



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [Year C] - Sunday 10 April, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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: Luke 22:14-23:56 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

What Connects You to the Passion of Christ?

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, we receive blessed palms and, as my mother used to always do, put it inside her Mass book to remind her throughout the year of the importance of Easter in our lives. At the Seminary we used to put our palm branches outside our rooms along the corridor, so as we came and went during the week we were reminded what the week was about! When Mel Gibson put out the movie, "The Passion", many people asked me "Have you seen the movie?" to which my normal reply was, "No, but I've read the book!" When we read this year's version of the Passion from Luke we are invited into his world of understanding. As we listen, we are invited to imagine the lives of the people in the narrative, we are invited to place them not only alongside our own story, but more to overlay it – like the old overhead projector transparency – the narrative in its own way brings understanding to our fractured story. When we look at each "player" we are drawn to see ourselves in them. So I invite you to listen to or read the passion and use these as starting points for reflection:

Peter's story is one of betrayal, than a moment of realisation and later, forgiveness. We take a moment to remember those times in our lives where we have said or done the wrong thing in relation to another person. When, maybe we have failed to support or stand up for someone. Peter's story reminds us that sometimes the highs and lows in life can somehow strengthen us. Hold up to God those experiences that seemed devastating at the time, but in hindsight brought a renewed sense of strength in who we are.....

Judas' role is complex and sad. We take a moment to remember that in a mysterious way, his betrayal to the Romans was part of the needed power of Christ's story. A version of Judas' story recalls that he betrayed Jesus, knowing that a revolution was on its way, so as to have Jesus put in prison and therefore relatively safe. It also meant he wouldn't be part of the violence that Judas thought was coming. So he handed Jesus over. Hold up to God those times we have tried to do the right thing, with the best motives, but for whatever reason it has not worked out for the best.....

Joseph (Jesus' father) At the time of the crucifixion we have no mention of Joseph, so the assumption is that by this time Joseph had died. Joseph guided Jesus throughout his life, moulding him, teaching him, loving him and leaving him with his imprint in some real way. Hold up to God all those people who are no longer with you, but have been "Joseph" for you.....

Mary Magdalene has loved Jesus from the moment their eyes met – at the lowest and most needy time of her life. It is no surprise that she follows Jesus to the final moments of his life. To say she is thankful to him for accepting her as she was, and respecting her life journey seems trite – she loved him. Hold up to God all those people who you love for walking the journey with you this day – those who accept you – warts and all – someone who respects you and whom you love in return.....

I invite you to again read the gospel and reflect on how do the **Crowd, Soldiers, Joseph of Arimathea, Robbers** and others overlay with your life experience. Spend this time with God as we celebrate the coming days. Let us keep everyone in our prayers and in our hearts and in our actions of love to be there for anyone who needs us.

Know that you walk with the wounded and crucified Christ, with eyes strained toward new life. Fr. Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joscelyn (Power) Hjort, Matt Dwyer, Paul Hannant, Fr Anthony O'Keefe [2007].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Fr Raymond Sweeney, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan

Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, 16th April, as it is Holy Saturday and no sacrament is to be celebrated, except the Last Rites, there will be no confessions. However please take advantage of confessions following stations of the cross on Good Friday until 12 noon.

PARKING: PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE TMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE CARPARKING VIA LAWRENCE STREET – THERE IS AT LEAST 100 PARKS AVAILABLE THERE ON THE WEEKEND AND MORNING MASSES!

A special thank you to Brian, Carmel, Emilio and Pat for their time and energy given to cleaning, dusting, mopping and cleaning brass last Tuesday. Your help is very much appreciated. *Gabrielle Saide*

Money Collectors needed for Good Friday Appeal at 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Blank roster on table in Eastern Transept.

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St Patrick's Parish Council invites you to be part of a journey into how our parish may serve you in the future. To do this we are making no assumptions about what direction or what that may look like! We need you to walk with us in a true sense of Synodality. This is our endeavor to work with the vision of Pope Francis, that we all **ENCOUNTER – LISTEN – DISCERN** our future path together. In order to do this we ask simply to have access to your email address.

This enables us to forward to you some simple questions to try to ascertain your hopes for our community into the years to come. There are many ways to do this. As we are used to using a QR code, you can use the camera on your phone to access the one here, then click on "Join the email trail", or use the link below the QR. Also at the doors you will find folders for you to list your email address or you can send an email to life@stpats.org.au. Thank you for taking the time to walk together.



God Bless your Holy Week journey.

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Sunday 10 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	Palm Sunday – Ecumenical Blessing at St. Luke's at 8.15am 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 11 April	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	5.30pm Chrism Mass
Tuesday 12 April	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30 – 7pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 13 April	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 14 April	6pm Mass SPC	NO MASS OR ADORATION IN THE MORNING ONLY 6.00PM – MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER Adoration until 9pm
Friday 15 April	All Easter ceremonies will be Livestreamed. Go to stpats.org.au	10am Stations of the Cross 11am – 12pm Confessions (2 Priests) 3pm Good Friday Solemn Service
Saturday 16 April	7pm Mass SPC	NO RECONCILIATION ON HOLY SATURDAY 7pm Easter Vigil 7pm Baptism of Austin Arneill
Sunday 17 April	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass	EASTER SUNDAY 9am Baptism of Grace Mengel and Anne Davidson 11am Baptism of Viviana Bonomi, Luca, Ella & Santina Avery 12pm Baptism of Alexis Mitchell 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.

Planned Giving: \$1503 Loose: \$700 PayPoint: \$440. Sandra & Peter Daly, Jan-Nell & Errol Chase.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you.