

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing 3029
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of children and vulnerable adults



25 March 2018 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR MARCH

Prayer for Lent

Merciful God, You called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism.

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross we proclaim your love forever. Amen

Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

1st Reading

Is 50:4-7

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

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

2nd Reading

Phil 2:6-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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!**

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6:00pm

Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Filipino – 4th Sun: 12:00pm

Polish – 1st Sun: 3:30pm

Spanish – 1st & 3rd Sun: 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:30am

Wed: 8:30am & 7:00pm

Sat: 9:15am

CONFESSIONS

Wed: After 7:00pm Mass

Sat: After 9:15am Mass

DEVOTIONS

First Friday: 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Morning Prayer

Mon to Fri 7:50am

Sat 9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tue to Thu 8:00am

Fri: 9:00am & Divine Mercy

Chaplet

Sat: 2:30pm

Next Healing Mass

5 May 18, 1:30 to 4:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena

Wed after 7:00pm Mass

Rosary

Mon to Fri 8:10am

Sat 8:40am

Sun 8:10am

BAPTISMS

3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday

10:30am or 2:15pm

Baptism Formation Meeting

1st Monday of the month, 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOUSE BLESSINGS & VISITS

Call Parish Office on 9749 4300

ALL QUERIES

Parish Office 9749 4300

Gospel

Mk 14:1-15:47

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Due to the length of the gospel, we are unable to provide a printed version this week. Instead we offer a Reflection for Palm Sunday taken from Pope Francis' Homily for Palm Sunday 2017.

Today's celebration can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem.

For thirty-two years now, the joyful aspect of this Sunday has been enriched by the enthusiasm of young people, thanks to the celebration of World Youth Day. This year, it is being celebrated at the diocesan level, but here in Saint Peter's Square it will be marked by the deeply moving and evocative moment when the WYD cross is passed from the young people of Kraków to those of Panama.

The Gospel we heard before the procession (cf. Mt 21:1-11) describes Jesus as he comes down from the Mount of Olives on the back of a colt that had never been ridden. It recounts the enthusiasm of the disciples who acclaim the Master with cries of joy, and we can picture in our minds the excitement of the children and young people of the city who joined in the excitement. Jesus himself sees in this joyful welcome an inexorable force willed by God. To the scandalized Pharisees he responds: "I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would shout out" (Lk 19:40).

Yet Jesus who, in fulfilment of the Scriptures, enters the holy city in this way is no misguided purveyor of illusions, no new age prophet, no imposter. Rather, he is clearly a Messiah who comes in the guise of a servant, the servant of God and of man, and goes to his passion. He is the great "patient," who suffers all the pain of humanity.

So as we joyfully acclaim our King, let us also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this week. Let us think of the slanders and insults, the snares and betrayals, the abandonment to an unjust judgment, the blows, the lashes and the crown of thorns... And lastly, the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion.

He had spoken clearly of this to his disciples: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24). Jesus never promised honour and success. The Gospels make this clear. He had always warned his friends that this was to be his path, and that the final victory would be achieved through the passion and the cross. All this holds true for us too. Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No. He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave labour, from family tragedies, from diseases... They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike. Women and men who are

cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded... Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.

It is not some other Jesus, but the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem amid the waving of palm branches. It is the same Jesus who was nailed to the cross and died between two criminals. We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy and peace.

Communion
Antiphon

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

Next week's
Readings

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

ROSTERS

Money Counters 1 Apr 18

John Allen / Jules & Neeta Pereira / Jeff Poppen

Easter Sunday Readers – 31 Mar/1 Apr 18

7:30pm	S. Harry/S. D'Silva/B. Steinhauer./E. Dalton
8:30am	L. Vasquez
10:30am	W. D'Cruz
5:00pm	NO MASS

Easter Sunday Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 31 Mar/1 Apr 18

7:30pm	Bernadette / Maria M. / Maria N. / Davy / Stanley / Connie
8:30am	Ellen / Karen / Rayleen / Halina / Bernice / Vol
10:30am	Nina / Grace / Vicki / Evelyn / Kath / Sally DiB
5:00pm	NO MASS

Easter Sunday Music Ministry – 31 Mar/1 Apr 18

7:30pm	Youth Band & Eagles
8:30am	Shirley & Group
10:30am	Samoan Choir
5:00pm	NO MASS

PARISH NEWS

COMBINED PARISH RITE II RECONCILIATION – TUESDAY, TUESDAY 27TH MARCH, 7:00PM

There will be 7 Priests available for confession, including a Spanish and a Polish Priest who will hear confessions in their language on the night. All welcome.

DON'T BE LATE FOR EASTER SUNDAY MASS – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

A reminder that Daylight Savings ends on Sunday 1ST April 2018. Clocks are turned back 1 hour at 3:00am to 2:00am.

BAPTISM FORMATION MEETING APRIL 2018

Please note that as the first Monday of April is Easter Monday, the next Baptism Formation meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday, 9th April at 7:00pm in Church.

