

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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02 April 2023 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

Mass Schedule

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

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
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The Drama of Holy Week

ITHERE IS LITTLE DOUBT that for most Christians, the week ahead is their favourite time of year. Certainly, everyone enjoys Christmas, but the commercialisation that encompasses the Christmas season tends to somewhat smother the religious significance of the season. This is not to say that there is no commercialisation of Easter, but it is nowhere near the level we see for Feast of the Nativity.

Before we get to the joys of Easter, we are treated to the drama, (and there is no other word for it), of Holy Week which begins this weekend. I would encourage you to come to every liturgy the Cathedral offers that you can. This will ensure that you are best prepared for the season of the Resurrection. We only genuinely appreciate something to the full when we have waited in anticipation for it. The Holy Week schedule is available in the bulletin and on handouts near the doors of the cathedral. Below, I highlight some of the key events of this most beautiful and sacred period in the Christian calendar.

The celebration of **Tenebrae** (Monday at 7:30pm), is a solemn and beautiful liturgy, set in darkness with the gradual extinguishing of candles to the accompaniment of some beautiful music. On Wednesday evening (7:30) we host the **Chrism Mass** with clergy and laity from across the diocese, as Bishop Vincent blesses the oils which will be used in the year ahead by all the parishes around the diocese. At 7:30pm on Thursday we celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Good Friday morning is the time we pray the **Stations of the Cross** (10:00am), returning in the afternoon at 3:00 for the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**, recalling the extraordinary events on the day of Jesus' crucifixion. Holy Saturday (note, *not* Easter Saturday) is a day of silent reflection, but even so we will celebrate the **Office of Readings** and **Morning Prayer** at 9:00am.

This is not an exhaustive list by any means.

All of this leads to the highlight of the Catholic Christian calendar, the **Easter Vigil Mass** (7:00pm). Yes, this is a long Mass (finishing around 9:30pm) but if you have never been to it before, I suggest you come along this year. In this Mass, beginning in darkness, we witness the blessing of the Easter fire and the Paschal Candle, which takes a place of prominence in the cathedral throughout the Easter season. We hear the dramatic readings from the Hebrew scriptures of the creation of the world and the freedom of the Israelites from slavery and so many more, concluding with the Gospel of the Resurrection. Following this we have the baptismal liturgy in which Bishop Vincent will baptise and then confirm those adults who have been preparing for initiation into the Church. We conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. All of this is, naturally, accompanied with some stunning music from our exceptionally talented choir and organists. The end of the great Easter Vigil Mass marks the end of one long celebration which began on Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

And so begins the marvellous season of Easter...

Wishing you many blessings during Holy Week,

Fr Robert



LITURGY GUIDE

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

The Blessing of Palms at all Masses (except 11:00am Solemn Mass) will take place inside the cathedral. At the 11:00am Solemn Mass, the Blessing of Palms will take place outside on the cloister lawn. The ministers will be situated near the west door of Murphy House, under the cloister. Please assemble on the lawn in the cloister and collect a palm which the Celebrant will bless.

Antiphon Hosanna to the Son of David Th. Weelkes

Cantor / Choir Hosanna to the Son of David;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel The Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

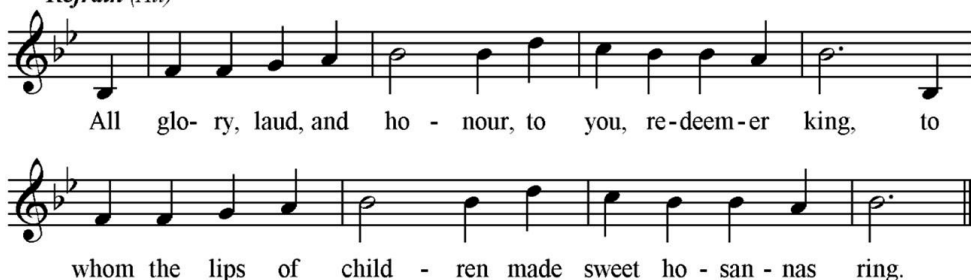
Before the procession, the choir sings the antiphon "The Children of the Hebrews".
All then join in singing the hymn "All glory, laud and honour"

