

24/25 March 2018-Year B Palm Sunday



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)
Sunday - 7.30am
Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am
Thursday - 9am
Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday
4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:
By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -
check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?

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!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, Your will be done.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday as we begin Holy Week in the Church.

1. The Small Things and the Great King

In the Gospel, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus.

But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it?

Our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us.

The Gospel says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know that donkey was there in that village?

Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth.

And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany (Luke 24: 50), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

2. Sacramental Programme for First Eucharist



Those families whose children have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to begin preparation for First Eucharist, their First Holy Communion.

Please collect the form from Fr Bob.

3. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Last Tuesday, Gerry Crescini (our Vigil Mass Acolyte) conducted the course for parishioners who offered themselves to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic.

Those parishioners are: Rose Crescini, Margaret DeVries, Julie Dimech, Catherine Florio.

Please Note: A few points came out of the meeting that I bring to parishioners attention.

- A. We receive the Sacred Host on our hands **not** taking it from the Minister.
- B. Minister says: The Body of Christ or Blood of Christ, the communicant replies: AMEN (in and audible voice).
- C. We receive the Sacred Host in front of the Minister, not walking away from the Minister.
- D. We should "bow" before receiving the Sacred Host as a sign of belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and out of reverence for the act of receiving the Sacred Host.

4. Sacrament of Reconciliation

In order to receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion) worthily, we have to be in the "State of Grace." This means that we attend Mass regularly and strive to live the Catholic/Christian Faith.

To prepare for a worthy celebration of the Easter Sacraments, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available on:

This Wednesday Night: 7.30-8pm.

Saturday 31 March: 4-5pm

On Wednesday night there will be 2 priests available- Fr Bob in the confessional room and Fr Graham on the altar. Please come early rather than later as we are closing the Church - thank you.

5. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

As part of celebrating the Sacrament of Confession, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday night. Come along, celebrate the Sacrament and spend 10 minutes before the Lord contemplating His passion to atone for my sinfulness and the sinfulness of our world.

6. Chrism Mass-St Mary's Cathedral

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral this Thursday, Holy Thursday at 10.30am.

At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are blessed-Oil of the sick and Oil of Catechumens and the Oil Of Chrism is consecrated by the Archbishop as it's used at our Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination of a Priest.

The Cathedral is packed for this Mass, with most priests in the Archdiocese attending (300 approx) with the Auxiliary Bishops and the Archbishop. It is a wonderful way to begin the Easter TRIDIUM, if you are in the city.

There is NO MASS at St Anthony's on Holy Thursday Morning.

The Easter timetable is printed on the back of the bulletin. Please take a bulletin home. You can also check our website.

7. Chocolate Easter Lambs



Chocolate lambs are back this year some white chocolate and some milk chocolate price is \$10 per lamb.

8. Eucharistic Ministers Rosters

Rosters are available for the Eucharistic Ministers on the back table.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

26-31 March

S Mercieca, M Farrugia, T Gimellaro,
K Puric, J Camilleri



2-7 April

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini. M Cvetko

READERS ROSTER

24/25 March

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia
Readers: Rita Moro & Julie Dimech
Rita Zappia: 1st Reading
Francine Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani
Readers: Jim Gill & Pasqualina Catanzariti
Chris Pisani: 1st Reading
Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher
Readers: Catherine Zanetic & Maria Zucco
John-William Fisher: 1st Reading
Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

31 March/1 April (Easter Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: George Ajkay
Readers: Frances Musso & Maria Zucco
George Ajkay: 1st Reading
Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti
Readers:
Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading
Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara
Readers:
Faye Palamara: 1st Reading
Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

24/25 March

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



31 March/1 April

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

24/25 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crisini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

31 March/1 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

24 March

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima
Lucas & Jayden Laferla

31 March

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser
Leo Steimbesser

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

24 March

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

Easter

No Childrens Liturgy

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

28 March (Wed)

Mass

8 April

Santina & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Morning Homily: True Christians Have Cheerful Faces, Joyful Eyes and Hearts

At Casa Santa Marta, Francis Reminds We Cannot Have 2 Masters

True Christians have cheerful faces and joy in their eyes...

According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis made this observation during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, as he reflected on the readings from yesterday and today.

In yesterday's, the rich young man wanted to follow the Lord, but his wealth led him to follow money instead. Jesus' words in this story worry the disciples, as he tells them it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

In today's reading from St Mark's Gospel, the Pope said, we see Peter asking the Lord what will happen to them as they have given up everything to follow him.

With these in mind, the Holy Father called on faithful to consider the relationship between God and money, and recalling that we cannot serve two masters.

Can't Serve 2 Masters

The Jesuit Pope repeated the Gospel words: "there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age."

This, Francis noted, demonstrates that the Lord "is incapable of giving less than everything," "When He gives us something, He gives all of himself," he said.

However, he noted, this means entering into a different way of thinking, a different way of behaving, for Jesus gives everything of Himself, "because the fullness of God is a fullness emptied out on the Cross." The gift of God, the Pope insisted, is a fullness which is emptied out. And this is also the Christian's way of being, he noted, namely "to seek and receive a fullness which is emptied out and to follow on that path, which is not easy."

How Do We Know If We Are Following This Path... Cheerfulness

"How do we recognize that we are following this path of giving everything in order to receive everything," Francis asked, reminding that the words of the day's first reading tell us to "pay homage to the Lord, and do not spare your freewill gifts.

"With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy". Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

"A cheerful face and eyes full of joy, the Pope said, these are the signs that we're following this path of all and nothing, of fullness emptied out."

