



Moruya Sacred Heart Parish.

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Daily Voice Mass on Palm Sunday
11am

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Daily Mass 6am:

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
www.catholicvoice.org.au

Daily Mass

Archdiocese of Melbourne:
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Daily Mass: 1.00pm (Mon-Fri)

Sunday Mass: 1.00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne streamed live and is then available as a recording on demand

Additional Video Resources:
www.catholicvoice.org.au and
www.cgatholic.org.au

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SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

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PALM SUNDAY (Passion Sunday)

'Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in highest heavens'



The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us to share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which results in our healing reconciliation and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we too must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus we will be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism.

Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week.

This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Passion Sunday liturgy combines two contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering—the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering culminating in his crucifixion and death.

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PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA: Lord you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC: Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Dear brethren (brother and sisters), since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and his life.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

When thy drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, go into the village opposite you and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

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)

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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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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 the name above all other names.

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Matthew 26:14-27:66

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Dear Parishioners, This bulletin comes to you as my effort to communicate and connect with you parishioners, sharing the word of God, reflections, community news and views. Hope you are all well and coping with all that is happening with us in our local communities and around the world. Let's place our deep trust in God and go ahead. I am offering up daily mass for you all and for all your intentions. You are in my thoughts and prayers. In spite of the ordeal it is good to know that our community is doing well and is safe. Please accept prayerful wishes from the Archbishop of Canberra.

This year Holy week and Easter - the church's commemoration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ is passing by very quietly as never before, in this extremely bad time of Covid-19 pandemic. We are overwhelmed by the thought that we are not able to gather, reflect, do liturgical worship and celebrate the victory of Christ on Calvary, which he won for us over our sin, slavery, suffering and death. In fact, this year we find ourselves in a real 'Lenten time' of intense personal interiorization, reflection, meditation, prayer, charity, generosity, conversion and change of heart; amidst the fear, anxiety, sickness, misery and the unimaginable death tolls occurring around the world. Let's call on God, our creator, the source of all life and blessings, let us follow this Holy week and Easter days contemplating the mystery of Christ, away from all noise, busy schedules, unnecessary shopping and external celebrations; giving our souls the much needed quiet time uniting ourselves with the divine.

With this Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday may we enter with Christ in His Passion, agony, suffering on the cross and death; that by dying to our sins, we may be able to rejoice with Jesus in His victory and enter into newness of life with Him now and eternally. With our scripture readings, reflections and praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the stations of the cross, you will be able to keep the spirit of the Holy week liturgy spiritually, without the force of any obligation. May you remain in the spirit of the Holy week. I hope this bulletin, with the word of God and reflections will be a helpful guide for at least a few, who do not have a Roman Sunday/weekday missal. May the blood of Christ that saves strengthen you, washing away all fear and the powers of evil and bring you his peace and salvation. May the blessing of God Almighty be with you, especially during this Holy week and Easter

Fr George **Azhakath**.

NOTICES

1. On behalf of our Parish and the Priest, the Parish Pastoral Council members are making phone calls to parishioners enquiring about their wellbeing which has been well appreciated. It is true, you are only a phone call away in spite of the lockdown. Thanks to the PPC and Caring Group for all their generous efforts communicating with the Parish Community at this difficult time.
2. The weekly bulletin will be emailed to your address possibly every Friday afternoon. If you do not receive this or if you have a recent/new email address, please ring the office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 9.00am and 3.00 pm to register your email address.
3. If you prefer not to receive a bulletin via email please, give us notification of this. If you would like to receive a printed hard copy of the bulletin by mail or one can be dropped into your letter box., please advise the office and we will endeavour to do our best.
4. Project Compassion: If you have boxes or envelopes, please save these at home with your contributions until we can make arrangement to collect these. You are welcome to contribute to the 1st and 2nd collections for the upkeep of our parish via envelopes. Also, please consider direct debit options as this is the best option at this time. Please contact our office if you need help to set this up.
5. Confessions can be done in the open, this Saturday or on Holy week Saturday, but strictly by appointment only. Please phone the parish office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday during office times to book your appointment. Please try to avoid devotional confessions at this time due to lockdown and social distancing.

EASTR TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: 9TH APRIL

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Institution of the Blessed Sacrament: Christ command of Love and Service

1st Reading (Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14)

Responsorial Psalm "OUR BLESSING – CUP IS A COMMUNION WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST".

2nd Reading (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 13:34) "I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, LOVE ONE ANOTHER
JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SAYS THE LORD."

The Gospel (Jn 13:1-15) followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY: 10TH APRIL

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

PART 1 LITURGY OF THE WORD

1. 1st Reading Is 52:13-53, 12. Responsorial Psalm: "FATHER I PUT MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS".
2. 2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9
3. Narration of the Passion (According to St. John Ch. 18 and 19.
4. General Intercession (ten intentions).

PART II VENERATION OF THE CROSS Uncovering and veneration of the Cross

PART III HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER VIGIL: 11TH APRIL

PART 1 THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

1. Prayer over the new fire: "Father we share in the light of your glory."
2. The priest traces the letters and digits on the Paschal candle." Blessing of the paschal candle.

PART II LITURGY OF THE WORD

3. First Reading (Gen 22:1-8) Res: "KEEP ME SAFE, O GOD; YOU ARE MY HOPE (Ps 15:5, 9-10,11)
4. Second Reading (Ex 14;15-15;1) RES: :LET US SING TO THE LORD; HE HAS COVERED HIM
SELF IN GLORY" (Ps. 50;12-15,18)
5. Third Reading (Eze. 36;16-28) RES: 'LIKE A DEER THAT LONGS FOR RUNNING STEAMS, MY
SOUL LONGS FOR YOU, MY GOD". (Ps.41;3,5 & 42;3,4)
6. Fourth Reading (Romans 6;3-11) RES. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! (PS/117;1,2,16,17,22,23)
7. Gospel (Mt.28,1-10)

PART III BLESSING OF THE WATER AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

8. Blessing of the holy water.
9. Renewal of Baptismal promises
10. Prayer of the faithful

PART IV EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION