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24 March 2024 - Palm Sunday (Year B)

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 (September - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

AND SO the drama begins...

Jesus enters Jerusalem for the final time. Having entered the city, he celebrates the Passover with his disciples. Jesus then experiences the agony of Gethsemane, and finally his arrest, trial and the torment of an execution normally reserved for the worst of criminals. We better know this series of events as his Passion.



And this is why the more correct term for what is popularly known as Palm Sunday is "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." This weekend we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, with the common people greeting Jesus joyfully, laying their cloaks on the road, along with "greenery which they had cut in the fields", as a sign of respect. But this Gospel, which we hear at the beginning of Mass, is one of two proclaimed on Palm Sunday. The second, of course, is that of the Passion. We not only recall Jesus entering Jerusalem this weekend at the start of Holy Week; we also fast-forward to the outcome of his action. We recall these events in greater detail on Holy Thursday and Good Friday but get a foretaste today. We don't revel as the people did when Jesus rode astride a colt into the great city, for unlike those crowds we know the rest of the story. Our joyful celebrations will only begin once the Passion is over and Jesus rises from the dead.

The crowds greeting Jesus will soon fall silent. The one who enters Jerusalem as a king will show that he is not a normal king, not the king that the common people were expecting. A normal king would summon armies to mow down those who dare to treat him with such a lack of respect, but this king maintains a dignified silence throughout most of the drama. The fevered action happens around Jesus as he stands still, uttering words only when necessary. This king is not going to lower himself to the level of his torturers and accusers. This king understands the power of choosing not to seek revenge on his persecutors but rather seeking to bring about a change of heart in them through the power of love. This king, after all, is God.

As we gather for this Palm Sunday celebration, let us make a choice to enter into Holy Week with an open heart, that we may know the power of silence over angry words, of peace over clenched fist, of love over vengeance. Lent has given us an opportunity to be open to conversion – Holy Week affords us the chance to intensify that experience as we live out the drama that is the Passion of the Christ in a few days' time.

We move quickly today from "Hosanna!" to "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Triumph to despair, or so it would seem....

We await the final and ultimate triumph, the Resurrection, with keen anticipation and great joy.

Wishing you a blessed 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 cloister wall (next to the carpark). Please assemble on the lawn in the cloister and collect a palm which the Celebrant will bless.

Antiphon Hosianna dem Sohne David H. Gesius
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

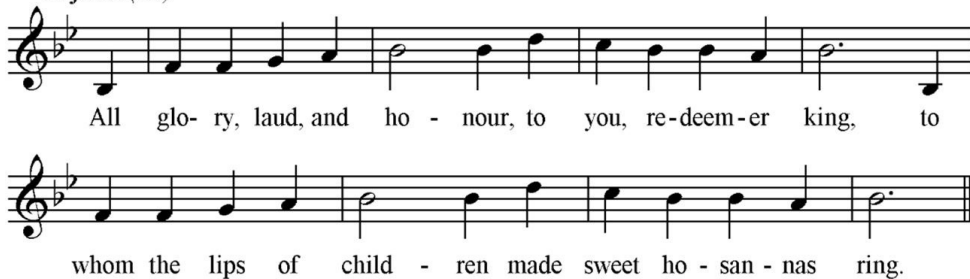
*Before the procession, the choir sings the antiphon "The Children of the Hebrews".
All then join in singing the hymn "All glory, laud and honour"*

THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

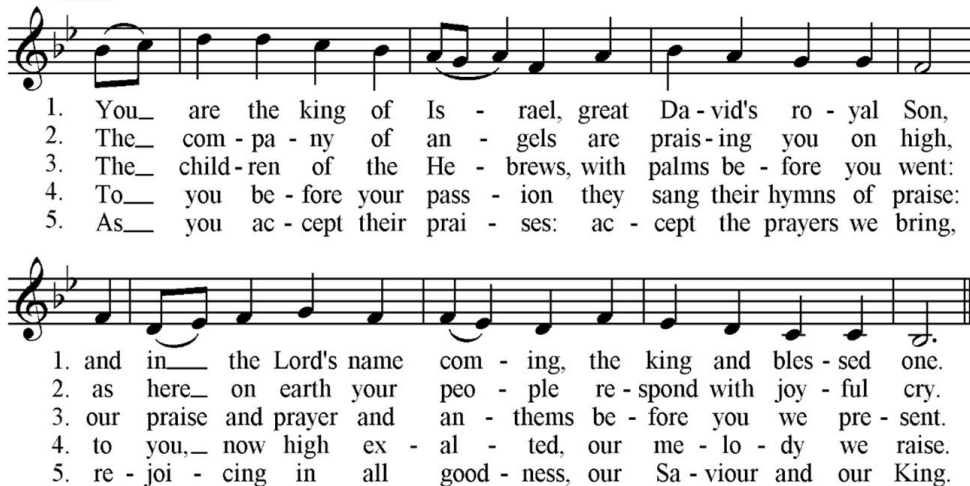
The Procession of Palms will go around the cloister and enter through the chapel gates. The congregation may follow the liturgical procession of clergy and ministers into the cathedral, or may simply enter through the side doors of the cathedral.

