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PALM SUNDAY

Year B/ 2

Parish Priest

Father Phillip Alstin

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Robyn Grave

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 8—11.30am
Wednesday 1.30—4.30pm
Thursday 1.30—4.15pm
Friday 1.30—4.15pm

Parish Finance Council

Geoff Walles 0419 810 590

Parish Pastoral Council

TBA

St Anthony's School

Principal: Mr Stuart Baker
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Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after weekend
Holy Mass
After Tuesday 9.30am Mass

Adoration

Tuesday 7:00pm—11.00pm
concluding with Angelus.

Wednesday

9:30am Adoration
6:00pm Rosary (Wed)
6:30pm Vespers (Wed)

Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov 0411 132 223
Geoff Walles 0419 810 590

Rosary Times

Maria Goretti Chapel
Mondays 5.30pm
Tuesdays 8.50am
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fridays 8pm - Via Telephone
Messenger App (Contact Grace
Via the parish office number)



Holy Week, or Passion Week, ushers us into the very pinnacle of our Catholic faith. It gives us a new opportunity to immerse ourselves in the heart of the salvation story, and to encounter the very essence of Jesus and his saving mission. It is an opportunity not to be missed! Now is the time to delve into the ocean of

Scripture, tradition, Sacrament, and sacrifice which surrounds the center of the Gospel message: the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is not simply an interesting story to hold at arm's length. This is the very lifeblood of our faith, into which we are called to enter with our whole heart, mind, and soul.

We begin Palm Sunday with an opening Gospel recounting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – which we commemorate today with the traditional procession with palms. Jesus has been resolute in his journey to the holy city, which he knows will culminate at the Cross. He is aware of every detail as he commands his disciples to prepare for his very public yet still humble arrival. Everything he does is deeply significant. Jesus is fully aware of his destiny, and he makes sure that every step of his journey to that destiny takes place according to the plan of the Father.

As we walk with Jesus through St. Mark's account of the Passion, we are challenged to answer – perhaps for the first time or perhaps the hundredth – the "Jesus Question": *Who is this man who died on a Cross, and what does his death have to do with me?* The painfully detailed description of Jesus' sufferings will bear no fruit in us unless we face this question and offer our personal answer. Our answer may start us on a lifelong commitment to Christ, or it may deepen a commitment we made long ago. We may struggle with darkness and with many more questions, and find ourselves on our knees at the foot of the Cross, but we cannot walk away from the Passion without an answer.

There is so much to ponder as we read the account: the plot to kill Jesus, the anointing at Bethany, the treachery of Judas, the Passover preparations, Jesus' prophecy of his betrayal, his institution of the Eucharist, his agony in Gethsemane, his betrayal, arrest, and trial, Peter's denial, the judgment of Pilate, Jesus' humiliation and torture, his crucifixion, death, and burial. We could spend a lifetime mining the depths of the Passion narrative – and this would be a fruitful way to spend a lifetime – but the urgent issue is that we encounter Jesus through this story. We do not know how long our "lifetime" will be. We cannot wait. We cannot put off our answer till a tomorrow that may never come for us. No matter how many times we have walked the Way of the Cross with Jesus, watched him die, attended his burial, and dwelt in darkness at the tomb waiting for the light – it is time for us to face again, right now, the central question: *Who is this man who died on a Cross, and what does his death have to do with me?*

How have the past forty days prepared me spiritually to follow Jesus on the road to Calvary? In what ways do I find self-denial repulsive to my nature? How does my daily "Way of the Cross" unite me more closely to the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus?



Mary, grant me the grace to stand steadfast at the foot of the Cross with Jesus.

Please bring your palms/olive branches for this Sunday.

For Easter Vigil please bring your own candles—please make sure they have some type of holder to prevent wax drips on the floor—it is hard to clean up spillages.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

SICK: Peter Freeborn, Perry Burns, Marie Oates, Romola Blowes, Amy Lopez, Amanda Razon, Douglas Robertson, Isaiah Noack, Alby Foster, EJ Orbase, Marie Emery, Michael, Apolo Gomez, Lorraine Boys, Phil Bawden, Patricia Kehoe, Chris Harwood, Rosemary Young

RECENTLY DECEASED: James O'Brien, Mary Villa, Bro Peter Faulkner, Lindsay Alford,

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppe Marschesan, Maurice Spiers, Maroun Khabbaz, Stan Puczkowski, Barbara Bartoszek, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Angelo Simionato, Mons Horgan, Gerard Van der Jeugd, Anne Comas, Narciso Brion, Josef Neuhas, Carmel Michnowicz, Sante Visentin, Rose Barwick, Carlo Santucci, Barbara Williams, Francis Moyse, Greg Fischer, Vin Forde, Giovanna Cendak, Carmel Michnowicz, Sante Visentin, Rose Barwick, Carlo Santucci, Relatives and friends of the Burns and Hill families.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish. Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.*



Stations of the Cross Lent & Easter

Tuesday 7.30pm
Friday 9.30am
Good Friday—10.00am

Reminder: All Easter Reader and servers are asked to attend practice session—Tuesday evening 7.30pm



To those 3 people who cleaned the Church for Easter dusting & vacuuming last weekend we say an immense thankyou.

