



Palm Sunday

13th / 14th April 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday only 9.30am

Please see inside newsletter for other holy week services and mass times.

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

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Acts of Compassion - Day by Day

Lent is a time to acknowledge the crosses of others, even while we carry our own.

In the midst of his own agony, Jesus' interaction with the thief on the cross is one of mercy and compassion.

Consider this story:

A young man had been arrested for stealing from the royal palace twice. Sentenced to hang, the boy's mother sought mercy from Napoleon on behalf of her son. Napoleon answered the mother's plea, "This boy has stolen from my palace twice now; he deserves justice and that justice is death." The mother replied, "But I don't ask for justice, your highness. I seek mercy." "He does not deserve mercy," replied Napoleon. The mother passionately begged, "It would not be mercy if he deserved it." Touched by the mother's grief and passion, Napoleon consented and released the boy.

At some point we need to acknowledge that we are not worthy of God's love. It is pure gift, offered freely.

At the beginning of our Lenten journey, you were invited to gaze upon yourself the way God does - in love and compassion. The Passion invites us to gaze upon ourselves again in the light of the 'God who bends low in reckless love.' God's love for us is big love how do we embrace that more fully in our lives as we prepare to enter the Easter season?

- What do we need to die to?
- What do we need to leave behind in the tomb?
- What do we need to commend to God?

Joseph of Arimathea was moved to be gracious and compassionate towards Jesus, even in death. He was a member of the council and yet stood aside to take a step towards Jesus. He also gave something that had cost him and that in his own way he desired.

- What can we offer to Jesus who gives everything for us?
- How can we be the face of God to others around us?

"If we truly believe that all is Christ, would we continue to crucify Christ? Or would we act according to the law of Jesus: love, mercy & compassion? Would we be willing to lay down our lives out of love for the sake of the other? If we truly believed that Christ is centre of the universe, would we be so private about the good news we hold so sacred?"

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lorraine Dick, Charles Borg, Eva Toth, John Hickey, Margaret Donk, Jan Hodge, Jack Carroll.

ANNIVERSARIE: Jean Thompson, Bob Hamblin, Betty Grealy, Sylvia King, Malda Hawkins, Leonard George, Ted & Annie Goodgar, Larry Foley, Ronald Mitsch, Kath Doyle, Anna Yea, Dannial Pearson-Wainwright, Elio Corte, Fr Mel Roach, Harry Hore, Catherine Campbell, Rose Weaver, Erin Corboy, Leo Doolan, James Doolan, Jessie Whelton, Frank Kowalczyk, Edward King, Anne Mulquiney, Mary Anderson.

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: 13th / 14th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Colleen Day
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	MACE Sisters
Lector 2	Brian Waters	Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins	Carmel Butts Pamela McIntosh Sue McLaurin
Cantor	Anne McIntyre	Catherine Cutler & Judy
Musicians	Judy Foley	Lindsay Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant		

Sat /Sun: 20th / 21st April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Please see Roster	Please see Roster
Lector 1	(Swan St entrance)	(Swan St entrance)
Lector 2		
Eucharistic Ministers	"	"
Cantor	Choir	Volunteers please
Musicians		Val Hayes
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		

Prayer at the Commencement of Holy Week

Lord God,
I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.
Here I stand, at the start of this Holy Week,
this week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name,
the one who opens the gates of righteousness,
the one who answers when we call.
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,
and for sending your son to us, in human frailty,
to walk the road we walk.
Open my eyes that I may see him and may praise him with all my heart.
May I walk in the way of His suffering, and share also in His Resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"By taking on the "form of a slave," Jesus shows us that true humility is expressed in service to others, and consists of stripping and emptying oneself of worldliness so as to make room for God."

Parish News

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

Second Rite of Reconciliation—7.00pm

HOLY THURSDAY 18 APRIL - Mass of the Lord's Supper—7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19 APRIL

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (commencing St Mark's Anglican Church, Gulpha St) - 10.30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 20 April—6.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 21 April—9.30am



This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Joel Ethan Rosser & Thea Jamie Rosser children of Craig & Karli; Sophie Jane Clarke daughter of Gregory & Danielle; Ruby Moeroa Rizniak daughter of Eli & Crystal.

Parish Morning Tea

Gratitude is expressed to the Deanshaw family group for assisting in the provision of our parish morning tea last Sunday.

We still need volunteers to co-ordinate and help with the catering for our next month's morning tea on 5 May. Please add your name to the roster at the Mate Street entrance.

A Day of Prayer & Reflection

Theme: Encountering St Hildegard of Bingen, Woman of Vision & Hope

Presented by *Breath of Life* team Margaret Walsh pbvm and Katherine Klappdor.

