



9-10 April 2022

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord —Year C



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Masses: Tuesday—6pm

Wednesday, Thursday and -

Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.15pm—4.45pm

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: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his **crucifixion**. But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it? The [Gospel](#) says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighbouring 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 a 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. Welcome to our weekend Mass

Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor to our community, we are happy and blessed to have you celebrate the Palm Sunday Mass with us. Please make yourself comfortable by participating in the prayers, responses and the gestures in the holy sacrifice of Mass. These help to lift us in body and mind unto Christ as one who sacrifices and the object of sacrifice. Palms are available at the entrance foyer. You are welcome to pick one for the Mass and take it home after Mass as they are sacramentals. The blessed palms will be used for next year Ash Wednesday.

The time schedule for our Easter Triduum are in this bulletin and we look forward to celebrating the Lord's passion and resurrection with you.

May we continue to follow the necessary protocols in avoiding infection such as keeping some physical distancing in enclosed spaces, staying home and getting tested of Covid if we are ill or symptomatic and by maintaining a good hygiene while in the church and other places.

Please note that while wearing of masks are no longer mandatory for liturgical and parochial gatherings, they are still recommended.

The liquid sanitizer is at both sidewalls of the entrance to the church to clean our hands when we enter and exit the church.

Unfortunately, it would not be prudent at this stage to resume the shaking of hands at the 'Sign of Peace' and reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice during Mass.

The alcohol-soaked wipes have damaged some of our pews and we are considering some alternatives. At the moment, please, **DO NOT** leave the wipes on the pews or on any wooden surface as they corrode the woods and fade the paint on them. We have bucket/s at the foyer where you are to dispose them after use. Your safety and our Parishioners' safety are our priority.

2. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. Could I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Same goes for electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired and a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. If you do not know how to operate them and you need it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thanks for understanding.

3. St Anthony's Feast Day

The feast of St Anthony of Padua is 13th June 2022. To celebrate, the Parishioners will again mark the feast with a mass, lunch and entertainment on Sunday 19th June 2022 in the parish grounds. To co-ordinate and organize such an event, we will need to set up a committee. If you think you can assist or for further details, please contact the Parish office. In the meantime, if you are a business and willing to donate items for raffles, or have a stall you would like to set up please contact us. We look forward to celebrating this Parish event with all parishioners and visitors to our Parish.

4. Lenten Program

Thank you to Wendy Tourle who led our Lenten Program this year. We thank Margaret De Vries also for assisting when Wendy was unavailable.

5. Holy Week rehearsal

Thank you for those who have volunteered. There will be a holy week rehearsal on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7pm in the Church. Please note that your attendance will be appreciated as it will ensure that all who volunteered are aware of their roles during the Holy Week. Please let the Parish Office know if you cannot make it.

6. Want to become Catholic through RCIA Program

Please register your interest by calling the parish office or send us an email. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

7. Safeguarding Workshop

Thank you to Natasha Steimbesser who led a workshop program last Wednesday. We thank everyone who attended. Your assistance to volunteer in the Parish is very much appreciated.

8. Project Compassion

From Holy Thursday we ask that you return your Project Compassion boxes in the baskets provided at the back of the church. Thank you for your contribution to assist those in need.

9. Choir

We would like to extend our Choir groups at each mass. If you can sing, and would like to be part of our choir, please let the Parish office know. If you are talented enough to play an instrument, especially the piano, we look forward to hearing from you.

10. Easter Confession

For those who missed out on Easter confession last Thursday, another is available on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross.

11. Parish Project

You would perhaps have noticed the paints on our pews have been badly corroded by the wipes we use to clean them, due to alcohol that is contained in the wipes. There is need to make the pews tidier by repainting them. We have also identified our parish billboard right on the corner of Edmondson and Eleventh Avenues as a project that can improve awareness to the increasing population moving into Austral community. We therefore seek your support by funding the project/s or how best we can source fund for the projects. Thanks to you for your generosity and suggestions.

12. A message from the Aid to the Church in Need Australia.

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses

13. Parking

Please reserve the parking in the church yard for the elderly seniors who find it difficult to walk a long distance from their car to the church. You may use the street parking on Eleventh Avenue or the carpark between the church and the hall. You may drop off anyone but please reserve the green grass parking area for the seniors of the church.

14. Parish Working Bee

Thank you to all who assisted in our Parish Working Bee. Thank you to Joe Cilia and Faye Palamara who co-ordinated the day.

15. Joesphine Camilleri - RIP

Josephine died last Tuesday and will be buried from St. Monica's church Richmond on Wednesday 13 April at 11am. We pray for her eternal bliss and comfort to her family.

16. Holy Week Program

Palm Sunday

Saturday 9th April —5pm

Sunday 10th April—7.30am, 9.00am and 5pm.

Holy Thursday— Mass of The Lord's Supper

Thursday 14th April 2022—7.30pm

Good Friday - Friday 15th April 2022

Stations of the Cross —10am

Passion of the Christ - 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday 15th April 2022—7.30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 17th April 2022

7.30am and 9am

NB: There will be confessions after the Stations of the Cross for those who could not attend the Easter confession

NB: No 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

The Catholic Weekly

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Josephine Camilleri, Lenette and Joe Gerardis, Nancy Chelliah, Father Barry Reabow, Ian Farrell, James Dimech, Alfred Casha, Carmela Luppino, Dicembre Antonio Armando

Anniversaries:

Elisabetta Maiolo, Lourdes Ever Juan, Raffela Pelli, Donald Low, Roza and Vella Families, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Tessie Bonanno

Also for:

The Morton, Clark, Drabble, King, Roberts, Tobia and Musso Families, Carmelo and Anunziata Vella, Christina and Joseph Grixti, Victor Vella, Leonard Hoven, Stephen Vella, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, Maria Luisa and Domencio Crestani, The Dimech Family, The Pace Family & The Bonanno Family, Deceased members of the Vella Family

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

Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family; Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose

The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic

Merciful God of hope and life, during this time of pandemic, May we hold to attitudes and behaviours that profess our faith in Jesus Christ, May we act with care and responsibility to keep our community safe, May we be beacons of hope to those feeling overwhelmed and fearful. Heal those who are infected by the virus, Guide healthcare professionals and researchers in their work, Inspire politicians, business and community leaders by your wisdom, Bring those who have died to yourself and comfort their loved ones. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen Mary, Mother of God: pray for us. All Saints: pray for us

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or

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.

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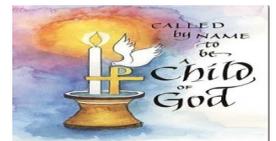
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- Wills and Estate
- Powers of Attorney & Guardianships
- Leasing

Contact Teresa on **0415 123 807**
or at **teresa@calarcolegal.com.au**



Baptisms in the Parish **Welcome to our Faith-Community**



Andrea Rose Castillo
Pedrosa
Daughter of
John and Joanne
&
Everly Grace Prior
Daughter of Murray and Korina
&
Louis Privitera
Son of Sam and Katerina
&
Lily Maria Tumama
Daughter of Pepe and Melissa
&
Sofia Calica
Daughter of Richard and Arlene

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