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 of the Lord's Passion Year B



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- King of the Jews.
- Crucify him.
- Son of God.
- The Lord comes to my help, so I am untouched by the insults.
- My God, why have you abandoned me?
- Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself.
- God raised him on high.
- Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example. Change our selfishness into self-giving.

to the point

- The true identity of Jesus, the nature of his mission, and the essence of discipleship are revealed in Christ crucified:
- Jesus' identity: 'Truly this man was the Son of God' (Mark 15:39);
- Jesus' mission: 'This is my blood . . . which will be shed for many' (Mark 14:24);
- The essence of discipleship: 'to carry his cross' (Mark 15:21).

Connecting the Gospel

- **to the passion and the procession with palms**

Jesus' disciples did not understand (gospel at the procession) that Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was not about immediate acclamation and glory ('Hosanna . . . king of Israel') but a glory realised only through the cross (Mark's passion).

- **to religious culture**

Traditionally we observe three hours of silence on Good Friday; discipleship, however, calls us to proclaim the gospel at every hour.

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. R. **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. R. **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 Mark is found in a separate leaflet. Please leave the Passion leaflet in the cathedral at the end of Mass.

Alternatively, join in the congregational parts of the Gospel reading, marked [C], in the Passion Reading extract below...

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ
according to Mark (14:1– 15:47)

N It was two days before the Passover For they said,
C **It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.**

N Jesus was at Bethany said to one another indignantly,

C **Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;**

N On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

C **Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

N The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C **We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'**

N And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die..... him with their fists and shouting,

C **Play the prophet!**

N But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C **You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.**

O **But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?**

N They shouted back.

C **Crucify him!**

N Pilate asked them,

O **Why? What harm has he done?**

N But they shouted all the louder,

C **Crucify him!**

N So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, And they began saluting him,

C **Hail, king of the Jews!**

N They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C **Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!**

N The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C **He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.**

N This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C **Listen he is calling on Elijah ...**

N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Homily

Profession of Faith The 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

At this time, gifts of offering are brought
to the altar and collection plates are
passed along the pews.

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Motet 11:00am Improperium expectavit G.P.da Palestrina

My heart expected reproach and misery
and I desired one who would grieve with me and there was none:
I sought one to console me, and I found none:
and they gave me gall as my food,
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink

Sanctus Missal Tone

*Cantors * All Mass XVIII*

HO - 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

HO - 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

Missa Mon coeur se recommande

J. Eccard

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 Filtz, 1804-76

Thanksgiving Motet:

Loving Lamb

R.Krusemark

Alas, and did my Saviour bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I have done, He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

O the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the Lamb on Calvary,
The Lamb that was slain, that liveth again to intercede for me.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.

Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

O the Lamb..... Alas, and did my Saviour bleed...

Text: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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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 2024

24th March, 2024

Palm Sunday

Antiphon
Processional Hymn
On Entering the Cathedral
Offertory Motet
Sanctus
Agnus Dei
Communion Hymn
Thanksgiving motet

11.00am Blessing & Procession of Palms, Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Lord's Passion

Hosianna dem Sohne David
All Glory, Laud and honour
Ingrediente Domino in sancte civitatem
Improperium expectavit cor meum
Missa "Orbis factor"
Missa "Mon Coeur se recommande a vous"
Glory be to Jesus
Loving Lamb
H. Gesius
ST. THEODOLPH
Chant mode 2
G.P. da Palestrina
Chant Mass XI
H. Eccard
CASWALL
R. Krusemark

25th March, 2024

Holy Monday

Responsory Motets:

Christus factus est
Benedictus

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

Improperium expectavit cor meum – G. P. da Palestrina
Salvator mundi - T. Tallis; Tenebrae factae sunt - P. Nicholson
A. Bruckner
Tonus Peregrinus & Fauxbourdon

27th March, 2024

Holy Wednesday

Entrance Hymn
Introit
Kyrie
Gloria/Gospel Acc.
Procession of Oils
Offertory motet
Sanctus/Acc/Amen
Agnus Dei
Communion Hymn
Post Communion
Recessional Hymn

