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Mass Times

Sat Evening: Mass: 6pm

Sunday: Mass: 7am, 9am

Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer & Rosary: 6:45am
Mass 7:30am

Confessions : 30 minutes before Mass

Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

24TH MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion— Solemnity

<https://mycatholic.life/>



Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.
~Matthew 21:9

Reflection: This day could be thought of as a day of contradiction. The Mass begins with the reading of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His joyous reception by the crowds who strewed palm branches before Him, crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Today, this inspiring scene is commemorated by processions of the faithful carrying palm branches into their churches. The contradiction, however, is experienced as the full narrative of the Passion of Christ is read, culminating with Jesus' death on the Cross.

But is it a contradiction? Is His glorious entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week in any way opposed to His crucifixion? Certainly not. From a worldly perspective, for someone who lacks the ability to penetrate this mystery with the eyes of faith, the week ends in tragedy. But from the perspective of the Eternal Father, the welcome Jesus receives as He enters Jerusalem is the welcome given to the Savior of the World. His Cross would become the culmination of that act of salvation. For that reason, His entrance into that holy city was rightly celebrated with great joy, even though the people did not yet understand that the throne their new King would mount was the Cross.

As early as the fourth century, the diary of one traveler to Jerusalem records how the faithful reenacted Jesus' triumphal entry:

And as the eleventh hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, where the children, carrying branches and palms, met the Lord, saying; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, and the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives, and thus the bishop is escorted in the same manner as the Lord was of old (The Pilgrimage of Etherea).

Though very few Christians are able to celebrate Passion Sunday in Jerusalem, walking from the Mount of Olives to the city gate, we are all invited to do so spiritually, meditatively, and interiorly. Our participation is not just the recalling of a historic event; it's a real participation in that event. Our hearts must begin outside of Jerusalem's gate today, and we must courageously and joyfully accompany our Lord into that holy city. During that first Holy Week, the people's joy arose from their belief that Jesus would be an earthly ruler Who would free them from Roman oppression. Today, we are privileged to express our joyous acclamations as we spiritually accompany our Lord to the city of His crucifixion, because we know that Jesus' Kingship is so much more than an earthly triumph. His triumph is an eternal one that invites us to share in His Eternity. His triumph is a sacrificial one that invites us to share in His Sacrificial Love. His triumph is a glorious one that invites us to share in the Glory of His Resurrection.

Walk with our Lord today into that holy city of Jerusalem. As you do, know that the earthly city of Jerusalem is also now a spiritual one. The events that took place there two millennia ago transcend and permeate all time. As a result, the events of Holy Week today are just as significant as they were long ago. Through the Mass, we are there. We walk with our Lord, witness all He accomplished, receive His Body and Blood sacrificed on the Cross and memorialized in the Eucharist, and are resurrected with Him on the third day. Commit yourself to this journey today, an eternal pilgrimage with our Lord to the Eternal City of Heaven.



Prayer: Most glorious King, blessed are You Who continuously comes to us, leading the way to Heaven. Hosanna in the highest! As I begin this most Holy Week, commemorating Your gift of salvation, I pray that this commemoration will also be a real and transforming participation in Your life, death, and resurrection. Thank You for redeeming us, dear Lord. Please open my heart to receive Your grace fully. Jesus, I trust in You.

March



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)

23 & 24 March

Sun 24th March

Tue 26th March Legion of Mary @ 9:00am
DVD group @ 11:00am

Wed 27th March School Mass @ 9am

Thurs 28th March Holy Thur Mass @ 7pm

Good Fri 29th March Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am
The Passion of Our Lord @ 3pm

Easter Vigil 30th March Mass @ 7:00pm

Liturgy Roster for 28th to 31st Mar 2024	Holy Week Masses		
	Holy Thursday	Stations of the Cross	Passion of the Lord
Acolytes	D Mathews; M Knublely	Nic De Luca; J Calleja	I Darch; C Anello
Readers	Alida Greenfield	P Nguyen; M Knublely	F Oddi
Commentator	Frank Johnson	n/a	G Jaune
Passion Readers	n/a	n/a	N Menda; P Antoni
Altar Servers	V Rule; G Liley	A Wilson; A Roberts	J Jaune; L Geyer
Sunday, 31 March 2024			
	Easter Vigil	Sun 7am	Sun 9am
Acolytes	J Ryall	A Dzieciol	C D'Monte; M Knublely
Readers	P Antoni; M D'Cunha	I Kendall	H Van der Westhuizen
Commentator	G Redolatti	I Darch	T Pavy
Altar Servers	M Palermo; A Silva		F & Fab Diraviam
Counters	Team 4 - A and M Fernandes		
Cleaners	L Loc		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of the soul /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 23-Mar 6:00 PM TG -D'Cunha fam, Margaret Mc Neill,

RS-Francis Daniel, James & Walter Moses

SUN 24-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Joseph D'Cunha; Rino Rossi

9:00 AM TG -Amber, Ebony & Vinita

RS-Holy Souls

TUE 26-Mar 7:30 AM Patsy Jennings, Freddie Lee

WED 27-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Fr. Wayne Davis, Newton Rodrigues

