

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, C1

13th of April 2025

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
BUNBURY, W.A.

WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA.*

READINGS AT MASS

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:

Hosanna 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.

Hosanna in the highest!

*Blessed are you, who have come
in your abundant mercy!*

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

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

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.

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SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH BUNBURY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.



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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am | **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass | **Sunday:** 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month | **Syro-Malabar Mass:** 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday
Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.00pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION FOR 2025

APRIL: FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS: "OREMUS" ✠

Personal Intentions: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, Lesley Amadio, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato & Maria Fe Repuyan, Stephanny Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Jackie Reid, Noah Forster, Yvonne Robb & Jake Palandri.

Eternal repose of the soul of: Raymond Brawls whose funeral was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 10th April. May his soul rest in peace.

General Intentions: Let us pray for the people of Myanmar and Thailand as they face the aftermath of the recent earthquake. Let us pray for peace in many countries in the world where there are armed conflicts. Let us pray for the homeless, the lonely, the underprivileged in our community, and those suffering in silence.

(Please let the Parish Office know if you have any family member or relations whom you would like the Parish to pray for. We advise that their consent be sought prior to the publication of their names.)



2025 JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

As Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



OUR PARISH MISSION:

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION:

To be a Parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive.
To be a Community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.
To be a Parish that brings those who do not know Christ into a relationship with Him.



MASS ROSTERS

Note: Please find someone to replace you if you are unable to do your roster. Please notify the Parish Office of the change. Thank you.

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



| NEXT WEEKEND Sat 12th; Sun 13th April | Acolyte | Greeters | First Reader | Second Reader | Third Reader | Narrator | Ext. Min. of Holy Communion | Altar Servers | Music | Morning Tea |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|
| Vigil Mass | Alfred L Terance O | | Reader Required | | | Pat G Jan B | Linda L | | Laudate Choir | |
| 8am | Peter C | Cherylynn F Kerry H | Malena C | Greg C | Cathy Y | Daria S | Lesley S Robin W | | Pilgrim Choir | CANCELLED |
| 10am | Melvin S | Joe DÉS Lynette A | Norrie P | Liz L | Helen B | Nilda C | Helen B Nilda C Cathy R | Sophie D R Caleb S Shelby C Dionne L Eleanor L Declan K | Parish Choir | CANCELLED |
| 6pm | Joel G | | Jean G | | | Nan M | | Matthew G Dean S Isaac P M | Melanie N | |

OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM Pastoral Care Volunteers: Lesley & Adrian S Readers: Chris L, Ethel N

| NEXT WEEKEND Sat 19th; Sun 20th April | Acolyte | Greeters | First Reader | Second Reader | Ext. Min. of Holy Communion | Altar Servers | Music |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---|---|--|--|---------------|
| Vigil Mass 7pm | Alfred L Joel G | Kath F | 1st Reader: Brad S 2nd Reader: Brad S 3rd Reader: Brad S | 4th Reader: Jean G Epistle: Jean G Prayer of the Faithful: Jean G | Linda L Joe DÉS Four EMHC Ministers Required | Seminarians: Marcelino, Simon Youth: Dean S, Godwin, Caleb S, Dionne L, Matthew G | Parish Choir |
| 8am | Kim H Mick D | Jenny S Margaret | Kerry H | Cathy Y | Daria S Robin W | | Joseline K |
| 10am | Melvin S Joel G | Irene R Wally C | Deric D | Helen B | Elaine T Rosina I Nilda C | Seminarians: Marcelino, Simon Youth: Caleb S, Dionne L, Matthew G, Sophie D R, Elijah D, Abel R, Abigail R | Trinity Choir |
| 6pm | Acolyte Required | | Joanie T | | | | Laudate Choir |

OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM Pastoral Care Volunteers: Max & Margaret M Readers: Volunteer

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please fill out a 'new parishioner card' found in the Cathedral cloister and hand it back to our Mass greeters, to a Parish Pastoral Councilor or to our Cathedral priest. We'll contact you soon. Welcome to St. Patrick's!

our parish life
this coming week



STEWARDSHIP CALLING

"Give and gifts will be given to you" (Luke 6:38)

Are you being called to any of our parish ministries? Please have a chat with one of our ministers or to our priests. We'd love to have you on board. We offer training and updating to our ministries.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING PROGRAM



Thank you for financially supporting our Cathedral Parish via our sacrificial giving program. It is a way of helping our parish by committing to donate a certain amount of money to the parish on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis. If you would like to be part of the program, please fill out a registration form available at the Cathedral cloister. Please check out this web link to register or to know more about our parish sacrificial planned giving programme: <https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving>.