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

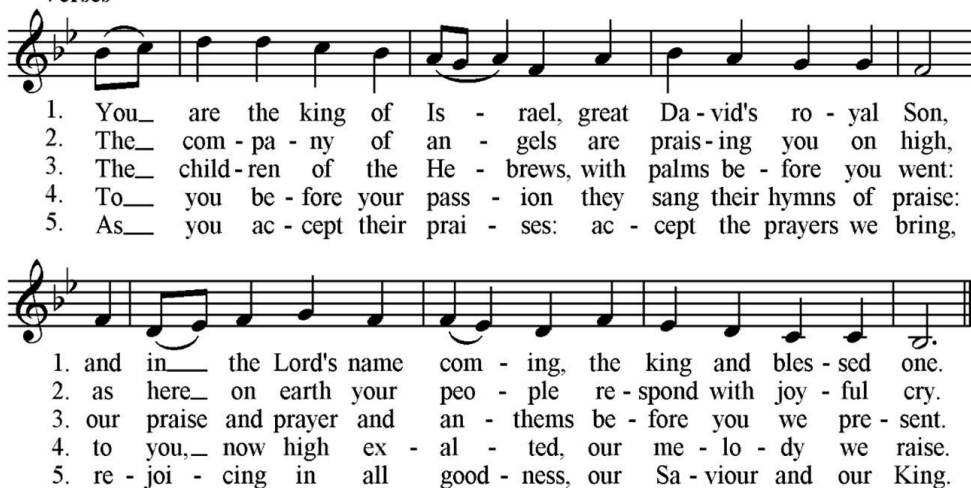
The Procession of Palms will go around the cloister and enter through the chapel gates. The congregation may follow the liturgical procession of clergy and ministers into the cathedral, or may simply enter through the side doors.

Processional Hymn All Glory, Laud and Honour

Refrain (All)



Verses



Text: *Gloria laus et honor*, Theodulph of Orleans c.760-820; tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66, alt.
Tune: ST. THEODULPH (Valet will ich dir geben) 76.76D; Melody by Melchior Teschner 1584-1635

11:00am As the procession enters the cathedral, and during the incensing of the altar, the choir sings the Responsory "Ingrediente Domino in sancte civitatem" (Chant)

As the Lord entered the Holy City, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life, * and, waving olive branches, they loudly praised the Lord: "Hosanna in the highest."
When the people heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem, they went to meet him * and, waving...

Palm Sunday - Year A



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
- O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!
- 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.
- The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

to the point

Abandonment has two faces. On the one hand, Jesus suffers abandonment not only by his followers but even by God. On the other hand, Jesus freely chooses an abandonment of his own: letting go of his rightful claim to 'equality with God' (second reading), to his human dignity, and to life itself. For his choice to abandon all, God lifts Jesus in exaltation. This is more than the 'plot' of Holy Week; it's the core of Christian life.

Connecting the Gospel to liturgy

The two gospels in this Sunday's liturgy move from exaltation ('Hosanna!') to abandonment ('why have you forsaken me?'). The Christian mystery, however, moves from abandonment (dying to self) to exaltation (rising to new life).

to Christian experience

Christians tend to understand the cross in the narrow terms of an instrument of torture and death. The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday reminds us that the cross is also the means of exaltation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129(130)



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are, and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Gospel Acclamation. All repeat.



Cantor:

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.

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

The full text of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew is found in a separate leaflet. Please leave in the cathedral at the end of Mass.

Alternatively, please respond to the parts of the Gospel reading, marked [C], in the Passion Reading extract below...

