Weekend of :	23/24 Mar 2024	Week 4		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Children's Choir	Sacred Heart	STJ Multicultural	Combined Choi
Heralds	Stella	Jasmine/ Madeline	Rachel	Ryan
Readers	Helen/Hannah	Rhonda/Kaitly	n Trish/Blake	Theresia/
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter	Yuve/Vincent	Mick M/Surya
Altar Servers	Cameron / Immanuel	Bianca/ Christopher	Patrick/Gabby/ Bryan/Caitlin	Teresa/Mica/ Kiomi/Naomi
Weekend of:	30/31 Mar 2024	Week 5		
Ministry	Sat 7pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	NO MASS
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	
Heralds		Bianca	Gabby	_
Readers 1st / 2nd		Rhonda/ Christopher	Noel/Caitlyn	
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter	Yuve / Vincent	
Altar Servers	1 2		Philip/Patrick/ Gabby/Bryan	

COMPASSION Lent.

PROJECT (S) As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout

OR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education. access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Oremus: Living the Year of Prayer 2024

Our Holy Father has asked the entire Church to dedicate 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, 'in order to foster a renewed ardour for evangelisation'. Join us online for a 3-week short course in which we will consider practical approaches to prayer as the font of renewal and mission in our parishes.

DATES: Thursdays 4 April, 18 April, 2 May, 2024 TIME: 7:30 – 8:45 pm

For more info and to register,

go to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

LET US PRAY FOR:

Recently Returned to the Father:

Death Anniversary: Pamela Arce, Nicola Iorfino, Stjepan Bursic, Mena Lardizabal, Leslie

In Loving Memory of: deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Robert, Mathilda, Ralph, Milton & Leslie Hewett, Melville, Lucy, Trevor & Frank Rodrigues, Ivan Rendulic & Joseph Jurcic, all souls in purgatory

NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change

Sick & Infirmed: Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriquetta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Joan Simons, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Agnes Hiuni, Marz Cavestany, Fr Jeff Droessler

Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Dondi & Arvin Anolin, Maria Henness, Gabriel L T Ching Special Intentions of: Florisa M Anolin, Zeljkovic family, Mateo Quines Tran



A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with 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.

Weekend Collection Report Weekend 09/10 Mar 2024

st Collection (Pastoral) - \$1980.00 &

2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1462.00 & Envelopes - \$1075.00

hank you for your generosity

- Fr Epeli

lext Newman Group Meeting:

14th April - Romans 8: Living the life in the Spirit.

27th April (Sat) - Bushwalk - Please RSVP to newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org 12th May - Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel 26th May - The Liturgy and the Trinity

Fr. Bijoy Joseph

Good Friday Collection-Holy Land Appeal 2024



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local

Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy and also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. It is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday 2024. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE USE ENVELOPES PROVIDED.

CENTRAL DEANERY HOLY THURSDAY 7 CHURCHES **CONSOLE CHRIST TILL MIDNIGHT**

St Michael's 26 Margaret St, Belfield St Peter Chanel 62 Kingsland Rd. Berala \$1 Raymond's 57 Wellington St. Auburn St Therese's 15 Garrang Rd, Lakemba St John of God 2 Alce St, Auburn St Mortho's R&Charlet Agence Strothfuld St Mel's 7 Evaline St, Compsie (Parking va Duke St)

Oblate Centre & Kemnea Rd, Sefton \$1 Brendon's \$4 Northam Ave. Bankstown St Felix de Valois 550 Chapel Rd. Bankstown St Joachim's 2 Mils St, Lidcombe St Jerome's 2 Turner St, Punchbowl St Joseph's 765 Contenbury Rd. Belmore Sts John Vianney & Thomas More (till 10pm) 51 Rayson Rd. Greenacre



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 23/03	Death Anniv of Leslie McKeough
Sun 24/03	Souls of Matthew & Mathaniel Nguyen
Mon 25/03	Deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families
Tues 26/03	Intentions of Visevic family
Wed 27/03	Death anniv of Stjepan Bursic
Thurs 28/03	
Fri 29/03	
	Sun 24/03 Mon 25/03 Tues 26/03 Wed 27/03 Thurs 28/03

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- Justin -

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ... Mass Intentions-drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice. Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