7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Holy Chrism

Lift up your hearts (All around us...)
Dilexisti justitiam
Mass of "Christ the Redeemer"
Mass of "Christ the Redeemer"
O redeemer hear our singing
Salvator mundi
Missal tone
Mass of "Christ the Redeemer"
O Jesus, we adore you
Loving Lamb
Lord, you give the great commission
Modlin/Alstott
Chant mode 8
B. Kirkpatrick
B. Kirkpatrick
Chant arr. Cox
T. Tallis
Chant
B. Kirkpatrick
PASSION CHORALE
R. Krusemark
ABBOTS LEIGH

28th March, 2024

Holy Thursday

Processional Hymn
Introit
Kyrie/Sanctus/Agnus Dei
Gloria
Mandatum
Offertory
Euch. Acclamations
Communion Hymn
Motet
Proc'n to Altar of Repose
Adoration

7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

When I survey the wondrous cross
Nos autem - (*Schola*)
Mass in Re
Missa "Stelliferi"
Mandatum Novum
Where there is charity and love
Save Us Saviour/ Amen
This body will be given for you
O sacrum convivium
Sing my tongue/ Tantum ergo (*Choir*)
O Sacrament most holy
ROCKINGHAM
Chant Mode IV
L. Bevenot
Chant Mass XIII
L. Mayernik
JEREMY
Missal Chants (ICEL)
C. Willcock SJ
T. Tallis
Chant/ De severac
C. Gounod

29th March, 2024

Good Friday

Good Friday

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John*
Veneration of the Cross

Communion Motets

Thanksgiving Hymn

9.30am Sung Lauds 10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Christ, according to John*
Miserere Mei, Deus
Tenebrae factae sunt
Jesus remember me (Taize) + Reproaches
Improperium expectavit cor meum
Lord, we adore you
Psalm 21: My God, my God,
O Jesus, we adore you
Chant (English)
G. Allegri
P. Nicholson
Plainsong / Victoria
G. P. da Palestrina
C. Walker
Chant
PASSION CHORALE

30th March, 2024

Holy Saturday

Gloria /Agnus Dei
Gospel Acclamation
Offertory/Communion
Holy/Acc/Amen
Communion Hymn
Thanksgiving Motet
Postlude

7.30pm The Easter Vigil

Mass of the Resurrection
Great Easter Alleluia
Through the Red Sea/By your kingly power
Festival Eucharist
Thine be the glory
O night that is brighter than the day
Fiat Lux
R. de Bruyn
Chant (Solemn tone)
STRAF ICH MICH;
R. Proulx
JUDAS MACCABEUS
D. Hurd
Th. Dubois

31st March, 2024

Easter Sunday

Introit
Entrance Hymn
Kyrie /Gloria/Agnus Dei
Sequence
Easter Alleluia
Prep'n of Gifts
Communion Hymn (all Masses except 11am)
Hymn
Thanksgiving motet:
Postlude

11.00am Solemn Pontifical Mass of Easter

Resurrexi – I am risen
Jesus Christ is Risen today
Mass in D
Christians, praise the paschal victim
Lauds Chant Mode VI (+ choral extension –
That Easter day with joy was bright
Now the green blade
Christ the Lord is risen again (11.am only)
This joyful Eastertide
Prelude & Fugue in B major Op.7 no.1
Gregorian Chant arr. C. Thatcher
EASTER HYMN
A. Dvořák
Chant (English)
J. Taverner)
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NOEL NOUVELET
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At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

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Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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Palm Sunday - The Beginning of Holy Week

As we step into the solemnity of Palm Sunday, we are reminded of the profound paradox that marks the beginning of Holy Week. This day commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted with hosannas and palms, yet it also ushers us into the narrative of his impending Passion and crucifixion. This duality invites us to reflect deeply on the journey we have undertaken during Lent and prepare our hearts for the sacred mysteries of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday serves as a bridge between our Lenten journey and the solemnity of the days that follow, intertwining the themes of celebration, suffering, and ultimate redemption. It challenges us to hold joy and sorrow in tension, recognising that our path to resurrection passes through the cross. As we receive our palms and recall the crowds that hailed Jesus as king, we are called to consider our own fidelity and the ways we welcome or turn away from Christ in our lives.

This moment invites us to revisit the three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - as essential preparations for the mysteries of Holy Week:

Prayer has been our direct line to the divine, a means to deepen our relationship with Christ. As we enter Holy Week, let our prayers become even more intentional, reflecting on Jesus' love and sacrifice. Let us pray for the grace to follow him more closely, to stay with him through his trial and crucifixion, and to witness his Resurrection with renewed faith.

