

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

YEAR A | 29 MARCH 2026

Jesus' Jerusalem is our Jerusalem

The journey of Lent has prepared us to celebrate Palm Sunday and commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, his Passion and death. Are we ready to journey with Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and his Passion and are we ready to welcome Christ to journey with us in our life's journey?

The Passion of the Lord stands at the heart of our discipleship, revealing the depth of God's love for everyone through suffering freely embraced. The Passion is the deliberate and total self-giving of Jesus who longs to enter fully into our human condition to redeem it. It reveals God's desire to meet us in human form and to guide us with his Word, so we can enjoy eternal life in his Kingdom.

The journey of the Passion begins in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus confronts what lies ahead. His anguish is real and profound, even to the point of sweating blood. Yet in this moment of deep distress, Christ shows perfect obedience: "Not my will, but yours be done." His surrender reveals that our redemption is born not of force, but of love, a love aligned with his Father's will.

The suffering—scourging, crowning with thorns, carrying his cross and the long walk to Calvary—parades the physical brutality of the Passion. Christ's body bears the consequences of human sin. Yet even in suffering, Jesus is all loving and merciful: he forgives his executioners, consoles the repentant thief, and entrusts his mother to the beloved disciple. The cross becomes not only an instrument of pain and death, but a throne of love and mercy.

At the moment of his death, when Jesus cries out and takes his last breath, the veil of the temple is torn, signifying a new reality. Through his sacrifice, the barrier between God and humanity is removed; we become closer to God, reconciled. The Passion reaches its fulfillment in total self-giving love—love that holds nothing back; welcomes everyone; and goes to the end.

The Lord's Passion invites us, his disciples, not merely to observe, but to actively participate and journey with Christ. It also calls each of us to carry our own cross as Christ did, to trust God in our suffering, and to respond to evil with forgiveness, mercy and hope.

In contemplating the Passion, we learn that pain is not the final and last word. From Christ's wounds flow love, healing, reconciliation, the promise of resurrection and new life.

The Passion of the Lord assures us and the world that no suffering is meaningless when the Lord becomes our light and our life and when we are united with Christ. There is no darkness in our life that is beyond the reach of God's steadfast love and redeeming grace. What is asked of us is faithful discipleship, self-giving love and relationship with God. As we enter into this Holy Week, let us remember that we have Christ who longs to journey with us.

This week in the Parish

MARCH

Sunday 29

PALM SUNDAY - YR A

8:30 am - Liturgy | Sacred Park
9:00 am - Mass | Sacred Heart

Monday 30

Tuesday 31

No Mass

1:00 pm - Lenten Group | Parish Admin Centre

APRIL

Wednesday 1

No Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM | SACRED HEART

Thursday 2

7:00 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
FOLLOWED BY ADORATION

Friday 3

9:00 am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00pm - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 4

7:00 pm - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS FINISHES | TURN BACK CLOCKS

Sunday 5

9:00 am - SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at
9:00am.

As well as half an hour
before each weekend Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday 9am

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS FINISHING

Reminder daylight savings
finishes Sunday 5th April,

Remember to turn clocks
back 1 hour

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kaylene Binding, Norma McDonald

ANNIVERSARIES:

St Pope John Paul II, Fr John Worthington, Sue
Gallagher

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anthony Rodighiero, Kath Dawson-Malone, Leo Kelly,
Alex Lever, Rita Loughman, Isobel Grant, Fr Joseph
Guinea, Gabrielle Hackenberg, Albert Albertini, Maive
Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox,
Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Paul
Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon, Corrina Thackray, Cooper
Woods

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the
Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

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 is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:*

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

READINGS FOR TODAY :

PALM SUNDAY - YR A

Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66

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

ROSARY STATUE

29/3 - Debbie Kaehler

5/4 - Kay Ryder

**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.**





Holy Week

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | 29 March

8.30am Liturgy | Sacred Park
9am Mass | Sacred Heart

Holy Thursday | 2 April

7pm | Lord's Supper + Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday | 3 April

9am | Stations of the Cross
3pm | Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday | 4 April

7pm | Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday | 5 April

9am | Sunday of the Resurrection



Congratulations Errol & Caitlin

Please pray for God's blessing on Errol and Caitlin who will be married in the Sacred Heart Church this weekend.

CAN YOU ASSIST?

A young man is looking for a place to stay until the end of the year. He is with a group called 'Pais' which evangelises in the state high schools. If you are interested in helping out please call Philomena Zambelli -0414 201 940 or Tony Zambelli - 0487 331 546


Easter issue out now



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MOUNT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Yr 6 as they lead us through the events of Holy Week through prayer, music and drama.

9.30am April 2 on the Hard Court



Children's Liturgy

RETURNING AFTER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PALM SUNDAY

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (29)

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!*

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 and honour to you Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!*

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.



Palm Sunday 28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring

people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



UNITE  AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3 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 and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on the assistance from the Good Friday collection. 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 again on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers.



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