Date: Saturday 18 May 2019

Time: 10.00am - 3.30pm

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish Hall Mate St, North Albury

RSVP: 13 May to Catherine Cutler 0419 518 791 or Cheryl Ryan 0402 147 340 or Parish Office 6025 1516.

Cost: Donation - BYO Lunch - Tea & Coffee provided

A time to reflect on the life & teaching, music and art of Hildegard of Bingen a 12th century abbess, visionary, musician, artist, author, lover of creation. We will look at the relevance of Hildegard's life for our world today.

The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak (*Evangelii Gaudium*)

It is the current understanding of the church that holy communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

After consultation with the parish pastoral council it has been decided to offer communion under both kinds at all masses during Lent.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors for Easter Ceremonies

If you are available for any of the Holy week ceremonies could you please put your name down on the roster sign up sheet placed on table at front of church (Swan Street side).

Sacred Heart Parish Mother's Group

Would you or someone you know with little ones at home, be interested in joining a Sacred Heart Parish Mother's Group?

If there is enough interest the group will meet monthly to have a chat and a cuppa. Please contact Jane Ward 0419 277 926 for more details.

EASTER ALTAR ART-QUILT

In 2010 my husband Robert and I were travelling with our caravan, while staying in Alice Springs we drove out to the West MacDonnell Ranges to a number of tourist sites. The first place we wanted to see was Standley Chasm and were advised the best time of day was late morning when the sun hit the rocks. We took our time walking all the way into the Chasm as the rocks, stones and plants on the way in were lovely also. We waited till the sun hit the Chasm walls and it was worth the wait it was absolutely amazing so brilliantly bright that the sky in the photos I took looked white, the Chasm walls golden yellow and bright red. The Chasm is often referred to as a Cathedral. Robert and I both really liked it, then when Robert died, I used one of the photos I took for a small prayer memorial card for him, my daughter in-law Kate suspended a small thin cross onto the photo for me, this is my inspiration for the Altar art-quilt.

Standley Chasm called Angkerle by the Aborigines was named in honour of Mrs. Ida Standley, she was the first European school teacher in Alice Springs in 1914. In 1925 the school moved to Jay Creek near the Chasm, she was the first non-aboriginal woman to visit the Chasm, that is why it's called after her.

The white fabric used for the sky has tiny butterflies embellished on it (sign of new life).

The Cross is bright gold the Lord shining his light on us and bright for the Resurrection there is some brown showing through on the cross signifying he died on a wooden cross.

Golden yellow walls also showing Gods bright light is always there for us, the red walls the blood he shed for us, the rough rocks at the bottom of the cross represent Jesus's and our journey through life isn't always smooth.

I used aboriginal print fabric for the foliage in the foreground because the Chasm is owned and run by Aboriginal women, the red in the fabric could be drops of Jesus blood.

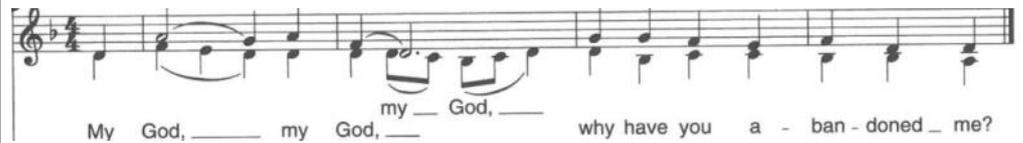
I used raw edge applique and collage fabric technique and quilted it with free machine stitching and I loved making it. (Pamela McIntosh)

Liturgy of the Word

Palm Sunday—Year C

Readings: Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56

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 a 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!



Project Compassion Stories— NGUYET—VIETNAM

Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. She lived the first 14 years of her life isolated at home.

Her disability restricted her movements and any chance of going to school. Around 7% of people in Vietnam are living with a disability. They often have poorer health, fewer education and employment opportunities and higher poverty rates.

The future appeared bleak for Nguyet, until a Caritas Australia program, implemented by our partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS), changed her life forever.

Around 4,000 people have now benefitted from this inspiring Caritas program. The program is helping people like Nguyet, by focusing on inclusive education, health services and building strong community networks to help to break down stigma and discrimination for those with disabilities and their families.

Two years after she featured in Project Compassion 2017, Nguyet has built a successful online business selling t-shirts, accessories and home-cooked snacks made by her sister.

She is also more confident in communicating with people – and is riding a motorbike she bought from her profits. “I can go out independently now,” Nguyet says. “I would like to have my own shop in the village one day. And I hope that other people with disabilities in Vietnam will receive help like I did.”

Nguyet has great hope and a real commitment to succeed in her future. She hopes her story will inspire others to see what is possible for a person once isolated and unheard.

We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who face discrimination and are prevented from reaching their full potential. We pray that basic rights and respect for all peoples may be established and become effective in all nations and states.

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