Fasting has offered us a way to share in a small portion of Jesus' suffering, to empty ourselves so we might be filled with the Spirit. As we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his journey to the cross, our fasting takes on new meaning. It becomes a symbol of our willingness to let go of worldly attachments and comforts, to stand in solidarity with Jesus and all who suffer.

Almsgiving reflects our call to love and serve others, just as Jesus did throughout his ministry and even to death. Our acts of charity and service throughout Lent are not just good deeds but are profound expressions of the love that Jesus showed us. As we prepare for Holy Week, let us look for ways to give of ourselves, to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, especially to those who are most in need.

Palm Sunday calls us to enter Holy Week with a spirit of humility and readiness, carrying forward the lessons of Lent. It invites us to witness the events of Jesus' Passion with open hearts, allowing ourselves to be transformed by his love and sacrifice. Let us move forward with the palms of victory in our hands, but also with the cross before our eyes, ready to embrace the fullness of the Paschal Mystery.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA



MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 25 MARCH

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Office of Tenebrae



TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 26 MARCH

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation



WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 27 MARCH

6:30am and 12:30pm Mass
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Chrism Mass



HOLY THURSDAY - 28 MARCH

9:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11:15am – 12:15pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration until 11:30pm)
11:30pm Office of Compline



GOOD FRIDAY - 29 MARCH

9:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
10:00am Stations of the Cross
10:45am – 12:00noon Reconciliation
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



HOLY SATURDAY - 30 MARCH

9:00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
7:30pm The Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY - 31 MARCH

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

PARISH NOTICES

Good Friday Walk Breakfast for the Pilgrims



As a cherished tradition within the Diocese of Parramatta, the Good Friday Walk brings together young people from across the diocese in a pilgrimage of faith, reflection, and community. This significant event, organised by the Diocesan Youth Office, commences at St. Patrick's Blacktown and culminates here at the Cathedral.

This year, as we welcome the participants of the Good Friday Walk to the Cathedral, we will be serving a barbecue breakfast to all who the young pilgrims.

We are again calling upon the generous spirit of our parish community to help us make this breakfast a success. If you have a knack for grilling, a heart for service, or simply wish to be a part of this joyful expression of our community's hospitality, we warmly invite you to volunteer. Your presence and participation will greatly enrich this event. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 5:00am to help cook and set up for the pilgrims' arrival.

Additionally, donations of eggs or bacon are welcomed with gratitude. These contributions are essential in ensuring we have sufficient supplies to cater to all our guests. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the parish office or at the cloister function room.

Your generosity, whether through the gift of time or provisions, is deeply appreciated and plays a crucial role in the continuation of this beautiful tradition.

JRS Foodbank

Please note that as we need to clear the space in the chapel before the Triduum, all donations need to be received by **Wednesday 27 March**.

Cloister Cafe Closed

Due to the Palm Sunday procession, and Easter Sunday the following week, morning tea will not be available.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your support each week with either donations or just attending for a chit chat. Makes for a welcoming community.

Hope to catch up after the Easter weekend!

Marian Polizzi - Hospitality Coordinator

Thank You for the Donation of Palms

As we reflect on the significance of Palm Sunday within our faith and community, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously donated and delivered palms for this sacred occasion. Your contributions have enriched our celebration and provided tangible symbols of the joy and solemnity that mark the beginning of Holy Week.

A special word of thanks goes to Frank and Dimitri, who have once again dedicated their time and efforts in cutting palms from parishioners' homes and transporting these to the Cathedral.

To all those who have played a part in preparing for Palm Sunday, whether through donating, delivering, or decorating with palms, your contributions has added to the beauty and significance of our Palm Sunday observance, helping to create a fitting atmosphere for the start of Holy Week.

Return of Project Compassion Boxes

As we approach the culmination of our Lenten journey, we kindly remind all parishioners who participated in Project Compassion to bring back their boxes on Holy Thursday or by the first Sunday in April. Your contributions have been a meaningful part of our Lenten practice of almsgiving, directly supporting those in need within our community and beyond.

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the designated area in the cathedral. Each donation is a testament to our shared commitment to compassion and charity, reflecting the spirit of the Lenten season.

Thank you for your generosity and for joining in this important act of giving. Together, we make a significant difference in the lives of others.

Cathedral Security

As you may have noticed, we have recently introduced a part-time security presence at our Cathedral. This decision was made with the utmost consideration for the safety and well-being of our Cathedral staff, parishioners, and all who visit our sacred space. Unfortunately, in recent times, our Cathedral has been subjected to acts of vandalism and disruptions.