CHANGE TO WEEK DAY MASSES

From Tuesday 6th February 2024 mass will be offered 9.30am Tuesday only

**All Sunday Mass times remain the same
Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.30am**

Wednesdays—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues concluding with Rosary & Vespers as usual. The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Benediction will not be offered.
Other Times - Reconciliation may be offered after Mass Tuesday.

Please return your Project Compassion Envelopes or boxes during Easter Masses. Thank you for your support of Caritas.



Adoration at St Anthony's

TUESDAY NIGHTS

7.00pm - 11pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.05am Prayer for Priests
12.00pm Angelus
6.00pm Scriptural Rosary
6.30pm Vespers



"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:40

Please contact Geoff Walles on 0419 810 590 if you are able to help with the roster or for any queries.



PALM SUNDAY - RETURN YOUR BOXES/ENVELOPES



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

MUSIC ENTRANCE

R: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 . You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and blessed One. **R.**
- 2. The company of angels are praising you on high, as we and all creation, exultant make reply

- 3 . The people of the Hebrews, with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before your we present. **R.**
- 4. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Catechism of the Catholic Church—Palm Sunday

560 *Jesus' entry into Jerusalem* manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.

532 Jesus' obedience to his mother and legal father fulfills the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven. The everyday obedience of Jesus to Joseph and Mary both announced and anticipated the obedience of Holy Thursday: "Not my will. . ." The obedience of Christ in the daily routine of his hidden life was already inaugurating his work of restoring what the disobedience of Adam had destroyed.

On the Third Day He Rose from the Dead

638 "We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus."⁴⁸⁹ The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead! Dying, he conquered death; To the dead, he has given life.⁴⁹⁰

I. THE HISTORICAL AND TRANSCENDENT EVENT

639 The mystery of Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. . ."⁴⁹¹ The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus.⁴⁹²

The empty tomb

640 "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."⁴⁹³ The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise.⁴⁹⁴ Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter.⁴⁹⁵ The disciple "whom Jesus loved" affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered "the linen cloths lying there", "he saw and believed".⁴⁹⁶ This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus.⁴⁹⁷ may take it again. . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."⁵¹⁸ "We believe that Jesus died and rose again."⁵¹⁹

<http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc/p122a5p2.htm>

TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself."
Mark 12:29-31

FRIENDLY REMINDER



NO MASS PALM SUNDAY VIGIL

SATURDAY—24TH MARCH

**BRING YOUR OWN PALMS FOR
PALM SUNDAY
9.30AM MASS ONLY**



READERS OF THE WORD FOR MARCH

Saturday—Wendy Williams
Sunday - Geoff Walles

2024 HOLY WEEK

**SATURDAY—6.00pm -
NO PALM SUNDAY VIGIL**

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH—9:30am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDIUMUM:

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH—6:30pm -

Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDIUMUM (continued):

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH—10:00am

Stations of the Cross

FRIDAY—3:00pm

Passion of the Lord

and Adoration of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH—7:00pm

The Easter Vigil Holy Mass

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH—9:30am

Easter Sunday Holy Mass

Saint Michael, the

Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



INTROIT

Hosanna

Cf. Mt 21, 9

VII

H Osanna to the Son of Da-vid, * the King of Is-ra-

el. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosan-na in the highest.

Psalm 118 (117)

1. Give praise to the LORD, for *he is good*; * his mercy endures *forever*.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you a- ban-doned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." **R.**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones **R**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. **R.**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" **R.**

OFFERTORY

Improperium ... et dederunt

Ps 69 (68): 21, 22

VIII

MY heart await-ed reproach and miser-y; * and I

hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none; I looked for one who would comfort me, and found no one. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vin-e-gar to drink.

OFFERTORY CONT'D.

Psalm 69 (68)

1. Save me, O God, for the waters * have risen to my neck. I have sunk into the mud of the deep, * where there is no foothold. I have entered the waters of the deep, * where the flood overwhelms me.

COMMUNION

Pater, si non potest

Mt 26: 42

VIII

Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink

it, thy will be done.

Psalm 22 (21)

1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? † Why are you far from saving me, * so far from my words of anguish?

O my God, I call by day and you do not answer; * I call by night and I find no reprieve.

Glory Be to the Father...

COMMUNION HYMN

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more.
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart
lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived;
how says trusty hearing? That shall be believed;
what God's Son has told me take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy Godhead made no sign to man;
here thy very manhood steals from human ken;
both are my confession, both are my belief,
and I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
but can plainly call thee Lord and God as he;
this faith each day deeper be my holding of,
daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.