MASS COLLECTIONS

6th April 2025 - Week 40

First Collection: \$ 2,000.45 | Sacrificial Giving: \$ 931.85

THANK YOU

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| 14 April Monday of Holy Week | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery |
| 15 April Tuesday of Holy Week | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Chrism Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 16 April Wednesday of Holy Week | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Dardanup 6pm: Parish Reconciliation (1st Rite), St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 17 April Thursday of the Lord's Supper | 7pm: Last Supper Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7pm: Last Supper Mass, Carmelite Monastery 7pm: Last Supper Mass, Dardanup |
| 18 April Friday of the Passion of the Lord | 9am: Stations of the Cross, Dardanup 10am: Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am-9pm: Adoration - CANCELLED 3pm: Good Friday Service, St. Patrick's Cathedral 3pm: Good Friday Service, Carmelite Monastery 3pm: Good Friday Service, Dardanup 3pm: Good Friday Service, Ocean Star |
| 19 April Holy Saturday Easter Vigil | 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7pm: Easter Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7pm: Easter Vigil Mass, Carmelite Monastery 7:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass, Dardanup |
| 20 April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | 8am: Easter Sunday Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Easter Sunday Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Easter Sunday Mass, Dardanup 10am: Easter Sunday Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Easter Sunday Mass, SJOHG Bunbury 2pm: Easter Sunday Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Easter Sunday Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral |

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS AROUND THE PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Primary School will be leading the Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral on Good Friday 10am.

ROSARY: All are invited to come and pray the Rosary every Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

PALM SUNDAY: Thank You to our generous parishioners who kindly offered their assistance in the preparations for our Palm Sunday celebrations. A big thank you to Val Nanut for supplying and delivering the palms and to Alfred & Linda Leigh and Cherylynne Forrest who helped in the palm cutting preparations. Your help is greatly appreciated.

CATHEDRAL CLEANING: Will be taking place this coming Tuesday. Any help is greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be No Children's Liturgy held over the school holiday period.

MORNING TEA: Please note there will be no Morning Tea after this weekend's Mass Celebrations.

AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: CONFIRMATION.

Please note of the following schedules coming up next school term: Parents Information Evening—1 May, 6pm Parish Hall; Enrolment Mass—4 May, 10am Mass in the Cathedral; Start of classes—8 May, 4pm-4.40pm in the Cathedral. Bishop George Kolodziej will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on: 7 June, 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass (for St Joseph's CPS) and 8 June Sunday, 10am Mass (for St Mary's CPS and candidates for the After School Sacramental Program). Melanie Tan is our parish catechist for Confirmation.

SWIECONKA (BLESSING) FOR POLISH COMMUNITY: This is a Polish Tradition for food baskets to be blessed before Easter. This will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 19th of April. The baskets will be blessed by Bishop George. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

ALARM SYSTEMS/ CATHEDRAL KEYS: The security code for the Cathedral/ Parish Hall alarms will soon be changed. If you have a key to the Cathedral, please call into the Parish Office to obtain the new code. The new code will apply from 27 April. If you have a Cathedral key, and the

reason having that key no longer applies, could you please return it.

JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING: People of Journey.

Everyone is invited to join the Josephite Companions in Friendship, Prayer and Service. Bring a friend and a plate of food for a shared meal. Response to this invitation would assist with organization on the day.