The security personnel are here each day of the week, playing a crucial role in safeguarding our premises and assisting those in need of help while on our property. Their presence is an addition to our community that underscores our commitment to providing a secure environment for worship, reflection, and community activities.

Please be aware that, as part of our enhanced security measures, the Cathedral amenities will be closed from 2pm each day. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these necessary precautions.

Should you require access to amenities after this time or need assistance for any reason, we encourage you to visit the parish office. Our staff are ready to assist you with your needs and ensure your time at the Cathedral is as comfortable and safe as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being a valued part of our parish family.

PARISH NOTICES

St Patrick's Day 2024

Parish Celebrations - 17 March

On Sunday, March 17, 2024, our parish family gathered in joyous celebration of St. Patrick's Day, ahead of the official church observance on March 18th. This special day provided us an opportunity to honor our patron saint, St. Patrick, whose life and teachings continue to inspire our journey of faith.

Seeing so many members of our parish come together—families, friends, and visitors alike—was a beautiful testament to the strength and unity of our community. The day was filled with prayer, laughter, and fellowship, embodying the spirit of St. Patrick and reflecting the vibrant faith that guides our parish.

We were especially grateful to the incredible spirit of service demonstrated by our volunteers. Thank you to Marian who let the POP-Up stall team, Jean Luc and the BBQ team and the many volunteers who assisted them. We were very please to have some a few young people helping out on the BBQ and serving gelato and morning tea.

Thank you for all your support and sharing joy in serving.



Community Breakfast - 18 March

Following the parish celebration we came together for a special community breakfast to connect our parish with other communities in Parramatta. Under the theme "Strengthening Community through Service: A Parramatta Perspective," we were honored to welcome Carly Ryan from Orange Sky Australia as our keynote speaker. Carly shared the compelling story of Orange Sky's mission to aid the homeless through their mobile laundry and shower services, a cause that resonates deeply within our community. Her insights into the power of conversation and connection left us inspired to contribute more actively to our local community.

Adding a touch of Ireland to our gathering, the award-winning dancers from Halloran Dance School delighted us with their lively Irish dance performances. Their talent and energy were a fitting tribute to our patron saint and brought a vibrant celebration of Irish culture to Parramatta.

We were also graced by the presence and leadership of Anita Sulentic, Head of Communications for the Diocese of Parramatta, who served as the MC for the day. Anita's eloquence and warmth ensured the event ran smoothly and that everyone felt included and engaged.

This year's St. Patrick's Day Community Breakfast was not only a celebration of our heritage but also a powerful reminder of the impact we can make when we come together in service and fellowship. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended and contributed to making this event a memorable and meaningful occasion.



PARISH NOTICES

RCIA - Easter Vigil

Please keep in your prayers those members of our community who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. This is a significant moment in their faith journey, as they will be welcomed into full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.



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The Elect, who have been preparing for many months under the guidance of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), are:

- Vy ("Vee") TRAN
- Billy OSBORNE
- Glen CAMERON

Let us also pray for their sponsors, who have walked alongside them, offering support, guidance, and encouragement throughout their RCIA journey. These sponsors play a vital role in the faith formation of the Elect and serve as witnesses to the power of faith in our lives.

Easter Vigil Supper

Supper will be served in the hall after the 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass so we can celebrate Vy, Billy and Glen's recent initiation into the church. Donations of sandwiches or sweets would be most welcome. Let Donna/Pat know of your kindness :) so we can cater accordingly.

Come and join the neophytes with their family after Mass!

Car Parking at Easter Time

Just like in previous years, our car park experiences high demand during this period. For everyone's safety, a security guard will be on duty to assist those looking to park. Kindly follow his directions as he will have a better understanding of the available spaces. To secure a parking spot, we recommend arriving early.

Urgently Needed: Ushers for Good Friday Service

Are you planning to attend the Good Friday service? Kindly consider supporting Mili with managing the expected crowd. She requires three individuals to assist primarily with ushering. Although not demanding, this task is crucial to not only prevent any confusion but to welcome those who may not attend Mass any other time of the year to our St Pat's community. It is an important ministry.

You will need to arrive by 2:00pm on Good Friday. If you are available to help, please contact parish secretary, Pat, on 8839 8412.

Funeral Notice for Noreen McLean

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a beloved member of our parish community, Noreen McLean. Noreen left us peacefully at the age of 101 last Saturday. A funeral service to celebrate her life and legacy will be held in the Cathedral on Monday, 25th March at 1:30pm.



