

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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PALMSUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A | 24 March 2024

A kingdom of nuisances and nobodies

In 2006, Franciscan theologian Richard Rohr visited Australia and was interviewed on ABC Radio National's "Religion Report". At the time, I was particularly impressed by a point Rohr made in distinguishing between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", where the first constituted a challenge to the prevailing wider societal mores and values, while the second supported the cultural status quo.

Whatever one may think of Rohr's distinction between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", it does open up a fruitful line for discussion of the meaning of Mark's gospel. Written at a time when the Jesus movement was anything but part of the status quo, the gospel is culturally subversive.

The problem that confronted the Markan Christians, as it does us today, is to steer a middle course between the twin tensions of conformity to cultural expectations and the vocation to be counter cultural (where necessary) in working for a better world. Mark's Jesus proclaimed a new world order that would privilege the marginalised and the forgotten; or as Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Tom Wright have variously called, "a kingdom of nuisances and nobodies".

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is a man who haunts the fringes of society, fraternising with the marginalised, touching the untouchables, speaking to those with whom he should not speak and, thereby, breaking the taboos of his Jewish faith and the mores of the Greco-Roman culture.

Positive interactions with Jesus are typically displayed by characters living on society's margins – the "nobodies"; people who were of no consequence: the leper (1:40-45); the paralytic (2:1-12); the deaf (7:31-37); the blind (8:22-26; 10:46-52); the widow (12:41-44); as well as tax collectors and sinners (2:15).

In his preaching, Jesus repeatedly criticises the abusive use of power by society's wealthy and respectable authorities. And it is this critique of abusive power that eventually ends in Jesus' arrest and execution as a rabble rouser and a criminal of the State.

As Richard Rohr points out, Jesus was not an "insider" or a "company man" (Rohr, 2006); which is not to say that Jesus is an "outsider" per se. Mark's Jesus is a reputable teacher and scholar – a man of some consequence – but he refuses to operate within the boundaries set by either the religious elites or civil authorities, the somebodies of "good society". Indeed, he even refuses to stay dead!

Mark's Jesus is not interested in "Churchianity" — that is, sticking to rules that govern membership in the club or the "ekklesia" (assembly or church). He is a social reformer who seeks the company of those deemed to be "beyond the pale"; an agent of God who proclaims, not a kingdom of the wealthy and notable – the "somebodies" in society – but that of the poor, the forgotten, the "nuisances and nobodies" – and he calls his disciples to go to the margins and do the same.

The final command in Mark's gospel is the call to "return to Galilee" (16:7), to the dirt-poor farmers and fishers at the rural fringes of Roman Palestine.

This week in the Parish

Sunday 24	PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - YR B 8:00 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 25	7:00 pm - Chrism Mass St Carthage's Cathedral
Tuesday 26	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 27	5:30 pm - Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 28	7:00 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION
Friday 29	9:00 am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00pm - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 30	7:00 pm - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 31	9:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

RECONCILIATION IN LENT
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. As well as half an hour before each weekend Mass.

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available in the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Larkin (Townsville - brother of Colleen Irvine), Jacinta Immisch, Richard Tartan, Dominic McCabe, Paul O'Connor, Patricia Walker, Frank Dusi

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Flanagan, Eufronio Galaura Jr.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

George Flack, Joan Kean, Violet Albury, Margaret Traves, John Lee, Wendy Bolden, Margaret Hyde, Lorraine Green, Colin Brooks, Kathy Dawson-Malone, David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Maureen McCabe, Fr Anthony Lemon



BAPTISMS:

Please welcome **Clancy Rose Patterson** to our faith community.

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; Mk 16:1-7

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

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

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Requiem Mass for Richard Tartan will be held on Wednesday 3 April at 11am QLD time at St Mary's Catholic Church in Warwick.

ROSARY STATUE

24 Mar | Annette Lofts

31 Mar | Paula Thornton 7 Apr | Trish Jandura



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We 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.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

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

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg's online-stream Sunday Mass will resume in February

SUNDAY 14 APRIL FOLLOWING 9.00 AM MASS

Father Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all Parishioners to attend a workshop to provide input into writing a Sacred Heart Parish Vision and Mission Statement.

The **Vision** Statement focuses on where we are going as a parish community. What is our purpose? What is our goal?

The **Mission** Statement will express how our church will work towards meeting our Vision Statement.

All parishioners' input is important in preparing these statements so we look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 29 March.

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



Young Adults Retreat | 12-14 April | Invercauld House

ABIDE

“do whatever he tells you”

Register by 7 April. For more information contact:
Cathedral Parish Office 02 6626 0200

ePETITION - PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING

In the last State budget \$150 million of allocated funding was cut from Palliative Care and end of life care. The Hon. Susan Carter, Member of the Legislative Council, is urging NSW residents to sign the ePetition to restore palliative care funding to support people throughout NSW with a life-limiting illness. The ePetition is open now and closes 3 April 2024.

The link to the petition is: [LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Restore palliative care funding to support people throughout New South Wales with a life-limiting illness \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. 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.

Due to the ongoing war, 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 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$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. Thank you.



PALM SUNDAY OF LENT 23 & 24 March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. 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 **for all future generations**.

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

PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PS 21)

R: 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!

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY | 28 March

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

GOOD FRIDAY | 29 March

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

EASTER VIGIL | 30 March

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY | 31 March

9:00am - Mass

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.

Mt St Patrick Primary School

OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2024



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025 – KINDERGARTEN

Tours of the school and Kindergarten classrooms available
9:00am – 1pm

Administration Contact: 02 6672 1821
30 Moolball St, Murwillumbah NSW 2484
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St Joseph's Primary School
South Murwillumbah



OPEN DAY
WED 10 APRIL
9am-12pm
School tours
Open classrooms

Nestled in the shadows of Wollumbin, St. Joseph's has beautiful places to learn, play and grow. We are a vibrant school community, walking with children and their families in faith, learning and love.

St. Joseph's is a small, one-stream school where our teachers work together for the success and growth of every child. At our school, every child is known. We take a holistic approach to educating children, nurturing their wellbeing and faith development.

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