast of the Annunciation (Wednesday, March 25, 2026) to watch the installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. The service time has not been announced in the writing of this newsletter. We believe it will be in the morning at 11 am (Noon Italian time).

Please check back as we will post the time of the service when it is officially announced.

The service will be held in Canterbury Cathedral, and we will live streaming the service here. The installation service will be for both the Cathedral Chair (Diocesan Bishop) and the Chair of St. Augustine (Primate of All England). The Most Reverend Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally is the first woman to serve in this role.

We hope you will mark your calendar and join us in Taormina at St. George's.

**PALM SUNDAY:
29 MARCH 2026**

TIME CHANGE

Make it easy to remember:
Change your clocks
before you go to bed Saturday night

Sunday Service:
11 am

St. George's
Anglican Church

ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

St. George's Anglo-American Church:

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: 19 April 2026

**Location: St. George's Anglo-American Church
Via Luigi Pirandello, 24, 98039 Taormina ME, Italy**

Time: 1:00 PM (13:00)

Fr. Shawn Denney, Chaplaincy Council Chair

This is an opportunity to come together as a community to reflect on the life of our church, hear about our ministry over the past year, review the accounts for 2025 and much more.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese in Europe

Mothering Sunday	March	15	Sunday
Lent	Wednesday 18 Feb. – Thursday 2 April		
Fathers Day	March	19	Thursday
Annunciation	March	25	Wednesday
Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sarah. Event at church this date.	March	25	Wednesday
Palm Sunday	March	29	Sunday
Holy Week	Sunday 29 March – Sunday 5 April		
Chrism	March	31	Rome
Tenebrae	April	1	Wednesday
Maundy Thursday	April	2	Thursday
Good Friday	April	3	Friday
Easter Vigil	April	4	Saturday
Easter	April	5	Sunday



GIORNATA INTERNAZIONALE DELLE GUIDE TURISTICHE 21 Febbraio 2026

Scopriamo insieme le "meraviglie dietro l'angolo" di Taormina

Ore 10:30 Chiesa San Giorgio con Norma Wood Mazza

Ore 11:30 Proseguimento al Ciriloro con Umberto Martorana alla Ghimbert Catholicos

International Tourist Guide Day – 21 February 2026

On 21 February, St. George's Church welcomed the Association of Tourist Guides of Taormina and Messina Province. Fr. Shawn greeted over 85

attendees, and Norma Wood Mazza provided a history of the church. The guides provide valuable assistance in supporting and preserving the region's heritage. Fr. Shawn offered to open the church for private group tours on request.



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The group's visit to St. George's Church and Chapel was coordinated by Association President Martine Fender, Umberto Martorana from Taormina and Norma. Umberto gave information about the cemetery before the group



For more information visit Taormina's Facebook page:

[Association of Tourist Guides Taormina](#)

