

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A | 2 April 2023

Our tormented world

Today we celebrate the beginning of the most solemn week of our Christian calendar. Those outside our Christian faith might well accuse us of glorifying torture and death as we follow the story of Jesus' trial, passion and crucifixion.

However, we do not follow that story as mere observers of yet another incident of human cruelty. Rather, our participation in the church's liturgy enables us to identify with Jesus in his sufferings in order that we may also share with him the fruits of the resurrection.

This time of Holy Week puts us in touch with the most profound human questions. Why is there so much suffering and evil in the world? Why do we need to die? How is it somehow God's will that the Son Jesus should die in such excruciating circumstances? In what way is this death of Jesus the source of our life and salvation?

We need to begin by simply recognising the reality of violence that destroys people's lives. We can see this all too easily in others - those responsible for human trafficking, death camps, terrorist killings, ethnic cleansing, environmental destruction and the greed-filled corruption of too many in power. Jesus and the prophets speak out against this reign of terror which continues to take hold of our world.

However, following Jesus to Calvary puts us in touch with another reality: We are all sinners. We note Jesus' challenge to those about to stone the woman accused of adultery: "Let the one without sin cast the first stone". Unlike Jesus, none of us can claim to be the innocent victim. We should recognise ourselves in the disciples whose fear and cowardice leave Jesus to suffer and die without their support. How often have we failed to respond to a brother or sister in need?

God does not will Jesus' crucifixion as some kind of 'payment' for sin. Rather, we are invited to recognise that the power of evil is so great, it will not stop at the killing of the Son of God himself. It also shows that God's healing forgiveness and liberating love have no bounds since Christ Jesus has "emptied himself as a slave ... accepting death on a cross". The resurrection is God's final victory over suffering, sin and death.

Christianity focuses on the Cross of Jesus as its central symbol. This does not amount to the glorification of suffering and violence. Rather, by inviting us to share in Christ's passion, we are able to confront darkness and sin in the knowledge these are but passing realities. The Cross always points to the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life for those who acclaim Jesus as Lord.

Pope Francis states we can only acclaim Jesus as Lord through loving service of others. He further encourages us to move towards Easter focussing on God's forgiving love, noting that Jesus Christ gazes upon "our violent and tormented world", yet never tires of repeating: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do". Gerard Hall SM @ Majellan Media 2023

This week in the Parish

Sunday 2	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - Yr A 8:00 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish Cuppa
Monday 3	7:00 pm - Chrism Mass St Carthage's Cathedral 11:00 am - Lenten Group Parish Office
Tuesday 4	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 5	5:30 pm - Mass

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
from 4:30 pm
before Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION
THIS WEEKEND**
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 6	7:00 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION
Friday 7	9:00 am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00pm - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 8	7:00 pm - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 9	9:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, are available for you in the Church.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Theo Mottee, Alan Francis

ANNIVERSARIES:

St Pope John Paul II, Fr John Worthington, Mary Coleman, Shaun Gear

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

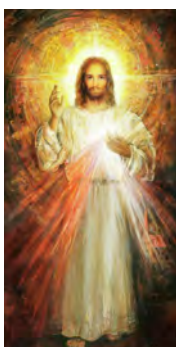
Paul Calvino, Margaret Hyde, Leo Kelly, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 7 April.

Novena prayer cards are available this weekend.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (within the Easter Octave).



We thank the Legion of Mary members who have made our Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday this year.

Thank you for these very special "made with love" gifts for our Parish family.

Readings for the coming weeks:

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

HOLY SATURDAY -

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

Gen 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Pope's Mission Intention for April...

For a culture of peace and non violence:

we pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by State and citizens.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

ROSARY STATUE

Philomena Zambelli





PALM SUNDAY 1 & 2 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

All ceremonies will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday | 6 April

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday | 7 April

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil | 8 April:

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY | 9 April

9:00am - Mass

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Holy Week, when we recall the central events of our faith. Today we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem and His Passion according to St. Matthew.

The **TRIDUUM** is one ceremony over three days.

On **HOLY THURSDAY** we recall the Lord's Last Supper when He gave us the sacrament of himself in the **Eucharist**.

GOOD FRIDAY is the day when we recall the sacrifice that Jesus offered in **His death** on the cross.

The **EASTER VIGIL** is the great Christian celebration of the **Resurrection** of the Lord and the night we recommit ourselves in faith by renewing our Baptismal promises.

GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7 April. 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, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Envelopes are available this weekend and on Good Friday—donations may be made by cash or cheque or by completing credit card details on the back of the donation envelope. Thank you for your support.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 21)

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.**

**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.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.**



VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

POSITION VACANT

Presbytery Housekeeper

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

Applications are sought for the position of Presbytery Housekeeper. This is a part-time position working approximately 20-24 hours per week.

Duties will include general household cleaning, washing, ironing, household shopping, meal preparation and cooking. The position would suit an active person who respects the teachings of the Church and the ethos of the Parish and Diocese.

Working with Children and Criminal History Checks will be required.

If you would like more information about this position, please contact Mary-Ann Thackray, Parish Business Manager between 9 am to 3 pm weekdays.

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Application closing date extended to Friday 14 April 2023

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