

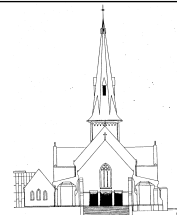
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8 & 9 April 2017 - Palm Sunday - Year A

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From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends,

With this Sunday's liturgy we enter into the most sacred and solemn week of the Church's year. It is begun amid the '**Hosannas**' of Palm Sunday and ends with the '**Alleluias**' of Easter. In between, we are invited to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, and more especially to Calvary and to the Empty Tomb and the Upper Room.

It becomes an invitation for us to see how we have progressed during this time of Lent. On **Ash Wednesday** we were marked with the ashes on our foreheads while the minister challenged us to 'Repent and turn to the Gospel'. As we come to a conclusion of the Lenten period this coming Wednesday, we need to ask ourselves what place has repentance had in these last forty days? Have I grown closer to the Gospels during this time, using them in my prayer and spiritual reading? If we have repented of our sins and grown closer to God through his word, then Lent has been a successful journey for us. We are in the right frame of mind to celebrate the mysteries of Easter.

Over these last five Sundays of Lent we have been presented with many scenes from the life and ministry of Jesus – his **Temptation** in the desert, his **Transfiguration**, the encounter with the **Samaritan woman**, the healing of the **man born blind** and the raising of **Lazarus**. These episodes – especially the last three have challenged us at the very heart of our faith as we have been invited to see in Jesus the source of **living water**, the **light of the world** and the **Resurrection and the Life**.

I invite you to allow yourselves to be drawn into the profound mysteries celebrated during the **Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday through to the Easter Vigil)**. Allow yourselves to be with Jesus in the upper room on Thursday night as he calls us to service and ministry through the washing of the feet, the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood; to sense some of his desolation and abandonment at the Garden of Gethsemane and on the road to Calvary; to experience the disillusionment of the disciples as they feel the death of Jesus, and then to relive the joy of their encounter with the Risen Lord and the power, commitment and challenge that comes from that encounter. We have the added grace of having the Replica of the **Shroud of Turin** on exhibition in the Cathedral Hall and then in the Cathedral Chapel (till April 18th). Mediating on this great relic reminds us of the events we are celebrating this coming week.

Emeritus Pope Benedict reminded us in his 2011 Lenten letter that in '**the Lenten journey...we are invited to contemplate the Mystery of the Cross**', as means of reproducing within us the pattern of his death (**Phil 3:10**). Calvary is truly the greatest moment of God's love for us. As we contemplate the events of Calvary and the victory over death on Easter we can recall with great solace the words of Pope Francis' Lenten letter this year: '**God's mercy is greater than any sin we may have committed.**' If sin still has a hold on us, may we take the steps these coming days to repent, move towards saving words of the Gospel and celebrate these sacred days in purity of heart. May these coming days be sacred, solemn, holy and challenging for you.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Dean and Parish Priest



**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
WEEKLY TIMETABLE**

SUNDAY

- ◆ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass
- ◆ 11.00am Solemn Mass *with Cathedral Choir*
- ◆ 6.00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- ◆ 6.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 6.45am Mass
- ◆ 11.15am Exposition
- ◆ 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)
Rosary after Angelus at midday
- ◆ 12.30pm Mass
- ◆ 5.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church

SATURDAY

- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form
Latin
- ◆ 8.30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9am)
- ◆ 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)

Weddings by appointment only.

Cloister Function Room - For bookings call Parish Office on 8839 8400. Visit our website www.stpatscathedral.com.au for more information.

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on Sundays. **Download baptism form** at www.stpatscathedral.com.au

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Legion of Mary meet every Saturday at 9.45am at Murphy House. For more information call Parish Office 8839 8400.

Playgroup

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

April

9 Sun

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

12 Wed

Chrism Mass - 7.30pm

13 Thur

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm

15 Sat

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - 7.00pm

16 Sun

Sunday of the Resurrection

NON LITURGICAL EVENTS

April

9-18

Shroud of Turin (copy) Exhibition - Chapel

Tues 11

Meditation - 9.30am - Murphy House

Sat 15

Legion of Mary - 9.45am-11.00am - Murphy House

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday 10 April	7.30pm	Office of Tenebrae
Wed 12 April	7.30pm	Chrism Mass
Holy Thursday 13 April	7.00pm 11.00pm	Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper (Washing of the feet) Adoration until midnight Office of Compline (night prayer)
Good Friday 14 April	9.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am-12.30pm 3.00pm	Office of Readings Solemn Office of Lauds Stations of the Cross 1st Rite of Reconciliation Celebration of the Passion
Holy Saturday 15 April	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 16 April	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Mass (said) Holy Mass with Reception of Candidate into full Communion Solemn Holy Mass (music by Cathedral Choir) Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)

