



STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

14 April, 2019



PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C

We now enter into Holy Week, the most important time of the Church year. I encourage you to participate as fully as possible in the events of this week. I invite you to be a part of the Easter Triduum which begins at 7pm on Holy Thursday night, continues on Friday at 3pm with the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, and culminates in the great celebration at the the Easter Vigil. This is a time when recognise once again what is central to our faith, the Paschal Mystery - the suffering, passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The events of this week can help us to recognise that, no matter what the circumstances, we can all begin again. How desperately the current age needs to hear the Good news that we can all begin again! In Holy week we witness this and appreciate how this achieved. We don't just remember what Jesus did for us 2000 years ago, but have the opportunity to understand what it means for my life now.

At the Mass on Holy Thursday night we receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Body, Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, recalling the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. We also see the example Jesus gives us to serve others in the way that He washed the disciples' feet. At the end of the night we are invited to watch with the Lord and enter with Him into the anguish He experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane, knowing the He understands all the suffering we go through. I especially invite you all to spend some time in prayer at the altar of repose.

On Friday we enter the stark church in silence for the Solemn liturgy of Good Friday. We enter into the moment that forever changed - and still changes - all human history, the great self gift of the Son of God, Christ's dying for us on the Cross.

At the Great Easter Vigil we gather in darkness, and led by the Paschal candle (symbolising the light of Christ), we celebrate the new day. At this is ceremony - the high point of the Church year - we celebrate Christ's victory over death, the victory of the light of Christ over the darkness of the world. If you have never been to the Easter Vigil, please do endeavour to attend this special occasion.

This week is a time to remember what our faith is about - why we gather each Sunday. Again, I encourage you to attend all of the Easter Triduum if you can. It is one liturgy in three parts, over three days.

Fr Dean

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Mon - Fri: 8am | Saturday: 10am
Confession Times: Sat 10:30am, 5:30pm

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HOLY WEEK AT STS PETER & PAUL'S

HOLY THURSDAY
7PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY
10AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
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EASTER VIGIL
7PM

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WHAT'S ON

Palm Sunday Concert
Sun 14th April
5pm

Reconciliation Night
Tues 16th April, 7pm

Holy Hour
Every Wednesday
6:30pm

Craft Group
Mon 22nd & Wed 24th
April, 12pm

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

The Astra Choir and soloists
conducted by John McCaughey, will be performing 'Polyphony from the USA, Spain and Brazil'

Free for parishioners if they present a flyer. Please take one from the back of the church.

SUNDAY, 5pm

RECONCILIATION NIGHT

We will have a number of priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
After a short introduction we will have time receive the Sacrament. There will also be
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time, as well as music.

TUESDAY 7pm

PARISH HOLY HOUR

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the "art of prayer",⁴⁸ how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brother and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!" - St John II

WEDNESDAY, 6:30pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY
7PM



GOOD FRIDAY
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Passion of the Christ

"What is written about Me is coming to fulfilment," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Luke 22:37).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:10–11, 16), as His hands and feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35, 37, 39).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42). Seeing and Believing.

Scott Hahn

ADORATION BEFORE MASS

From the first Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) we'll continue have a time of Adoration before the Sunday 10am Mass.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Craft Group will have a Pre Mother's Day stall after Mass on Sunday 5th May. For the next few weeks they will be having a raffle to raise funds for the parish. \$5 for 3 tickets. Prizes are on display at the back of the church.

EMERALD HILL RACE DAY

Come join the Emerald Hill Mission Annual Race Day. Will include 4-course meal. **Saturday 11th of May**, 12pm at Caulfield Racecourse, in The Committee Room.
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CATECHISM CORNER

*JEWS ARE NOT COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE
FOR JESUS' DEATH*

The historical complexity of Jesus' trial is apparent in the Gospel accounts. The personal sin of the participants (Judas, the Sanhedrin, Pilate) is known to God alone. Hence we cannot lay responsibility for the trial on the Jews in Jerusalem as a whole, despite the outcry of a manipulated crowd and the global reproaches contained in the apostles' calls to conversion after Pentecost. Jesus himself, in forgiving them on the cross, and Peter in following suit, both accept "the ignorance" of the Jews of Jerusalem and even of their leaders. Still less can we extend responsibility to other Jews of different times and places, based merely on the crowd's cry: "His blood be on us and on our children!", a formula for ratifying a judicial sentence. As the Church declared at the Second Vatican Council: "Neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during his Passion. . . the Jews should not be spoken of as rejected or accursed as if this followed from holy Scripture". All sinners were the authors of Christ's Passion (n. 597).

SAVE THE DATE
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FEAST DAY FESTIVAL
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Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill:

Sr. Annunciata Fcj, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr. Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressa, Peter Wood, Vandersman Family, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxas, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Giovanna Santarossa, James, Burnes, James Watkins, Bonnie Breen, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Mary Quirke, Ilse Miranda, Neil Baker, Helen Keighery, Alison Fraser, Tony Bailey, Steven Wallace., Elaine Wallace.

PALM SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.

1st Reading –Isaiah 50:4-7

These images of Isaiah were interpreted of the future Messiah sent to save the people. The wording is powerfully reminiscent of the sufferings of Jesus and so they are sometimes called the fifth Gospel.

Responsorial Psalm

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.'

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.

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!

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.'

My God. My God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading – Philippians 2:6-11

We hear the words of a hymn from the early Church that St. Paul has incorporated in his letter. The emptying of the divinity of Jesus, to become human like us, even to death on the cross, is our hope of being raised to eternal life in Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on a cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names.

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Gospel – Luke 22:14-23: 56

We hear Luke's account of the passion, which is special in the drama of the direct speech that is dramatic in the sparse language.

Next week's readings: 1st	Acts 10:34.37-43
2nd	Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel	John 20:1-9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for our Church lead by Pope Francis, his bishops, clergy and religious that they may bear witness to Jesus, our Lord and Master.

Lord, we pray for Christ's church, that Jesus' cross may bring us to true repentance, and may teach us to proclaim His word faithfully.

Lord, we pray for civil authorities. May they listen to the voices that cry out for food, for dignity, and for peace.

Lord, we pray in these last days of the Lenten season for a spirit of reconciliation at all levels. May we support by our prayers, those searching for healing that the ministry of reconciliation may lead them to Easter joy.

Lord, we remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently **Tony Ramirez** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Connie Grima, Patrick O'Hara, Kevin Evans, Herbert Turner, Jodie Later, Stephanie Gestier, Cyril Pearson, Breda McCarthy, Keatha Phillips, Dean Epple, Amy Boyd, Leo Quinn, Rodney Bryant, Lynne Bedford, Margaret Vines, Giuseppe Alicastro**

Collections: April 6/7, 2019

1st Collection: \$1192

2nd Collection: \$798

1st Collection goes to the Friars, and the 2nd collection goes to the running costs of the Parish.

	READERS	E.M.E	HOSPITALITY	FLOWERS
Sat 13	Janet			Doris
Sun 14	Natalie & Rick	Teresa & Carmel	Donovan Family	
Sat 20	Easter Vigil			Vinolia & Hanh
Sun 21	Olwen & Carmel	Carmel & Doris	Bill & Carol	