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26: 14-27:66
(Please join in the highlighted parts marked C)

- N Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,
C Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?
NThey were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,
C Not I, Lord, surely?
OHe has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?
N They answered:
C He deserves to die.
N Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him:
C Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?
NA little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:
C You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.
O I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.
N They replied:
C What is that to us? That is your concern.
N And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:
C It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.
OWhich of the two do you want me to release for you?
N They said:
C Barabbas.
N Pilate said to them: O What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
N They all said:
C Let him be crucified!
N Pilate asked: O Why? What harm has he done?
N But they shouted all the louder,
C Let him be crucified!
NAnd the people, to a man, shouted back:
C His blood be on us and on our children!
NTo make fun of him they knelt to him saying:
C Hail, king of the Jews!
NThe passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:
C So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!
N The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:
C He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.
N 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:
C The man is calling on Elijah,
N and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. The rest of them said:
C Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.
N But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.
All kneel and pause a moment.
Nand they were terrified and said:
C In truth this was a son of God.
Nthe chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,
C Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Homily

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

Motet 11:00am Praise to thee, Lord Jesus H. Schütz

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus, who in bitter pain on the cross did suffer
and for our sake wast slain. Thou reignst with God the Father in
eternity. Lead us erring sinners unto heaven and thee.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison
(Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.)

Sanctus Missal Tone

*Cantors * All Mass XVIII*

H O - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

Sanctus

Missa "Orbis factor"

Chant XI

Cantors All

H O - ly, * Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Cantors

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - - ry.

The cantors intone the 'Hosanna'. ALL Repeat

Cantors

Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

All

Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

ICEL

S Ave us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rection,

you have set us free.

Amen

A - men

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Missal Tone

ICEL

*Cantors * All*

L -Amb of God * you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us.

*Cantors * All*

Lamb of God * you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us.

*Cantors * All*

Lamb of God * you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Agnus Dei

Th. Morely

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Antiphon

11:00am Mass Pater, si non potes hic calix transpire Mt 26:42

Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it,
thy will be done.

Communion Hymn Glory be to Jesus



1. Glo - ry be to Je - sus who in bit - ter pains
2. Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3. Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream,
4. A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;
5. Oft as it is sprink - led on our guilt - y hearts,
6. Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
7. Let us lift our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;



1. poured for me the life - blood from his sac - red veins.
2. blest be his com - pass - ion, in - fin - ite - ly kind.
3. which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
4. but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.
5. Sa - tan in con - fus - ion ter - ror - struck de - parts.
6. an - gel hosts re - joic - ing make their glad re - ply.
7. loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

*ext: *Viva! Viva! Gesù* Anon., Italian c. 1815 trans. Edward Caswall 1814-78 (alt.)
Music: CASWALL 65.65, Friderich Filitz, 1804-76

Thanksgiving Motet: O Bone Jesu M.A. Ingegneri

O good Jesus, have mercy upon us,
for thou hast created us, thou hast redeemed us
by thy most precious blood.



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Next Week's Readings

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Readings:

Acts 10:34, 37-43: We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23: R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Col 3:1-4: Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Jn 20:1-9: The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129

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

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' R.

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. R.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! R.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. 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.

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

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

HOLY WEEK - SACRED MUSIC



St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta MUSIC FOR CHORAL LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April, 2023

Antiphon

Processional Hymn

On Entering the Cathedral

Offertory Motet

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymn

Thanksgiving motet

11.00am Blessing & Procession of Palms, Solemn Mass

Hosanna to the Son of David

All Glory, Laud and honour

Ingrediente Domino in sancte civitatem

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Morley Agnus Dei

Glory be to Jesus

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Th. Weelkes

ST. THEODOLPH

Chant mode 2

H. Schütz

Th. Morley

CASWALL

H. Schütz

Holy Monday 3rd April, 2023

7.30 pm Office of Tenebrae (Liturgy of Light & Shadows)

Responsory Motets: Versa est in luctum – Lobo

Amica mea vinea – Palestrina; I am the resurrection -Milton

Christus factus est – N.Zingarelli; Benedictus – Tone & Fauxbourdon.