For the sick: Filomena Nubla, Breda Jackman, Clem Gallagher, Lisa & Margaret Farrelly, Mich Lenihan, Halley Avery, Jennifer Abdullah, Keith Mathews, Yvonne Malouf

Special Intentions: Group Int. Dadic, Newman family, Cesar Valverde, Jackson, Valverde, Smith, Merino & Narayan families. Wade Smith, Peruvian families, Lopez family, Carmen Whitty, Darryl D Carbonell, Paul Elogious, Members Love family, Joseph Senn, Leo Coleman, David Pigott

For those recently deceased: Pet Banga Herrera, Neville Wilson, Norma Glanville, Marie Melide, Marie Buhagiar, Barry Anderson, Rosalia Ferrer Datuin, Spiro Giannaklis

Deceased: YT Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Elizabeth & Lawrence Fernandes, Grimaldo Guiptous, Pat Rea, Lourdes Pablo, Rufino Nubla, Bob Gebrael, Aaron Bannatyne, Deanna Hsu, Lucy Udovcic, Nikola Rastegorac, Carlos Jose Taua, Yang Suk

Anniversary: O. Helen Reddy, Eustachiusz Szpilewicz, Kwong Phua, Jee Phua, Tony Clyne, Annie Ellich, Warner Schroaders, Leonor Quinalayo

Perpetuals: Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, Norm Hector, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian Sanders, Don Andrews, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Maurice DeNiese, Fr Bray, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Vincent Huang, Townsend, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Lucy D'Mello, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Royan & Andrews Families, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, Sherwood Family, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.

Rite of Election

Please continue to pray for our elect who will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Veronica Leonardo-Allan	Mehrdad Mobaraki
Melika Mobaraki	Melissa Mobaraki
Maryam Mohabatpour	Mehdi Mohabatpour
Samira Zarei	Dina Tang
Anna Bui	Adeel Mahfooz
Akram Von Busse	Rosa Mohabatpour
Roxanna Mohabatpour	John Starkey

Are you coming to supper after the Easter Vigil next Saturday?



A list is in the narthex where you can:-

- Write your name if you are coming (*this helps us cater appropriately*).
- Indicate if you are happy to bring food. (Note listed suggestions for finger food.)
- Indicate if you can help with setting up and serving at the supper.

We will gather to celebrate Christ Risen and to congratulate and welcome the Neophytes (the people initiated into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil).

Any questions, contact Marian Polizzi on 9630 4019 or 0418 978 730.

The next issue of St Pat's Matters is in the pipeline.



WHAT YOU CAN WRITE ABOUT

1. Any parish matters of old St Pat's pre 1996 fire.
2. How your faith sustains your daily living.
3. What you like about being a St Pat's Parishioner.
4. Your involvement in parish ministry? How and why this came about?
5. Caring for a sick person? How does your Faith help you in this role?
6. Share your memories of former priests who ministered at St Pat's.
7. People you see doing good works.
8. Share photos from parish life/events from yesteryear and now.
9. Anything you would like to share.

We would love to publish your experiences in the next **St Pat's Matters**.

Email submissions to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office marked 'for St Pat's Matters'

Deadline for submissions: 14 April 2017.

Parking at the Cathedral during Holy Week

During Holy Week, both car parks will be open for parishioners and visitors. We ask you to allow extra time to park as the car and pedestrian traffic will be heavy.

As always, we ask that you DO NOT double park and only park in 'marked bays'.



Connecting with our Youth

	Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Every Friday in school terms-5pm
	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month - 4pm
	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

Journey through Holy Week with Catholic Youth

Parramatta: Palm Sunday 9 & Good Friday 14 April

All are invited to join youth and young adults of the Diocese for the Palm Sunday Procession, WYD Mass & Event at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta on Sunday 9 April. The procession down Church Street with Bishop Vincent will depart at 5.30pm from Parramatta Town Hall following a short liturgy.

On Friday 14 April the Good Friday Night Walk will take place at 10.00pm through the night departing St Patrick's Church at Blacktown and concluding at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 7am.

Building on the success of more than 1300 participating last year, the journey will again take us through the parishes of Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Merrylands and Parramatta.

Further details on **Catholic Youth Parramatta** Facebook Events. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection.

'Come and See' Weekend Retreats for Women

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. These retreats offer a one-to-one encounter and include prayer time, talks and accompaniment. Bring only a holy Bible and a smile! Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. For more information contact Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638,

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