Place: Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct, 11 Money Street, Bunbury

Date: 16 April

Time: 9.30am for 9.45am start

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BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2027:

Families are strongly encouraged to enrol now for Year 7 2027. Interviews commencing in Term 2. College Open Day & Year 7 2027 Parent Information Evening 27 May. Enrolments Closing : Wednesday May 28, 2025. To be considered for an interview, please submit your application by the closing date. For enrolment information visit <https://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-information>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & SPECIALISED PROGRAMS for 2026. We are delighted to offer Scholarships, Bursaries and Specialised Programs for 2026. Enrolled students and students who would appreciate the opportunity to study at our College may apply. Applications are open until May 16. See our Bunbury Catholic College website for information <https://www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au/specialist-programs-and-scholarships/scholarships-bursaries/>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Invites you to our Engaging Your Faith online presentations. From \$25 per session.

For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE 2025 BUSSELTON MAY ROSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY:

Sunday May 4th 2025 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12.30pm. Concelebrated Mass led by Fr Nathan Barrie commences at 1pm. Rosary Procession and Benediction following Mass. Afternoon tea provided. ALL WELCOME!

PROJECT COMPASSION: This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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



HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM PARISH TIMETABLE 2025

St. Patrick's Cathedral Bunbury

Palm Sunday, 13 April: Vigil 6pm, 8am, 10am, 6pm

Holy Monday, 14 April: 7am

Holy Tuesday, 15 April: 7am

Chrism Mass, 15 April: 11am

Holy Wednesday, 16 April: 7am

Parish Lenten Reconciliation, 16 April: 6pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) 17 April: 7pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Stations of the Cross

(Good Friday) 18 April: 10am

The Passion of the Lord

(Good Friday) 18 April: 3pm

Reconciliation (1st Rite) 19 April

(Holy Saturday): 5pm-5.40pm

Easter Vigil, 19 April: 7pm

Easter Sunday, 20 April: 8am,

10am, 6pm

Carmelite Monastery Gelorup

Palm Sunday, 13 April: 8.30am

Holy Monday, 14 April: 9am

Holy Tuesday, 15 April: 9am

Holy Wednesday, 16 April: 9am

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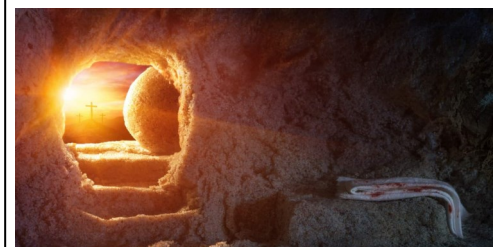
Easter Sunday, 20 April: 8.30am

Dalyellup Catholic Community (St John of God Hospital)

Palm Sunday, 13 April: 10am

Easter Sunday, 20 April: 10am

(limited seating—please call Parish Office for inquiries to attend)





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rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. They commenced their faith journey in December 2023 and now they are few days away from being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. **Julie King, Natasha Strohman** and **Ella Valois** will be receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist this coming Easter Vigil. **Charity Madzivire** will be fully received into the Catholic Faith through Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Let us pray for our four catechumens and candidate. May their continuing faith journey deepened in charity and love as they walk with every daughter and son of God in our parish communi-



PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION. Let us celebrate in a communal way the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Holy Wednesday, 16 April, starting at 6pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Confession and receiving God's absolution for our sins are genuine manifestation of our desire to follow Christ more intently in our faith journey. In preparation for our communal Reconciliation (1st Rite), an examination of conscience prior to Confession is an excellent way to prepare for the sacrament. You may use the following format for your examination of conscience:

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

LOVING GOD

"The most important commandment is this; Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mark 12:29-30)

Does God come first in my life? Have I given into the pressures of my life and not made God a priority? Have I spent time with Jesus each day in prayer? Have I spoken his name with respect and reverence? Have I participated in Sunday Mass willingly? Have I cared for his creation? Have I been grateful to God for all he has given to me? Have I turned to God in times of need or have I relied on my own strength? Have I taken a stand for my faith when it has been challenged?

LOVING MY NEIGHBOUR

"The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:31)

Have I treated my parents and siblings with love and respect? Have I chosen to be loving and respectful of my spouse? Have I done my part to help out in my family and home? Have I been a loving parent; giving of my time and setting an example of faith and virtue? Have I treated my friends and colleagues with kindness and their belongings with respect? Have I hurt others by lying or speaking badly about them, judging them rashly, or holding grudges? Have I hurt others by stealing, cheating, teasing, bullying or gossiping? Am I jealous of others' possessions? Have I been generous and shared my time, my talents and my possessions with those who need it? Have I used other people or taken advantage of them for my own pleasure or personal gain? Have I respected the dignity of other people in the way that I speak to them or speak about them, in the way that I look at them or in the way that I relate with them? Have I used my money and time to care for those in need? Have I been ready and willing to talk about issues peacefully, ready to see another's point of view, ready to apologise and forgive when I need to?