Holy Wednesday, 5th April,

Entrance Hymn

Introit

Kyrie/ Gloria/Agnus Dei

Procession of Oils

Offertory motet

Communion Hymn

Post Communion

Recessional Hymn

7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Holy Chrism

The Kingdom of God

Dilexisti justitiam

Mass of "Christ the Redeemer"

O redeemer hear our singing

Inveni David

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Christ has no body now (Teresa of Avila)

Priestly people, sing your praise

HANOVER

Chant mode 8

B. Kirkpatrick

Chant arr. Cox

P.L. da Palestrina

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

D. Ogden

SANCTA SOPHIA

Holy Thursday 6th April, 2023

Processional Hymn

Introit

Kyrie /Agnus Dei

Gloria

Mandatum

Communion Hymn

Motet

Proc'n to Altar of Repose

7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

When I survey the wondrous cross

Nos autem - (Schola)

Chant Mass XVII/ad lib II/ polyphony

Missa "Stelliferi"

Mandatum Chants & Hymn: "Faith, hope and love" S. Dean

An upper room

Ave verum corpus

Tantum ergo (sung by the Choir)

ROCKINGHAM

Chant Mode IV

L. Viadana

Chant Mass XIII

O WALLY WALLY

C. Mawby

De severac

Good Friday 7th April, 2023

Good Friday

9.30am Sung Lauds 10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (St John)

Veneration of the Cross Miserere Mei, Deus

Crucifixus

Jesus remember me (Taize) + Reproaches

Amica mea vinea

Psalm 21: My God, my God,

My loving Saviour

Chant (English)

G. Allegri

A. Lotti

Plainsong / Victoria

Palestrina

Chant

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Communion Motets

Thanksgiving Hymn

Holy Saturday 8th April, 2023

Gloria /Agnus Dei

Gospel Acclamation

Offertory/Communion

Thanksgiving Motet

Postlude

7.00pm The Easter Vigil

Mass of the Resurrection

Great Easter Alleluia

Through the Red Sea/By your kingly power

Psalm 150 – O Praise God in his holiness

Fiat Lux

R. de Bruyn

Chant (Solemn tone)

STRAF ICH MICH;

Stanford

Th. Dubois

Easter Sunday 9th April, 2023

Entrance Hymn

Introit

Kyrie /Gloria/Agnus Dei

Sequence

Easter Alleluia

Prep'n of Gifts

Hymn

Thanksgiving motet:

Postlude

11.00am Solemn Pontifical Mass of Easter (with Choir & Orchestra)

That Easter day with joy was bright

Resurrexi

Mass in G

Christians, praise the paschal victim

Lauds Chant Mode VI (+ choral extension)

Jesus Christ is Risen today

Christ the Lord is risen again (11.am only)

Surrexit Christus hodie

Carillon

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Gregorian Chant

F. Schubert

Chant (English)

J. Taverner

EASTER HYMN

CHRISTUS IST ERSTANDEN

S. Scheidt

H. Mulet

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Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week - 03 April

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am - 12:20pm Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary
7:30pm Office of Tenebrae



Tuesday of Holy Week - 04 April

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am - 12:20pm Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary

Wednesday of Holy Week - 05 April

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am - 12:20pm Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary
7:30pm Chrism Mass



Holy Thursday - 06 April

9:00am Office of Readings & Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper with the 'Mandatum'
(Adoration until 11:00pm)
10:45pm Office of Compline (Night Prayer) followed by Benediction



Good Friday - 07 April

9:00am Office of Readings
9:30am Solemn Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am Stations of the Cross
10:30am - 12:00noon First Rite of Reconciliation
3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord



Holy Saturday - 08 April

9:00am Office of Readings & Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:00pm The Easter Vigil



Sunday of the Resurrection - 09 April

8:00am Holy Mass (said Mass)
9:30am Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)
11:00am Solemn Holy Mass of Easter Sunday (music by Cathedral Choir)
6:00pm Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)



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Journey to WYD 2023 - A note from the pilgrims...

We are full speed ahead with organising tables for the Trivia Night.

There are eight people to a table. You can either book a table or join others. Grab your family, friends and relatives for a very enjoyable evening! Tickets are \$10 per person.

Also, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets online. Prizes are amazing - thanks to some very generous donors. The link is

<https://rafflelink.com.au/st-pats-wyd-affle>

or you can use the QR code shown here.

We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks.

