



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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PALM SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face 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.

*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 22:4-23:56 The passion of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Hosanna in the Highest!

During Christmas, we were singing about the birth of **Emmanuel**, who is **God with us**. Now, we pilgrim into the Holy Week with Palm Sunday. One of the most exciting parts of the Palm Sunday growing up as a child is to make a cross out of a palm. Folding the palm and even leaf designing it with friends before going to the church. Holding the Palms with gracefully swaying and exalting lifting voices with the parishioners, "**Hosanna!**", celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Even finding a palm becomes a joyful task especially when done with friends, neighbours, or family. It's a small thing, but a sacred one. We step into the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**". A welcome filled with longing and faith. and yet, within days, those cheers would turn into "**Crucify him!**" At the heart of the Passion story is this tension of joy, betrayal, rejection, glory and anguish.

We remember the people who ran to greet him, waving branches and shouting, "**Hosanna!**" means "**Save us!**" It was a cry full of hope, full of joy, full of longing. They welcomed Jesus as the one who could bring healing, peace, and meaning. That same joy fills our churches today as we hold our palms, share in the procession, and welcome Holy Week.

And yet, we also hear the story shift from "**Hosanna!**" to "**Crucify him!**" The same mob that received Jesus would later reject and deny him. But today, let's stay with the joy a little longer. The joy of being with each other, of sharing in a living tradition, of folding palms with care, knowing it will become a cross we'll carry through the week ahead.

That folded palm cross reminds us that Jesus is not afraid of our joy or our sorrow. He enters both. He walks with us through celebration and confusion, laughter and loss. That's what makes him Emmanuel means **God is with us**.

So if you found your palm today with a friend. if you laughed while trying to fold it just right. if you waved it with a smile, remember: that joy is holy. That joy is a doorway into the heart of Holy Week. It reminds us that even on the road to the cross, we are never alone, we are pilgrims of hope.

Let this Palm Sunday be a day where you welcome Jesus not just in the church as a sanctuary but also as a church of the faithful, the body of Christ, the Christian community who believes in Jesus that our heart and mind, invoking the Holy Spirit who never gets tired 24/7 will inspire us to the same joy and trust that once exalted in Jerusalem:



"Hosanna in the highest!"

JHEAR BRIAN REDONDO

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Mervyn Otto.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Sue Englart, Robert John Wilson, Gerard George, Amelene Creggy, Mary Boland, Stewart Frater, Michael Luce, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Cocozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

AN APPOINTMENT TO ROMA has been announced with the departure of Fr. Tom Duncan as he discerns a calling to monastic life. Fr. Anthony Samy Arockiam MSFS, who was with us at St Patrick's for a time, will commence as Parish Priest following Easter.

Chrism Mass will be held Monday 14th April at 5.30pm. This mass celebrates the unity of God's priestly people – the baptised. Bishop Ken blesses the oils for use through the Diocese during the coming year. Please consider attending with priests of our Diocese.

Australian Catholic Bishops have issued a statement for reflection on the coming election on some of the key issues to keep in mind. They have highlighted that we are in the Jubilee year of HOPE and whomever we vote for should be seen in that light. For more information simply put the following into your preferred search engine - [acbc election statement](#)

Mass of the Oils
Monday, 14th April at 5.30pm

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Last Supper
6.00pm

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
10.00am
(followed by 1st Rite Reconciliation)
Passion of the Lord
3.00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday
7.00pm – note time change

Easter Sunday
7.00am, 9.00am, 5.30pm

Bishop's Easter Message for your journey to celebrate this great event are contained in a printed copy available on the tables.

Thank you to Hughie Boyce who has generously donated a new urn for our morning teas.

ARS CANTORUM PRESENTS TOWARDS EASTER

A concert of Eastertide music featuring **Worthy is the Lamb** by Lloyd Larson with supporting music by Victor Johnson Kenneth Leighton Tchaikovsky David Rasbach Claudio Casciolini and more

TICKETS \$25 AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Sunday 13th April @ 2pm St Patrick's Cathedral

Conductor Pam Duane
Accompanist Andrew Doecke

Followed by Afternoon Tea served in the Cathedral Rose Garden

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord [SPC St Patrick's STM St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am		11am Baptism Ava Doreen Guthrie 2pm Ars Cantourm Choir – Towards Easter Concert 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 14 April	5.30pm Chrism Mass 9.00am Mass STM		9.30am Rosary Group – Meeting Room 1-3pm Altar Server Practice
Tuesday 15 April	9am Mass SPC Fr Anthony O'Keefe		
Wednesday 16 April	7am Mass SPC Fr Roderick Lynch		7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 17 April Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper	No Morning Mass 6pm Mass of the Last Supper		No Adoration 3-5pm Altar Server Practice
Friday 18 April Good Friday Passion of the Lord	No Morning Masses 10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of the Lord		1-2pm Altar Server Practice Reconciliation available after stations
Saturday 19 April	No Morning Mass 7pm Easter Vigil Mass – Please note change of Mass time!		No sacrament is offered on Holy Saturday until the Vigil Mass, except Extreme Unction. 3-5pm Altar Server Practice
 He is risen! Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am		4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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