LOVING MYSELF

Have I cared for my body by sleeping, eating, drinking and exercising responsibly? Have I respected the gift of my sexuality: have I used this gift only for my own pleasure, or do I use this gift according to the plan of God? Have I been faithful to my spouse? Have I cared for my mind by choosing movies, books, websites etc that feed my mind with positive thoughts and images? Have I cared for my spirit by avoiding activities that are anti-God such as spells, taro cards, horoscopes, fortune tellers etc? Have I cared for myself by choosing friends who encourage me to be a better person and who help me make positive, healthy, respectful choices? Do I try to be honest with myself? Am I truthful in expressing myself to others?



CHRISM MASS. Parishioners are invited to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, 15 August, 11am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Apart from the blessing of the oils, Chrism Mass is the annual time when priests renew their priestly commitment. Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury, will be presiding.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS. Please pray for our Easter celebrations that through it, people may find a reason to believe, a life to live and a heart to love. Please pray too for all our church ministers that they may exercise their ministries with humility and selfless dedication.

“WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO”

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Editors note: Every weekend, we will be publishing bite-size explanations of Catholic practices. It is our hope that through this we can learn some thing new each week that might help us grow in our understanding and appreciation of our Catholic faith.

Why do we hold palms on Palm Sunday?

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday leading into Holy Week, we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The Gospels that describe this event speak of large crowds laying palm branches on the road before Jesus and proclaiming him as king. Here is a man with charisma, with a stirring message! And yet, before the week is out, he has been betrayed into the hands of his enemies and crucified. Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday) highlights the paradox of Christ's kingship. Our palms represent his victory, but a victory that comes only through suffering and self-sacrifice.

Why do we have so many ceremonies at Easter?

The Easter Triduum refers to three key days in the Church's calendar which together express the central mystery of our Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Christ. It begins on Holy Thursday as we focus on Jesus' farewell words and deeds at the Last Supper. It moves to Good Friday when we ponder the events of his suffering and death. It climaxes with the Easter Vigil when we celebrate the liberation of humankind through Christ's resurrection.

This three-stage sequence of worship allows us to take in an enormous mystery in small, digestible chunks and to relate it to the various facets of our own lives - the sorrows, joys, successes and failures. Of all the Church's celebrations throughout the year, the Easter Triduum is considered the highpoint.

Easter symbols

The Easter vigil reeks of powerful symbolism. We begin with fire, for Christ the light of the world has shattered the darkness of sin. The Easter candle is lit and in turn sets alight the small candles held by the congregation until the whole church is ablaze. We sing 'alleluia' to uplifting music to express our joy. We use water, a symbol of life and cleansing, to baptize newcomers into our Church and to remind us of our own baptismal vows. The newly baptized are adorned with white robes representing their release from sin. They are anointed with oil (chrism) symbolizing the indelible mark of the Holy Spirit. Finally, they partake in the Eucharist as a sign of their union with the Christian community.

The Easter Season

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, is the climax of the Church's life marking Christ's victory over sin and death. Traditionally, the Easter vigil is the time for baptizing newcomers to our Church. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday. In the early Church this period was a time of catechesis for the newly baptized. Called mystagogy ('reflection on the mysteries'), this catechesis led the baptized to a deeper understanding of what it meant to bear the light of Christ to the world. Appropriately, the Gospels of the Easter season reflect this missionary theme. It is an opportune time for all Christians to ponder the missionary significance of their baptism.

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FAITH EDUCATION CORNER

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

Pope Francis on illness and care

Pope Francis arrived at the end of the **Mass for the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare workers** at St Peter's Square last Sunday.

He addressed his words to **those who are ill** and to all **those who assist them**, and acknowledged the deep suffering that illnesses can bring. He noted that it can also be a place of encounter, in which **we learn to love and be loved** with humility and grace.