Noreen served the Cathedral parish in various roles over the last 70 years. Her dedication, spirit, and generosity have touched many lives within our parish and beyond.

We extend our deepest condolences to Noreen's family during this difficult time. We join together in prayer to offer them comfort and support as they mourn the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

May Noreen McLean rest in heavenly peace.

Barbecue Hospitality at St Pat's

I am sure you will agree we are well known for our many barbecue feasts. Just last weekend we celebrated St Patrick's Day with a free food fest.

On Holy Saturday morning we will be called upon again to feed hundreds of pilgrims after their journey - looking forward to our hospitality.



Our current barbecues are nearly worn out from heavy use. To ensure durability for the demanding workload, we are planning to acquire a new commercial barbecue. Your generosity in contributing to this cause is sought and will be reciprocated tenfold. The estimated cost for the new equipment is around \$3000. If you wish to support this initiative, no matter how big or small, please reach out to Pat on 8839 8412.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Calling all EM's. We have had an unusually high need in this area at the moment. If you are able to assist (ideally on a Sunday) or a weekday, please contact Pat in the office. We would like to also take this opportunity to thank all our lay people who visit the sick and infirmed on a regular basis.

Jam Preserving Night Success

A big thank you to everyone who donated jars and joined us for the Jam Preserving Night. Together, we made 86 jars of jam and chili sauce, all of which will go to the JRS Lenten food drive. It was a fantastic effort, and honestly, we had so much fun it hardly felt like work. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

Next issue will come out after Easter.

Thinking of contributing an article?

All contributions welcome!

Email to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com ASAP.

Or... leave at the parish office marked 'for St Pat's Matters'.



PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

A message from Fr Bob Bossini (to his parishioners at Fairfield)

Fr Bob sent his parishioners the following message. As so many of you are keeping him in your prayers, we thought it opportune to share with you.

Dear Friends, firstly a heartfelt thanks for your prayerful support during the time of my illness. Such prayer has resulted in the reduction of size of the tumour in my bowel, to the point that it was no longer detected by the last scan. Notwithstanding this progress, I have been scheduled for surgery on March 28th in order to remove the tumours on my liver and to attach a colostomy bag in order to relieve the ulcers in my rectum. I should be in hospital for about a week and then recovering at my family's home at Hazelbrook. I see the oncologist on April 18th to discuss the way forward. These are testing times, but the prayerful support of friends allows for a greater acceptance of God's will. May we continue to encourage each other in the living out of our faith.

God bless.

Fr Robert Bossini



Veiling of the Cross & Statues

Each year on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Catholic churches throughout the world veil their statues and crucifixes. This is to help us focus more intently on the days ahead which have a special emphasis on the Passion of Jesus.

Thank you to Greg, Greg and John for your assistance!



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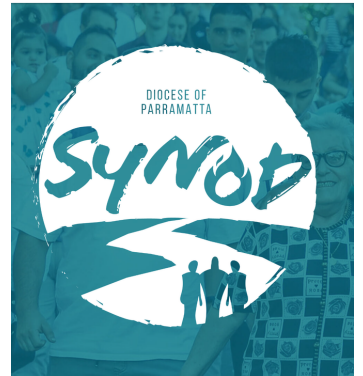
This new method is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the ease and accessibility of supporting the mission of our Cathedral parish.

Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod



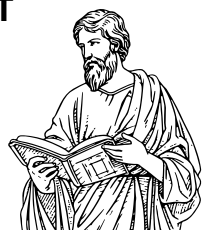
Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years, exacerbated by the tragic events over the past few months. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes that will be available on Good Friday. Thank you for your generosity!

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Bridget Phelan, Hung Cheung, Valmai Costello, Dr Bill Lane, Tony Sabat, Felicidad Casenas, Moltea Iezzi, Teresa Huongle, Philip Vas, Tony Youssef Sabat, Felicidad Casenas, Romano Ghersinich, June Rodrigues, Sr Edith Angel, Laura Busletta, Moses Tikoitoga, Laura Busletta

Deceased: Umberto & Fran Papagno, Juan Montesco, Buenaventura Zafiro Jr, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Lucy D'Mello, Leticia Vas, Yolanda & Donald Muir, Bienvenido Sumagui, Fidel & Remigio Perez, Francisco Llanillo

Anniversaries: Frere Levananh, John Baptiste Lien, Crisanta Valdez, Aloma Pospischil, Bernard & Grace Rodricks, Judy Gallagher, Agapito Antonio, Amelia Zanier, Paul Nguyen