HOLY THU 28-Mar 7:00 PM RS-Joseph Mc Neill; Fr. Wayne Davis

GOOD FRI 29-Mar 3:00 PM

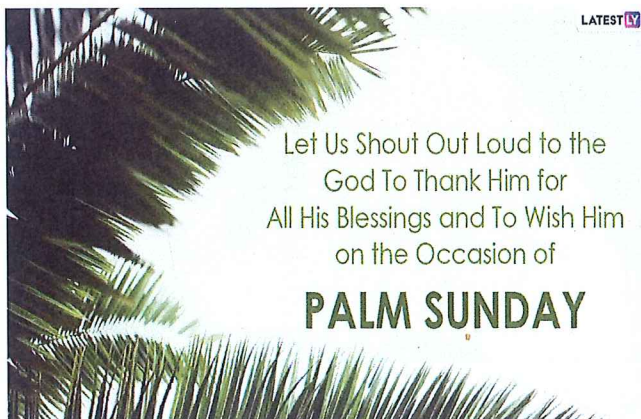
Easter vigil 30-Mar 7:00 PM Pro-populo (pray for people)

SUN 31-Mar 7:00 AM Pro-populo (pray for people)

Pray for :-

Those who are suffering in wars, in natural diasters, in religious persecutions and the sick, Simon Foo, Francisco Paterniti, Ventura Ramos-Nunez, Maria Pacca, Geraldine O Sullivan, Ermelina Vescovo

and Clara Pound.



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.

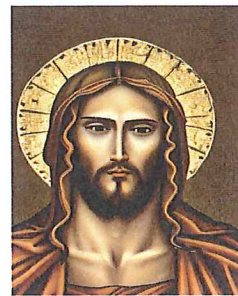
Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Renaissance in Jesus

<https://odb.org/2024/03/24>

We know Leonardo da Vinci as the renaissance man. His intellectual prowess led to advances across multiple fields of study and the arts. Yet Leonardo journaled of "these miserable days of ours" and lamented that we die "without leaving behind any memory of ourselves in the mind of men."

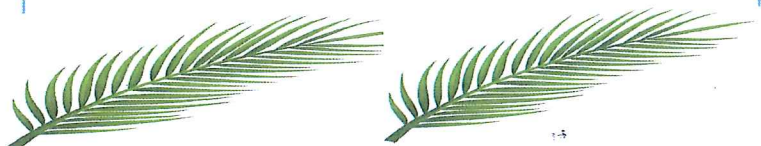


"While I thought I was learning how to live," said Leonardo, "I was learning how to die." He was closer to the truth than he may have realized. Learning how to die is the way

to life. After Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (what we now celebrate as Palm Sunday; see John 12:12-19), He said, "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds" (v. 24). He spoke this about His own death but expanded it to include us all: "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (v. 25).

The apostle Paul wrote of being "buried" with Christ "through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5).

Through His death, Jesus offers us rebirth—the very meaning of renaissance. He has forged the way to eternal life with His Father.



OUR PARISH FAMILY...



Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday
Palm Procession Sat 6pm and Sun 9am

Tue 26th March Chrism Mass
St. Mary's Cathedral, 7pm

Holy Thurs 28th March
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
- Collection for the Holy Land

- followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

Good Friday 29th March (Fasting & Abstinence)
Stations of the Cross 10:00am
The Passion of Our Lord 3:00pm
- Collection for Caritas Project Compassion

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 30th March 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses 31st March 7:00am & 9:00am

Confessions

available 15-30 minutes before Mass

NO ADORATION Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday

Adorers and visitors to St Joseph's Adoration Chapel, please note that from 7pm Holy Thursday until Holy Saturday evening, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be in repose. That means no adoration over this period. Adoration will recommence directly after evening Mass on Holy Saturday, 30th March.



** Washing of the feet Volunteers needed -



In 2016, Pope Francis decreed in January that priests can include women in the foot-washing ritual, one of the most moving rites of the holiest week on the church's calendar. We need 12 volunteers as disciples for washing of the feet on Holy Thur March 28, Mass of the Lord's supper @ 7pm. If you would like to participate, please give your name to the office or jot down the name at the back of the church.

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection March 29th 2024

(St Joseph Parish will collect on Holy Thur March 28)

1. On March 29th we celebrate Good Friday. This is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when he shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. Can we use this occasion to recall our need to be in solidarity with those suffering around us, and in a particular way with the suffering Church of the Holy Land?

2. Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.

3. It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships, made all the worse due to the ongoing war. We have an opportunity to help them through the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection.

4. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges, many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians. Over recent years, their difficulties have been greatly magnified by the Covid-19 pandemic and now the war, not only on the health of the people but through the severe economic consequences that have disproportionately affected the most vulnerable.

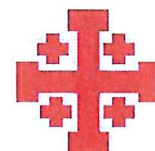
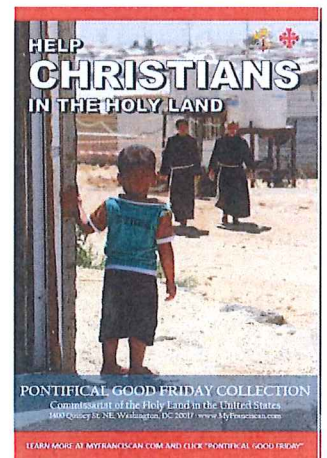
5. Who are these Christians? Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.

6. The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region, and of course the recent pandemic.

7. What has been accomplished? Normally, each year's Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection:

- Supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helps keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through to Grade 12 students
- Supports 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Creates 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

8. Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.



The Living Word

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

24 March 2024

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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

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.

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 shorter form Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the 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, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' 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, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' 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 in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' 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 passer-by, 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, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' 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, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' 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, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

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