

29th March, 2026, Passion (Palm) Sunday /A

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In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Mick Cassidy, Russell Fisher, Deceased Family, Friends,
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

April 4th

Easter Vigil Liturgy

6pm

Reflection - As they enter Jerusalem, Jesus' group and many other pilgrims are singing with joy at the end of their long walk. Now they are near the gates of the city. Jesus has planned to make this last part of the trip on a donkey, as a humble pilgrim who enters the city, wishing everyone peace. Just then, enlivened by the festive mood of the Passover—and the imminence of God's reign, which Jesus has talked about so much—they begin to cheer him on. Some of them cut whatever branches or foliage they find along the road; others lay out their tunics as he passes. They are expressing their faith in God's reign, and their gratitude to Jesus. It is not a solemn reception organised to welcome an illustrious, powerful celebrity. It is spontaneous act of homage by the disciples and followers who have come with him.



*Taken from the book, **Jesus**, by Jose Pagola p 340*

Holy Week

“If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it—processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting from lies and speaking the truth, resisting temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response, and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow the one of whom we sing, **“Lord of earth, heaven, sky and sea. King of Love on Calvary.”**”

Richard Leonard sj

"Why have you abandoned me?" There is no greater act of faith than to pray in the midst of such desolation. Matthew tells us that when Jesus cried his last lament, the veil of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The veil that marked the separation of holy and profane was ripped apart, starting from heaven. In Jesus, a vulnerable, loving God had become visible and inseparable from creation. During the Triduum, we will again remember the events of Jesus' last days. We are invited to watch him, to learn from him what it means to have faith. We are encouraged to go to the depths with him, knowing that he goes with us." *Sr Mary McGlone csj*

*May Mary help us all to live Holy Week well.
From her, we learn interior silence, the look of the heart,
loving faith to follow Jesus on the Way of the Cross,
which leads to the joyful light of the Resurrection.*
Pope Francis



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During Lent, we are invited to live out our faith in practical and compassionate ways. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be guided by Christ's love and remain open to the needs of others. Together, let us work toward a world where all people can flourish and live with dignity.

Drapes - In preparation for the Easter Vigil next week, it would be appreciated if the drapes are changed to **white** after the Liturgy today. *Many thanks.*



We have decided to hold an **Easter Vigil** service this year, Liturgy with Communion **Easter Saturday, 6pm, April 4, 2026**. All in the community are welcome. Please pass the word around.

Roster 4th April	Leader:	Reader:
Easter Vigil Saturday Night		Ex. Minister :

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.