Palm Sunday - Yr B 24 March 2024

This Week at St Joachim

SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church

REFLECTION

Sun 24/03	8:00am Mass		
	10:00am Mass		
	2:00pm Cross Walk		
	5:00pm Mass		
Mon	9:00am Mass/Rosary		
25/03	7:00pm Movie in St Francis		
	Rm (Assisi Centre)		
Tue	9:00am Mass / Rosary		
26/03	7:00pm Penitential Service		
Wed	6:00pm Adoration /Novena		
27/03	7:00pm Mass (in Latin)		
Thurs	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's		
28/03	Supper		
Fri	10:00am Stations of the Cross		
29/03	3 3:00pm Passion of Christ		
Sat	7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass		
30/03			

Good Friday 29 March @ 10am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be done simultaneously in church & around Lidcombe





Parish to Parish Cross Walk - 24th March @ 2pm

St Peter Chanel & St Joseph, Berala back to St Joachim, Lidcombe

PALM SUNDAY

Have you ever wondered why we hear the Passion narrative proclaimed on Palm Sunday?

It has always struck me as odd that we hear the Passion narrative on both Palm Sunday and Good Friday. On Palm Sunday we hear the Lord's Passion proclaimed from the gospel of Matthew, Mark or Luke (depending on the liturgical cycle) and on Good Friday we hear the Lord's Passion according to John. It makes sense that we hear the Lord's Passion proclaimed on Good Friday as this is when we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and death on the Cross. However, why the duplication five days earlier on Palm Sunday?

The Church teaches that the high point of the liturgical year is the celebration and commemoation of the Paschal Mystery; Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) that, "Holy Mother Church believes that she should celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse in a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the course of the year...She also celebrates it once every year, together with his blessed Passion, at Easter, that most solemn of all feasts (CCC 1163). "... Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities"" (CCC

Due to the significance of this liturgical solemnity, from as early as the 5th century, the Church would have the Lord's Passion proclaimed not only on Palm Sunday and Good Friday but also on the Wednesday of Holy Week and Easter Sunday! This was to center the minds and hearts of the faithful on the importance of Jesus' salvific action. The Church holds this moment in salvation history, its apex, so significantly that our ancestors in the faith would hear the Passion proclaimed four times in Holy Week, including on the commemoration of the Res-

What then, is our disposition towards the proclamation of the Passion? Do we find it frustrating because it is long, or are we moved by Jesus' infinite love for us that he would go as far as to die to save us? Whatever our inner response, I invite you to immerse yourself in the proclamation of the Lord's Passion this Sunday and use it as a means of entering into the greatest mystery of our faith and the most important week in our liturgical year. By doing so, we will be able to enter into the celebration of Easter Sunday with deeper joy, gratitude and love for God.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO GO TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION. WHERE YOU WILL MEET JESUS WHO FORGIVES YOU.

The Catholic Weekly (\$2 only) In this week's edition:

- DISCIPLE DIARIES: Mullet champion returns to Christ p1
- Biggest-ever women's retreat p3
- Papal awards for public service p2
- Conversion therapy bill 'sincere' but flawed p6
- St Patrick's Day shows enduring power of Irish heritage p9

- N. Pilate asked them,
- O. Why? What harm has he done?
- N. But they shouted all the louder,
- C. Crucify him!
- N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

- C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!
- N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,
- C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.
- N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

- J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
- N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,
- C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.
- N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying,
- O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God. The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said. I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /

Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,/ born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

- R. Blessed be God for ever.
- P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace. All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, # and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Passion (Palm) Sunday / B

24 March 2024

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO IERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION

The priest greets the people, blesses the branches and sprinkles them with holy water, The Gospel (Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16) is then read. Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:

P. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

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:

OHosanna 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.

OHosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 50: 4-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2 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 Phil 2: 6-11 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

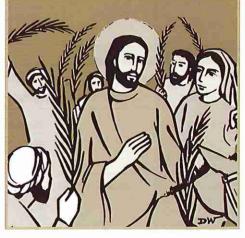
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2: 8-9 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!

GOSPEL

(N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker

- C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker) N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
- according to Mark.
- N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,
- O. Are you the king of the Jews?
- N. He answered,
- J. It is you who say it.
- N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,
- O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!
- N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

- O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?
- N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,
- O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?
- N. They shouted back,
- C. Crucify him!