Francis recalled that the face of the rich young man, not capable of receiving and welcoming this fullness emptied out, fell and he became very sad, whereas the saints and Peter were able to receive it.

"Amid all their trials and difficulties, they had cheerful faces and hearts full of joy."

Francis concluded, recalling the Chilean saint Alberto Hurtado who worked with the poor amidst such difficulty, persecution and suffering, yet his words were 'I'm happy, Lord, I'm happy'.

This Holy Thursday, Pope Francis will perform the traditional washing of the feet at the "Regina Coeli" Prison in Rome, for the celebration of the Holy Mass in coena Domini, announced the Vatican on March 20, 2018.

The visit, it noted, will involve an encounter with detainees who are patients in the infirmary; the Eucharistic celebration with the rite of the washing of the feet of twelve detainees, and a meeting with some detainees.



Calling for Help!!

We are in desperate need of help for the Church cleaning.

The ladies do a wonderful job, but most have been doing it for many years and need to retire.

If you could help out could you please let Fr Bob know or ring the parish office on 9606 0206, and we will put you on the roster. It only takes a couple of hours and the more we get the better.

It is only about once every 6 or so weeks. Remember many hands make light work. Thanking you in advance for your help.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Olivia Sophia Bartolo
(Child of Sean & Mary)

Saige Elizabeth Mittiga
(Child of Peter & Ashley)



PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews. Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.

Using the Parish Toilets

Anyone using the Church toilets are asked to **PLEASE DO NOT** place nappies, hand towels, wet ones or anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

We have had some problems with nappies in the toilets previously, so parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Sam Marino, Bruno Negroni.

Also for: Mary Vella, Special Intention.

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi, Domenic Zucco, Kurt McKell, David Angeles





**Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00**

- Saint in the making? Eileen O'Connor
- Monica Doumit: By-election controversy: Vic Catholic Education backs Labor candidate
- Pope approves Australian plenary
- U.S. Diocese unveils new cathedral
- Movie Review: A Wrinkle in Time
- Fr Flader: Can I attend gay weddings?

A Mass & Blessing for People with Autism

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Where: St Benedict's Church, Broadway.

When: Sunday April 8 2018 at 2pm.

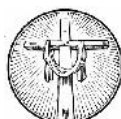
For inquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday April 3 please contact LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or Phone 02 9307 8404.

Days of Penance

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (14 February) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (29 March). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 14 February, and Trinity Sunday, 27 May 2018 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



The Chain of Mary Association Inc

One Decade Rosary Booklet.

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet & pray it each day with faith and devotion.

Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you.

Write your name and intentions in this book & once a week Mass will be offered for you.

For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
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WESTERN SYDNEY MRC AGED CARE SUPPORT

If you are caring for a relative or a friend and would like help to allow you time out from your caring role, Western Sydney MRC are here to help.

We can assist in the following areas:

Flexible in-home respite

Support to access services and the community including transport to appointments and shopping

Centre-based respite including arts and crafts

Social outings

For more information, please contact Rosaria on 8778 1240 or email rosaria@wsmerc.org.au



KID'S CORNER

Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

A. Egg-ercise.



EASTER MASS SCHEDULE 2018

I invite you to join our community over the Easter period. The liturgical schedule is below.

Reconciliation: Wednesday March 28 at 7.30 to 8pm. Saturday 31 March 4-5pm.

Palm Sunday: Celebration of the Lord's triumphal entry into the city of David, Jerusalem. 

Mass times: Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 7.30 and 9am

Holy Thursday We celebrate the Lord's Supper, the institution of the Eucharist (First mass) and the Ministerial Priesthood.

Mass Times: The Lord's Supper: 7.30pm

Good Friday: We walk with Jesus Christ through His Passion and Death.

"Greater love no man has than to lay down His life for His friends."

Stations of the Cross: 9am

This is an opportunity for us to reflect on the passion and suffering of Jesus for us and our sins.

Liturgical Action of the Lord's Passion: 3pm

Good Friday afternoon we enter into the passion and death of Jesus who died for me.

There are 4 parts to the Liturgy

1. The Word of God-Scripture Readings
2. The reading of the passion from St John's Gospel
3. The Prayers and veneration of the Cross
4. Holy Communion

The Liturgy begins at 3pm.

Holy Saturday: 5.30pm The Church waits for its Lord to rise from death to life and a life that we now share. The Easter Vigil is the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's rising from the dead.

The parts of the Vigil are:

1. The lighting of the Easter Fire and lighting of the Easter Candle
2. Readings telling salvation history
3. Renewal of Baptism vows
4. Celebration of the Easter Sacrament

The Easter Sunday Masses Are: 7.30am and 9am

Wishing all parishioners and visitors to St Anthony's a Blessed Easter

Fr Bob Hayes PP RFD VF



Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

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Living in the light of the resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taize

Facilitated by the Friends of Taize

April 6: 6:00 pm – April 8: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

Living in the light of the Resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taizé. Experiencing God in our joys and sorrows.

Out of darkness, colour breaks

Presenter: Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

April 7: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: \$30

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am.

Please bring your own lunch.

Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus: Time to reflect with two “insignificant disciples” as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord.

Gospel People

Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

April 13: 6:00 pm – April 15: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

The Gospels give us the encounters of ordinary people with Jesus in the uniqueness of their own personality, concerns and failings.

PROJECT COMPASSION **FOR A JUST FUTURE**

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, near a rubbish dump in the Phillipines. She is now a social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018.