

PROPER OF THE MASS

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest!'

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*

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.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

1. 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)

Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1 – 15:47



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24 March 2024

Year B

This special time of Holy Week begins with the passion narrative of Mark, who gives us a graphic picture of the days when Jesus is tried by his own people and sentenced to death.

His communion in prayer with his Father in the Garden of Gethsemane strengthens him to endure this terrible suffering for his love of us. He made no resistance, and did not turn away.

MASSSES

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

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

- DISCIPLE DIARIES: Mullet champion returns to Christ
- Biggest-ever women's retreat
- Papal awards for public service
- St Patrick's Day shows enduring power of Irish heritage

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HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION at HOLY FAMILY

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday & Holy Wednesday 9.10am Mass

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Holy Week embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday; Good Friday; Easter Sunday). The Sacrament of Penance is an appropriate way to conclude the penitential season of Lent.

This is a communal liturgical celebration with these components - listening to the Word of God, homily, examination of conscience, individual confession and absolution, proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. It is essential that those present stay for the whole liturgy.

PARISH RECONCILIATION: 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** (*Includes Collection for the Holy Land)

*GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on **Good Friday** a **collection** is taken up in every Catholic church. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



HOLY SATURDAY - Easter Vigil **7pm**

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

HOLY WATER at Easter: It has become part of our tradition here to take Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass home to bless our homes. Please **bring your own** container (pill/vitamin bottles).

PROJECT COMPASSION Please **return any boxes/envelopes by 14th April** as we need to forward the donations to CARITAS ... If you still wish to DONATE, please do so via **ONLINE** lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.**



HOLY THURSDAY Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage

Parishioners are invited to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 with prayer. One way of entering into prayer during Holy Week is to visit an altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition in keeping with this liturgical practice. For more information: <https://93yx.short.gy/7Churches>

BLESSING OF BRANCHES:

Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you,
O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you,
that we, who today hold high these branches to
hail Christ in his triumph,
may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Source: Daily Mass Book



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the students that made the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday morning.

Please keep all the candidates in your prayers.

A special THANK YOU to our priests, our catechists, teachers at St Aidan's, our Mass coordinators and to the parents and grandparents who supported their children's attendance at Mass throughout the program.

Restoration of Funding for Palliative Care - Archbishop Fisher has encouraged the faithful to sign a petition calling for a restoration of funding for palliative care. There has been \$250 million cut from the palliative care budget in NSW, which will have a significant impact on the care people in our state will receive at the end of life. Given that euthanasia is now legal in NSW, it is even more important that we ensure there are life-affirming options available to those who need it most. **Petition closes on 3 April 2024.**

REST IN PEACE - ANNE HARMER - She was an active member at Holy Family Church. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with her Family. **Her funeral** will be held here at Holy Family on **Wednesday, 27 March @1.00pm. May she Rest in Peace with the Lord. May the God of consolation be with her families during this time of grief.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Ken Andrews, Sr Faye Kenny, David Sumasto, Joy Bertucci, Jose Vargas, Mark Rodney Javier, Christopher Ballantyne, Maureen Ho, Hubert Ng, Tony Palagiano, Nayade Malkun, Mervat Hagggar, 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: Anne Harmer, Nikki Pietsch, Catherine Veronica Keane
Anniversaries & Souls of: Laurence McCabrey, Maria Kupchyk, Paz Asuncion, Clarita Pile, Maureen Joseph, Wilma & Merv Baldwin & All Souls in Purgatory
Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.

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