Caitlin, Kayleigh & Stacie



TRIVIA NIGHT - SATURDAY 29 APRIL - 7:30PM
tickets available at trybooking.com/CGQGZ

Good Friday Walk - Hospitality

The youth are again walking from St Pat's Blacktown to St Pat's Parramatta, arriving here at approximately 6:00am.

As a parish, we offer hospitality by way of supplying refreshments. This year we will be cooking bacon and eggs. Please let the Cathedral office know if you can assist in serving the pilgrims. All volunteers are asked to be at the Cathedral hall by 5:00am.

If you can't help on the day but could donate bacon or eggs for the breakfast, please bring them to the Parish Office by Holy Thursday.

Easter Vigil Supper

Each year at Easter Vigil, we welcome newly baptised members of our Catholic community who have been preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through the RCIA program.

There will be a supper after the Easter Vigil Mass to celebrate and welcome these newly baptised into our community.

If you are attending the Easter Vigil and have a few minutes to spare, would you help us serve supper after the Mass? Please let the Parish Office know of your availability so we can plan accordingly.

Your assistance in volunteering for both of the events above will be much appreciated.

Holy Thursday Mass Collection

The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper this **Thursday at 7:30pm**. During this Mass we will take up a collection for those in need, the proceeds of which will be given to St Vincent de Paul to assist the most needy in our parish.

Holy Land Collection - Good Friday

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land 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 rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over seventy churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you!

Good Shepherd Appeal

Last weekend we, and every other parish across the diocese, launched Bishop Vincent's Good Shepherd Appeal. The focus of this appeal is the support of the Holy Spirit Seminary, located in Harris Park, and the seminarians who are in formation to be priests for our diocese in the years to come. There are currently eleven students in various stages of formation. Please be as generous as you can with your support.

Donate online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or use one of the envelopes. Thank you for your support!



Thanks again

Frank, Dimitri and Greg (maintenance) did a wonderful job chopping up the palms for you today. Many thanks to this wonderful 'behind the scenes' team. They have been doing this for too many years to count. Frank mentioned they may need an apprentice to learn the ropes. All volunteers welcome.

Toongabbie Legal Centre Raffle

Toongabbie Legal Centre volunteers will be selling raffle tickets this weekend, along with some merchandise. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 15 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people. Tickets are \$2 each or \$20 for a book of 10 tickets: other items as priced. TLC has helped over 12,000 people so far.



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Prayer Intentions

We pray for our beloved dead...

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them..."*

Recently Deceased: Ishander Singh, Poh Yeen Log, Aloma Pospischil, Robert Redoblado, Zakie Baysari, Joseph J Perrottet, Nat Fedyk, Noble Flursheim, Amelin Tino, Amaflor Youngman, Fr Paul Trong Nguyen, Joe Howard

Deceased: Filomena Nubla, Josefa Manubay, Lucy D'Mello, Cedric Cunningham, Purification Guillermu, Maria Villodelgado, YT & Deanna Hsu, Barbara Wood, Ma Maurice Briganza, Abe & Abe F Nozoula, Ab & Abe E Graciers, Madeline, Anthony, Patrick, Rosa, Raymond, David O'Connor, Franceska Sajn, Sr Stella, Zita Subasinghe, Gloria Wang, Margaret McCallium, McCallum & Foran families

Anniversaries: Vincenza Debono, Teadora, Merinessa Salvacion, Juan Montesco, Ben Bautista, Pasquale Altamore, Frere A Levananu, John Baptist Lien Le, Crisanta Valdez, Ian Bronkhurst, Chad E Bool, Constancio Valdez, Leonor Quinalayo

Perpetuals: Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

We also pray for...