Perpetuals: Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, 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, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat 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: Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Fr Peter Henry, Soane Kikanoi, Nasr Nasr, Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, Maria, Samira, Maria & Tony Obeid, Tony Chang, Baldo Polizzi, Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Vasvi V Arcot, Stephen Borg, Nicole Slatter, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Raveen, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Santiago Tito, Antonio Tito, Dianne Mary Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Dynes Woodrow, Nikola, Ankica, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Vera, Rita & family, Tian, Allwyn & Jasmine, Chris Dias, Liam D'Souza, Tian, Arthur Lopez, Rebecca & Alex Mann, Zayne Bumactau, Myrna R Santos, Roser North, Jeanette Joseph, Margaret Jerome, BVM & Infant Jesus, Clara Cabezas, Alwin & Espirito Isidro, Clara Cabezas, Hewitt Edward, Carmelita Perez, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Stephen & Bozo Senjak, Peachy Romulo, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, James, Anastasia & Sophia Royals, Philip Lysewycz, Lucy, Anita & Jean Claude Perrottet, Ankica, Ruzica Chmielewski, Kumavan Guuasagaran, Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Michelle Travis, Leonardo P Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Napoleon

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

**Remy Estera & Matteo Pirie
Scarlet & Amelia Piper**

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

Natalie Racz & Alan Khoury

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for March



For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ

"Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated 17 March*

"Glory, for God, does not correspond to human success, fame and popularity, it is not a grandiose manifestation of power to be followed by public applause. For God, glory is to love to the point of giving one's life."

Saint of the Week

27 March - St John of Egypt (304-394), Hermit

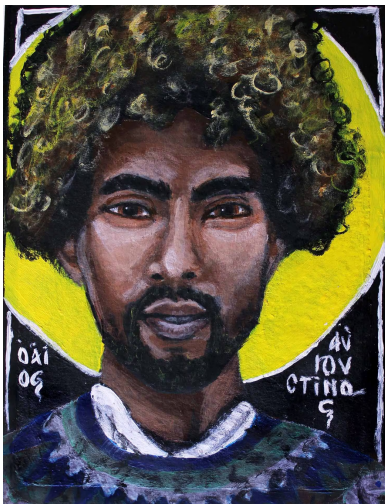
At the age of 25, John left his home and became a monk. He lived under the tutelage of a wise hermit and when his master died, John decided to withdraw into a more remote cave on Mount Lycos. There he lived a very strict life, devoting himself to prayer and manual work. People started to visit him, since he was able to perform miracles, heal the sick and read people's hearts. He died in 394, at the age of 90.

Information: Universalis



"Quote of the Week"

"He [Jesus] prays for us as our priest; he prays in us as our head; he is prayed to by us as our God. So we must recognise our voices in him and his voices in us."



St Augustine of Hippo
(354-430)
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church

Did You Know...?

...that the Gospel passages that tell of Jesus entering Jerusalem that we hear on Palm Sunday, do not specifically mention palms?

In fact, in Luke's version of this Gospel there is no mention of the crowds placing anything on the road Jesus was taking except that they "spread their garments on the road." Matthew and Mark both mention the crowds spreading garments in the path of Jesus. These two Gospels also talk of the people cutting branches and spreading them before Jesus, but no mention of palms in particular. We can only assume that because palms are so common in the Middle East, these were cast before Jesus as he entered the Holy City. In any case, it is the gesture that counts.



