



Palm Sunday

24th / 25th March 2018

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS ONLY: Wednesday 9.30am

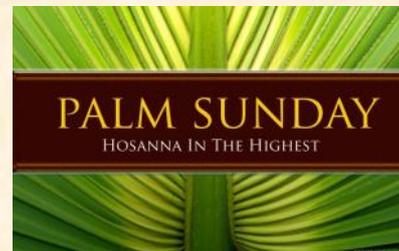
First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

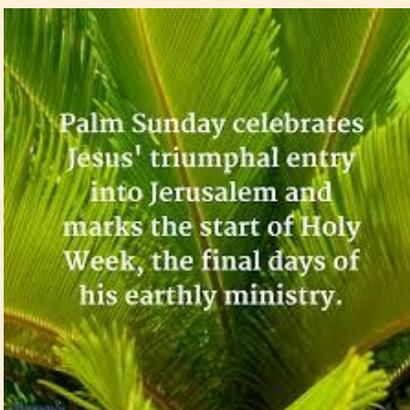
Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us. (Dianne Bergant CSS)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Manison/Corrigan

Margaret Creek, Bill Stirling, Terry Packer, Val Garland.

ANNIVERSARIES: Juanita Jervois, Errol Edmunds, Jack Livermore, John Smith, Catherine Brogan, Bill McGrath, Wayne Johnson, Penny Murphy, Catherine Condon, Joyce Lawson, Robert Newberry, Kevin Lester, Leonard Vogel, Robert Salzke, Kathleen Johnson, Evelyn Esler, Mary Curley, Darryn Graeber, Geraldine Grimson, Ethel Shipard, Harry Flood, Patti Crozier, Michael Mitchell, George O'Neill, Catherine Caton, Delma Mullavey, Robert Grealy, Billie Walsh, Connie Barber, Bep Van Kerk Oerle, Robert Killelea.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 24th /25th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Ed Brown	Bede Hart
Lector 1	Nano Clancy	Leanne Michael
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Terry Hillman
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeneice Harding Volunteer	Fran Kernaghan Robert Brown MACE Sisters
Cantor	Brian Waters	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Byrant		Church Cleaning: 4

Sat /Sun: 31st March / 1st April

Ministry	EASTER VIGIL	EASTER SUNDAY
Commentator	See roster in church	See roster in church
Lector 1		
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	See roster in church	See roster in church
Cantor	EASTER CHOIR	
Musicians		
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		Church Cleaning: 5

Prayer for Holy Week

God of such unwavering love,
how do I "celebrate"
the passion and death of Jesus?
I often want to look the other
way and not watch,
not stay with Jesus in his suffering.
Give me the strength
to see his love with honesty and
compassion and to feel deeply your
own forgiveness and mercy for me.
Help me to understand
how to "celebrate" this week.
I want to be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections
with me,
as I journey with Jesus this week, so
aware of his love.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

‘Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.’

Parish News

Weekday Mass—Only on Wednesday this week at 9.30am in Church

Easter Masses & Ceremony Times During Holy Week

Holy Thursday: 7.00pm

Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 10.30 am, commencing St Marks Anglican Church, Gulpha St.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: 6.00pm

Easter Sunday: 9.30am

Choir Practice for Easter

Our last choir practice will be this Tuesday 27th March at 7pm. We appeal for new choir members as our numbers will be down this Easter. You don't need to be a Pavarotti or Joan Sutherland, just enjoy singing and willing to help us out. Contact Val 6025 5904 or Judy 6043 2766.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors for Easter Ceremonies

Thank you to those who have put their names down for Easter Ceremonies. There are still a few places left.

First Communion Lessons

Children not enrolled at St Anne's Primary School and wish to make their 1st Communion (on 30th June) lessons will be running on Mondays for 6 weeks beginning 21st May, 2018. Please phone Sacred Heart parish office on 6025 1516 to enrol.

I can only Imagine a movie coming to Recent Cinema for a limited time, God inspiring. Sessions March 26th & 27th; April 3rd & 4th at 7pm. Tickets available at 'Chalk & Chat' 472 David St for \$15.

Project Compassion Story Week 6

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, near a rubbish dump in the Philippines. She is now a social worker with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

Special Days this Week

Thursday 29th March— Holy Thursday

Friday 30th March—Good Friday

Saturday 31st March—Holy Saturday

Celebrating Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's
St Anne's school community wish to invite parishioners to Stations of the Cross to be held on Wednesday 28th March, 6.30—7.30pm. The purpose of the evening is for each of us to reflect on Jesus' Good Friday journey and our own Lenten journeys.

You and your family are invited to walk through each of our classrooms (at your own leisure), where a Station of the Cross will be depicted. Station 1 will be in Yr 3L and move sequentially through the classrooms.

We hope that you are able to share with us.

Project Compassion Prayer 2108

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey. Through the life and mission of your son, you give us the gift of mercy. May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people. In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Vinnies—Volunteers Needed—Lavington Store

Opportunities available: Customer service, Sorting donations, Displays, Hanging stock, Pricing, Truck driver/assistant. Inductions held every Wednesday at 10.30am. Call Renee on 6923 1905

Liturgy of the Word

Palm Sunday—Year B

Readings: Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11 ; Mark 14: 1—15: 47

Responsorial Psalm:



My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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



Reflection on the Readings

Many of us over the years have seen film and television productions of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We could be tempted to see Palm Sunday as a historical re-enactment of the tragic events in Christ's life. Unlike those who witnessed this procession through Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we celebrate this day in the light of the resurrection. We know that sadness and death have given way to new life and that Christ has triumphed over death, so we too live in hope.

As hope-filled people, we appreciate the significance of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving as they intensify during this week- the only week in our Christian calendar the Church calls "holy". These Lenten acts draw us back to God and each other. Through the liturgies of Holy Week, we participate in the remembrance of Jesus' final days. We are mindful too of the many women, men and children around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. These are the face of the suffering Christ in our time.

One such face is Psyche Mae who when featured in Project Compassion in 2008, was a teenager living with her family in a squatter settlement on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family formed part of an extensive, urban poor community, where hundreds of thousands of people struggle to survive – and many are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Fast forward to 2018 where Psyche Mae, her parents and siblings have managed to lift themselves out of poverty to a new life where they have built a better future.

Psyche Mae herself is now a qualified social worker for the Philippines Government, helping informal settlers and people with disabilities. She is a hard worker, working full-time and studying after work at university, where she plans to continue to study for a Master's degree. This story illustrates that renewal and the opportunity for new life can be the start of a just future, where people can become the architects of change in their lives.



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