

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry

PALM
Sunday

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The Living Word

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

24 March 2024

Gospel Mk 11:1-10

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

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!'

or Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

First Reading Is 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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 Phil 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.



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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm;
Filipino Mass monthly 4th Sunday at 12:15pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Mondays - Church open for private prayer
Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 3:00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL HELP CENTRE: 9809 2757

Next week Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9; Mark 16:1-7.

Fr Stan writes ...

This Sunday, called Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday are called the *Triduum*—three days counted from sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday – they are the highlight of the Church's year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the Cross, we ask again what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

I encourage you all this week to display a crucifix in a prominent place in your homes, as a reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Please also don't forget to take a copy of the weekly bulletin or special information postcard home with you this week, which have the times for all our liturgies this coming Holy Week, including Reconciliation on this coming Tuesday night.



Tuesday 26 March	Reconciliation from 7:00pm to 8:00pm (Please note that Mass will be at 8:30am)	
Holy Thursday 28 March	7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 29 March	10:00am 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross The Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday 30 March	10:00am 7:00pm	Blessing of Easter Food Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 31 March	Mass Times 8:30am; 10:00am; 5:00pm	
Easter Monday 1 April	Mass 8:30am	

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office 9390 5810/ safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



For the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening at 7:30pm**, you are reminded to bring along your Project Compassion Boxes and place them in the basket provided in the foyer of the church. They will be placed in the sanctuary at the Offertory.

Project Compassion Boxes can be returned at any of the Easter Services

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Enrolling Now

Our parish primary school is an authentically Catholic school where students receive a high quality education in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. The school's students consistently achieve strong academic results and are fortunate to learn and play in a modern environment with outstanding playground spaces. Enrolment applications are now being accepted for positions in Kindergarten 2025. This year all parents are asked to enrol via an online form which is available on our school website: <https://www.hsnryde.catholic.edu.au/>.

To ensure that your child does not miss out, parents are encouraged to submit the application ASAP. If you have friends or relatives thinking about our school for next year, please encourage them to check out the school website or to call the school office. After clicking the "enrol now" button, there are videos and step-by-step guides to complete the application.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to call the school office: 9878 2848.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Vianney Brown, Denis O'Neill, Greg Forrester, Joseph Papandrea, Vic & Avonia Moran, Michael Maglunog, Jenny Scully Callaghan, Andrew Chan.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Barry Foley, Mareen Sardelich, Caroline Matthews, Betty Artz, Antonio Lo Surdo, Tomasz Bielecki, Helene Kroll recently deceased.

Also, Giuseppe Petrolo, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Angelo & Carmela & Angelo Scicluna, Albert Khoshaba, George Maiolo, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale & Teresa Papandrea, Tony Bietola, Giovanni & Santina Bietola, John & Robyne Bietola, Sam Tedesco, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Gianni & Angelina Gualdi, Antonino, Tindara & Vincenzo Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Fr Kevin O'Grady, Stefano & Giuseppina Zappia, Denis Wonderley, Marie & Jim Hyde, Nancy Kennedy, Peter Brink, Rose Wang, Joseph Lin, Maria Lin, Joseph Lin.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing ward, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please be generous on Good Friday.

FLAME GIFTS needs volunteers: Our parish shop - Flame Gifts is operated entirely by volunteers and we need your help. We have a number of short Volunteer Shifts that need to be filled, from 9am-12noon or 12 - 3:15pm

If you have some time and you would like to join our great team of volunteers, please contact Jenny Hodges on 0466 933 811. No experience needed and complete training will be provided.

All Active & Auxiliary Members of the LEGION of MARY are invited to renew their Consecration to Mary at the **Annual ACIES** on Saturday, 6 April 2024. Opening prayer at 10:00am, Holy Mass 10:30am at St Benedict's Catholic Church, 104 Broadway, Chipendale.