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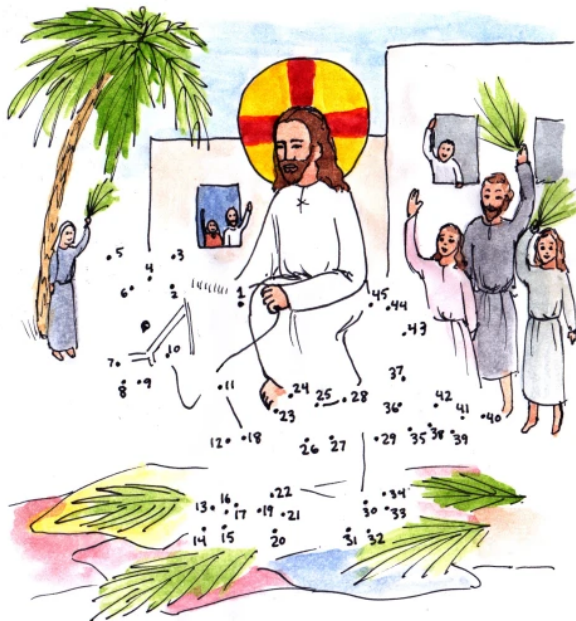
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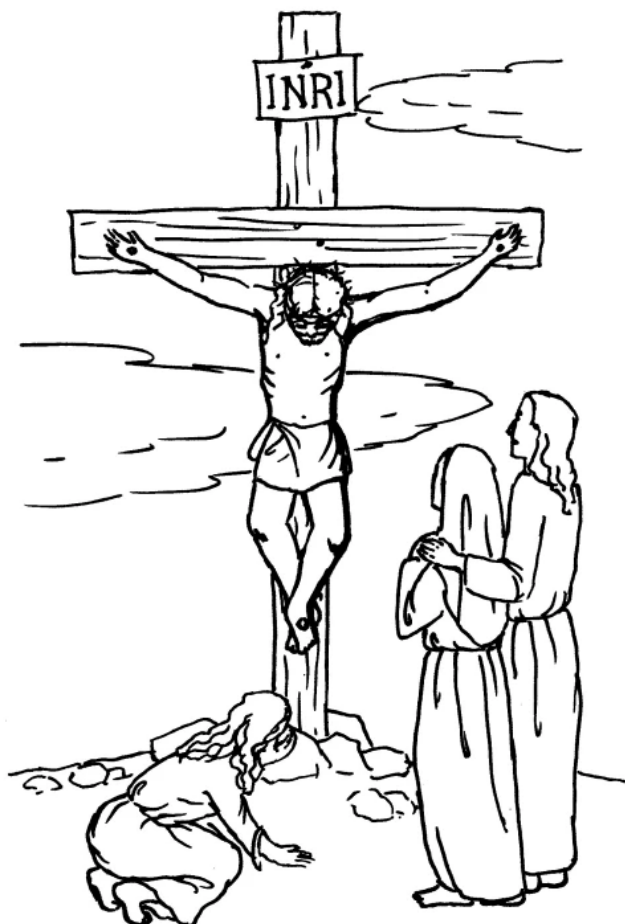


The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 24th, 2024



*A few days before He died on the Cross,
 Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved
 palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!"
 He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times.
 What was it? Connect the dots to find out!*



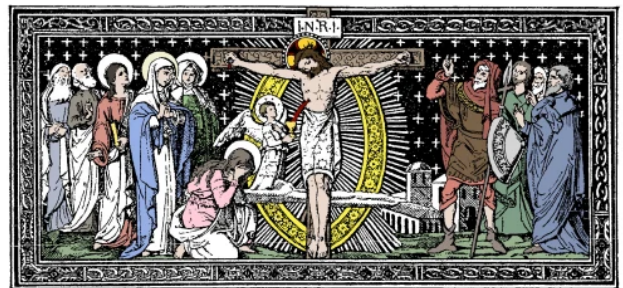
A Good Friday picture for you to colour.

Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

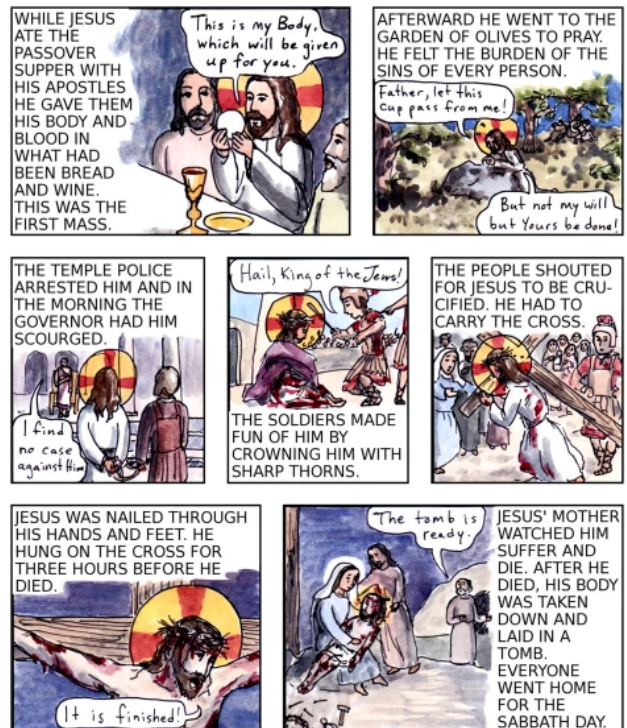
On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



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The Passion of Jesus

Holy Thursday and Good Friday



THIS IS THE STORY OF THE FIRST HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. JESUS ALWAYS KNEW THAT THIS WAS WHAT HE CAME TO DO: TO SUFFER AND DIE TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. BECAUSE HE DID THIS WE ARE ALL ABLE TO GO TO HEAVEN. NOW WE JUST NEED TO FOLLOW HIM!

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