DONATION OF PALMS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

We would like to extend our gratitude to All Green Nursery, Charles Buttigieg and all others who have kindly donated palms to decorate the Church and for distribution to all parishioners.

**HOLY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH – MASS 7:30PM
VIGIL UP TO 11:00PM**

We are seeking volunteers to keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. Could you write your name and the time that you will be available on the clipboards at the back of the Church. Thank you.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE – EASTER SUNDAY, 1ST APRIL,
AFTER 8:30AM & 10:30AM MASSES**

Sausages will be on sale for \$1.00 each after both Masses. **ALL** proceeds will go to Caritas – Project Compassion. A heartfelt thank you to **DANIEL O'CONNOR** for generously donating all the food. Thank you also to the Welcoming Group for coordinating the Sausage Sizzle

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Could you please start returning all boxes either to the Parish Office or by leaving them in the basket on the table outside the Sacristy. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

READINGS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM

<p>HOLY THURSDAY <i>1st Reading</i> Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 <i>Resp. Psalm</i> Ps 115:12-13, 15-18 <i>2nd Reading</i> 1 Cor 11:23-26 <i>Gospel Acclamation</i> Jn13:34 <i>Gospel</i> Jn 13:1-15</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY <i>1st Reading</i> Is 52:13-53:12 <i>Resp. Psalm</i> Ps 30:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 <i>2nd Reading</i> Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 <i>Gospel Acclamation</i> Phil 2:8-9 <i>Gospel</i> Jn 18:1-19:42</p>
<p>EASTER VIGIL <i>1st Reading</i> : Gen.1:1-2:2, <i>Resp Psalm</i> Ps103,1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35.R.cf.v.30 <i>2nd Reading</i> Gen. 22:1-18, <i>Resp. Psalm</i> Ps 15:5,8-11,R.v.1 <i>3rd Reading</i> Ex 14:15-15:1. <i>Canticle</i> Ex 15:1-6,17-18.R.v.1.</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY <i>1st Reading</i> Acts 10:34,37-43 <i>Resp. Psalm</i> Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R.v.24 <i>2nd Reading</i> Col 3:1-4 <i>Gospel Acclamation</i> 1 Cor 5:7-8 <i>Gospel</i> Jn 20:1-9</p>

**HOLY WEEK / EASTER /
DIVINE MERCY TIMETABLE**

<p>RECONCILIATION RITE II Tuesday 27 March, 7:00pm in Church</p>
<p>PALM SUNDAY, 24/25 MARCH</p> <p>6:00pm – Vigil Mass, Sat 24 March 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm – Masses, Palm Sunday 25 March</p>
<p>HOLY THURSDAY, 29 MARCH</p> <p>7:30pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper including Washing of the Feet and vigil until 11:00pm</p>
<p>GOOD FRIDAY, 30 MARCH</p> <p>10:00am – Stations of the Cross 3:00pm – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion & Divine Mercy Novena</p>
<p>EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY 31 MARCH</p> <p>7:30pm – Mass</p>
<p>EASTER SUNDAY 1 APRIL</p> <p>8:30am, 10:30am – Masses.</p>
<p>NO 5:00PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY</p>
<p>DIVINE MERCY NOVENA</p> <p>30 March – Good Friday – After 3:00pm Service 31 March – Holy Saturday – 9:00am followed by Confessions 1 – 6 April (Sunday to Friday) – After 8:30am Mass 7 April (Saturday) – After 9:15am Mass</p>
<p>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 8 APRIL</p> <p>2:00pm – Exposition, Adoration, Confessions 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass 5:00pm – Mass as usual</p>
<p>CONFESSIONS</p>
<p>Saturdays – After 9:15am Mass Wednesdays – After 7:00pm Mass Holy Saturday – At 9:00am</p>

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

There will only be one collection on Good Friday with all proceeds going to the upkeep and restoration of the Churches and Shrines in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Lucy Zanatta, Juliana Tonicic, Eddie Gresle, Tony Davidson, Adrian Sahra, Verion Stroud and all who passed away recently.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for Geoff Dalton, Phillip Jones, Lewis Vella, Gwenda Henry, Charlie Brissa, Joseph & Catherine Brissa, George Carabott, Jim Costa, Maria Tin, Alex D’Souza, Anthony Henriques and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We pray for Shirley & Leo Linehan, Angela O’Brien, Lydia (Aleida) Van Susteren, Gary Spotswood, Stan Walkden, Sean Donaldson, Liam Parr, Carmel Negline, Thelma French, Edith Street, Brian & Irene Jones, Dot Mulquinney, Georgette Maalouf, Jamilton Dabu, Carmen Mifsud, Bob Meehan, Elizabeth Slee, Charlie Xerxen, Kate Harris, Stephen Doyle, Julie Coghlan, Megan Rowe, Yvonne Clayton, Lloyd Clayburn, Leeandra D’Souza, Shanthi Dass, Rose Farrugia, James Williams, Virginia Jewers, Magdalena Marquez, Carmen Augies, Chris, May Rizkallah and all who are ill in our Parish.