

## PROPER OF THE MASS

### First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

### Responsorial Psalm

*(R) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R)

### Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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### Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**10 March 2024**  
**Year B**

### MASSES

**Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.**

**Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.**

**Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.**

### PRIESTS

**Fr Allan Casquejo** Parish Priest

**Fr Rafael Silva Galicia** Asst. Priest

### RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass & before Vigil Mass**

(or anytime by appointment)

### EXPOSITION OF BLESSED

### SACRAMENT / ADORATION

First Fridays: 8.30am

### NOVENA

First Wednesdays: 7.30pm

### BAPTISMS

**Sundays: 10.30am**

(please approach the priests after Mass)

### MARRIAGE

By appointment (six months' notice)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday & Friday : 9am - 3pm

### ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY

(02) 9344 6364

Mrs Rachel Baker (Principal)

*God's love is constantly being given to us, even when we are not being attentive to it.*

*Major catastrophes and exciting happenings all have the potential to draw us to God.*

*We often need to be reminded that God has come into our world precisely to enliven our faith and enkindle our love.*

*On the cross, Jesus will be the ultimate sign that God loves us.*



**CATHOLIC WEEKLY.** Please leave \$2 in the MARKED WALL BOX NEXT TO THE STAIRS.

- Hollywood A-lister Mark Wahlberg spotted at St Mary's Cathedral
- Cumberland Council bans drag queen story time
- Melkite youth lead Lenten fundraiser for war-torn families

OR visit <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

# HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION at HOLY FAMILY

**PALM SUNDAY:** Vigil - 5.30pm

Sunday - 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm



**'BYOP' — If you are able please bring your own palm or olive branch. And if you have any EXTRA could you please be generous leave it near the side entrance by Friday 22nd? Thankyou**

**Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday & Holy Wednesday**  
9.10am Mass

**PARISH RECONCILIATION:** FRIDAY, 22 March : 7pm

MONDAY, 25 March : 11am

**HOLY THURSDAY** - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm  
(Followed by adoration until midnight)

**GOOD FRIDAY** - Stations of the Cross 10am - multi languages  
- The Passion of the Lord 3pm

**HOLY SATURDAY** - Easter Vigil 7pm

**EASTER SUNDAY** - The Resurrection of the Lord - 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every Friday in Lent @6pm

### Paschal Precept

*Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. .*

**PROJECT COMPASSION (ALMSGIVING)** You can **donate through boxes/envelopes** (collect them from the Church's entrances), or by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

.....Memory's Story, Malawi (Mwanza district in southern Malawi)

Memory was born to a low-income family who relies on subsistence farming for survival. Memory's parents struggled to pay for her school fees and supplies, and she often had to walk to school barefoot. Despite the challenges she faced, Memory understood that education was her best chance of breaking the cycle of poverty, "I told myself I can't stop going to school because this is the only way I can get a better life."

With the support of Caritas Australia and the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory enrolled in a technical college where she undertook a three-year carpentry course. Her tuition and boarding fees were partially funded by CADECOM through funds provided by Caritas Australia. Memory now stands proudly as the first female carpenter from her village, working at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can now support her family while inspiring other young women in her community to finish their education and seize opportunities within male-dominated industries.

"Being a female carpenter sets an example to others in my community," she said, "They see a woman can do what a man can do."

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - Every Monday @7pm DURING LENT. . Coffee, tea and fellowship at 8pm after the event. **Please register** on 0414188682. **Free event. Please spread the word.**

<b>WHAT IS LENT?</b> The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.	<b>PRAYING</b> <b>FASTING</b> <b>ABSTINENCE</b>	<b>DAYS OF FAST?</b> Ash Wednesday Good Friday	<b>DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?</b> Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday
<b>WHAT IS FASTING?</b> One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.	<b>WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?</b> Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.	<b>WHO ARE REQUIRED?</b> Catholics from age <18 to 59>  The sick are excused from fasting.	<b>WHO ARE REQUIRED?</b> Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old

Source: Code of Canon Law  
 ABS-CBN NEWS  
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**ST PATRICK'S Feast Day Mass - Monday, 18th March @10am.**

All are welcome to join with Bishop Terry Brady to celebrate the Annual Feast Day Mass for St Patrick at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** Year 3 & older: Saturday, 23rd March @10am.

**Please keep them in your prayers.**

**Jesus said: Love one another just as I have loved you. If you love one another everyone will know that you are my friends.**

(John 15:12)

Dear God,

We thank you for loving each one of us. We belong to you through Jesus.

Please help us to show love for one another.

Teach us to reach out to each other with forgiving hearts. Amen.

~ Gratia Series / CCD Publication ~



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Ken Andrews, Sr Faye, Anne Harmer, David Sumasto, Joy Bertucci, Nikki Pietsch, Maureen Ho, Hubert Ng, Tony Palagiano, Nayade Malkun, Mervat Haggag, Max Wilson, Joanne Banner, Anita Ruiz, Elena Ruiz, Fred Dafforn

**May they be comforted by the prayers and assistance of all who care for them.**

**Recently deceased:** John Martlew, Meliana Tjoeng

**Anniversaries & Souls of:** Bridget O'Neill, Mary Ann Cahill, Sigmund Rath, Francesco Falcomata, Antonio Reis Da Silva, Nada Kasparian, Maureen Joseph, Joseph Vella, Norm Vella, Helen Vella, Jannette Vella, John Azzopardi, Rose Azzopardi, Joseph Azzopardi, Wilma & Merv Baldwin & All Souls in Purgatory

**Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.**

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