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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

The gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus opens with the story of an insightful but unnamed woman who pours out healing ointment on the head of Jesus. We might reflect on the Eucharistic character of her actions of breaking and pouring and of Jesus’ assurance that what she has done will be told in memory of her. She did “what she could”. The story of her support for Jesus is sandwiched between two stories of opposition: an assassination plot on the part of the religious authorities, and the foreshadowing of Jesus' betrayal at the hands of a close follower. Status does not guarantee goodness or insight.

As the story unfolds, we hear that Jesus' closest followers fall asleep when he most needs them, despite his earlier instruction to “stay awake”. Worse than that, they betray, deny, and abandon him. Some Galilean women remain faithful. They have followed him and looked after him on the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They become witnesses to his death and burial. These women will also discover the empty tomb and take the message of the resurrection to the male disciples. A foreign passer-by, Simon, whose sons are known to the Markan community, shoulders part of the burden. An ordinary Roman soldier realises and proclaims that Jesus is of God.

The story has come full circle: the first verse of the gospel announced the beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Christ and the Son of God. Now the reader understands what it means to make such a proclamation. The final chapter is to be celebrated next weekend. The mystery is to be lived every day of every week. As we enter into the holiest week of the liturgical year, we might consider our call to bring the power of Christ’s redeeming love to those who suffer crucifixion in our own times: the more-than-human Earth community that suffers the effects of climate change; the detainees on Manus Island and Nauru; the captives of Boko Haram and of the so-called Islamic State.

For some stories of hope in the face of despair, you may like to visit the Mercy Works website (mercyworks.org.au). It is all too easy to deny, betray, and abandon the suffering other. Like the woman who poured out the healing ointment on the head of Jesus, we too must do what we can.

***An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson***



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 **Easter Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm**

 **Easter Sunday: 10am (children’s liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Easter Sunday: 8.00am**

**‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am School Mass**

**Holy Thursday: 7.00pm**

**Good Friday: 3.00pm**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**PALM SUNDAY Year B**

 **March 25th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.**

***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!**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th March   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Mark Hogan  |
| Reader |  School Mass |  Rodney Little |
| Commentator |  School Mass |  Jo Little |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Fran Butler |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Maria Cobden |  ------------------------------------ |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 31st March 1st April  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Peter Malone |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  To be advised |  To be advised |
| Commentator |  To be advised |  To be advised |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn  |
| Altar Servers | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |
| Church Care | Group 5: Sandra, Maria & Margaret Dean  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m**

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**In and around families, the Gospel message should always resound. (Pope Francis – Amoris Laetitia 58)**

 **HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES**

***Holy Thursday 7pm Good Friday 3pm Easter Vigil 7pm Easter Sunday 10am Talbingo:*  *Easter Sunday* *8am* A big thank you to organisers and community members who supported the St. Pat’s luncheon last Saturday**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**CHRISM MASS** Join the Archbishop and the clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm in St. Christopher’s Catherdal Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the church, are blessed and consecrated. everyone is most welcome. **GOOD FRIDAY Holy Land Collection.** Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land. Please give generously.  **CHILDREN’S LITURGY Reminder** could the volunteer rostered please be present and let Fr. Sijo or Fr. George know they are available. **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** St. Clement’s Monastery Galong will be celebrating this Feast on Sunday 8th April 2018. Please collect a flyer from notice board in church foyer.  **MARIAN PROCESSION AND YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2018** – SAVE THE DATE Sunday 14th October 2018 **MANY THANKS** to McAuley students and teachers for presenting the Vigil Mass this weekend.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons. John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Christine Welsh, Allison Brady, Scott Payne, Ben Roddy, Paul & Nick Young, Julie, Jack & Thelma Cobden, Jamie Nixon, Stan Kenny, Marzol family members, members of Young, Egan, Breward & Van de Brug families, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Jean Kelly, Mollie Fuller, Joan Malone, Ken & Brian Gee, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Celia Mullaly, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Madelin Fenn, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, John Callister, Joan Stockwell, Pauline Shedden, John Hourigan, Tom & Dorothy French.

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