In reflecting on his own illness, and being dependent on others, he saw it as a lesson in **trust, gratitude and hope**. Pope Francis then thanked all healthcare professionals, for their work and encouraged them to receive every patient as an opportunity to renew their sense of humanity. "The sickbed can become a holy place," he said, "where charity burns away indifference and gratitude nourishes hope."

Call to compassion

In closing, Pope Francis recalled the words of his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI, who reminded the Church that "the true measure of humanity is determined in relation to suffering". A society that turns its back on the weak, he warned, becomes cruel and inhuman.

Finally, Pope Francis urged all those present to resist the temptation to separate and forget those who are elderly, ill, or weighed down by the hardships of life. "Let us not banish suffering from our surroundings," he said. "Let us not exclude those who are frail." Instead, we must allow God's love - poured into our hearts - to transform suffering into a space of communion and growth.

Taken from Vatican News <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-04/pope-at-mass-in-suffering-god-brings-us-new-life-jubilee-sick.html>

QUOTES FROM THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

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Daily Quote from the Early Church Fathers:

The following of Christ, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.



"Come, follow Me, says the Lord. Do you love? He has hastened on, He has flown on ahead. Look and see where. O Christian, don't you know where your Lord has gone? I ask you: Don't you wish to follow Him there? Through trials, insults, the cross, and death. Why do you hesitate? Look, the way has been shown you." (excerpt from Sermon 64,5)

Painting: *Saint Augustine*, oil on wood panel by Justus of Ghent, c. 1475; in the Louvre Museum, Paris

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Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 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!

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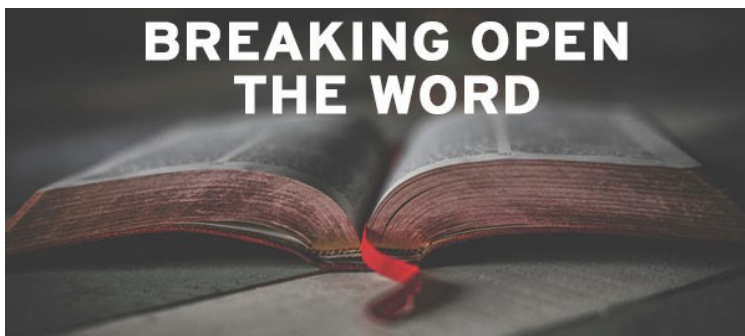
Luke 22:14-23:56

(Please see the 'Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord' booklet for the full Gospel Reading.)

Communion Antiphon

Mt 26: 42

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



“Following Him to the Cross”

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He said in reply, “I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!” Luke 19:38–40

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered “the whole multitude of his disciples” who “began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.” They then cried out: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus’ response was very clear: “I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!” That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds. Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. “And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised” (Matthew 27:51–52).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It’s easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.

As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the “whole multitude” of Jesus’ disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus’ own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

Most glorious King, You were fittingly worshiped and adored as You entered Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. I commit myself to that adoration and praise, and I pray that I will honor and love You, not only when it is easy but also when it is unpopular. May I never allow fear to deter me from my love of You and follow You all the way to the glorious throne of Your Cross. Jesus, I trust in You.

| Lectio Divina | | |
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| 14 April Monday | MONDAY of HOLY WEEK | Is 42:1-7; Ps 26:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11: |
| 15 April Tuesday | TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK | Is 49:1-6; Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| 16 April Wednesday | WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK | Is 50:4-9; Ps 68:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25 |
| 17 April Thursday | THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 115:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15: |
| 18 April Friday | FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD | Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 30:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42: |
| 19 April Saturday | HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL | Gen 1:1 - 2:2; Ps 103:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35; Gen 22:1-18; Ps 15:5, 8-11: Ex 14:15 - 15:1 Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 Is 54:5-14: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 Is 55:1-11: Is 12:2-6: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4-4 Ps 18:8-11 Ezek 36:16-28 Ps 41:3, 5; 42:3, 4: Rom 6:3-11; Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23: Lk 24:1-12: |
| 20 April Sunday | EASTER SUNDAY of the RESSURRECTION of the LORD | Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9: |