Sick: Flavia, Baldo Polizzi, Michelle & Ryan, Nancy Perry, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, , Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Rosa Rizak, Fatima, Cristofer Doughty, Barbera Hector, Nicole & Rita Slatter, Richard Gosling, Lester Dunnetio, Renish & Rita Pasanah, Maria Lipek, Mounira Epenian, William Peropert, John Fajarao, Diosdada Penollar, Flor Ocampo, Christie Penollar, Merle Bailie, Teresita Zafiro, Joshua Peric, Fatima, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Paul Elogious, Luisa, P. Henry, Raveen, Tian, Xianora D'Mello, Kristine Mae Anne, Mr & Mrs A D'Mello, Naleen, Mary & Bernadette, Annabelle Perrottet, Celeste Perrottet, NSW Election, Pedro Romulo, Nikola Senjak, Rebecca Ramirez, Cresilda Gantuangco, Naleen, Tian, Raveen, Zuo Loong Hsu, Stephen Senjak, Patrick Newman, Nicole & Rita Slatter

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family, the Body of Christ, these children who were recently baptised...



**Ezra Deeb
Jayden Cutajar**

Please pray for these children and their families.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April



For a culture of peace and non-violence

"We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 29 March*

"We must never forget the moment and the way in which God enters into our lives, treasuring in our hearts and minds that encounter with Grace that enkindles faith in our hearts and sparks zeal for the Gospel within us."

Saint of the Week

04 April - St Benedict "The Black" (1526-1589), Monk

Benedict was born in 1526, the son of Christopher and Diana, an Ethiopian couple who were kept as slaves in Sicily. When Benedict reached the age of 18, he was set free and he joined a hermit called Jerome. His reputation for holiness meant people flocked to him all the time. Eventually he moved to a Franciscan monastery where he spent the rest of his life serving his brothers as a cook. Even though he was a lay brother and without education, he was chosen to be their Superior and, at the end of his six-year term, he went back to the kitchen. People kept on visiting him for advice and his prayers. He died on 04 April 1589.

(Information: Universalis)



"Quote of the Week"

"We are at the beginning of Holy Week. If we want truly to be Christian, this week ought to be a time when we share in a special way in the passion of Christ. We do this not so much by indulging in pious feelings, but by bearing the burdens of our life with simple fortitude and without ostentation. For we share by faith in the passion of our Lord precisely by realising that our life is a participation in his destiny."

Karl Rahner
(1904-1984)
Jesuit Priest & Theologian
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Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

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Good Friday Word-Find

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INCYRENETE
NEHANDSTOMB
NAILSJOHNUR
MAGDALENESS

See if you can
find all the words
in **CAPITALS**
in the puzzle.

Use the leftover
letters to fill in
the blanks:

**What did Jesus
do on the cross?**

_____.

On Good Friday JESUS was taken before King HEROD and the governor, PILATE. Even though He had not committed any crime He was scourged and condemned to die on the CROSS. He CARRIED the cross as far as He could up CALVARY hill, but when He got too weak a man named SIMON of CYRENE was forced to help Him. On the way He met His mother, MARY, who WEPT at seeing her Son in such pain. A woman named VERONICA wiped the blood and sweat from His face with a cloth. At the top of the HILL Jesus was thrown onto the cross and His HANDS and FEET were fastened to it with NAILS. They raised the cross, where Jesus hung for three hours before He DIED. He did all this to SAVE us from Hell. At the cross were JOHN, Mary MAGDALENE, His mother, and some other women. At the moment He died the curtain of the old Temple was TORN in half. When His body was taken down from the cross JOSEPH of Arimathea and NICODEMUS BURIED Him in a new TOMB and rolled a HEAVY STONE in front of the door.



Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

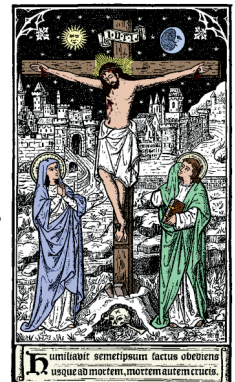
On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?

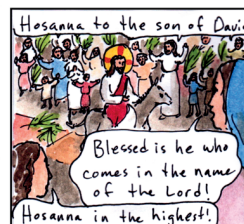
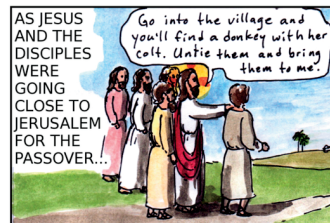


Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.
New Covenant which will be shed for many.
Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the

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Palm Sunday



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.

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