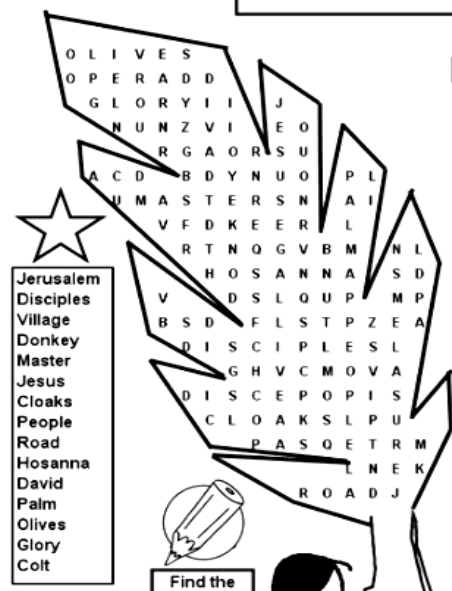


Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mark 14-15

Palm Sunday

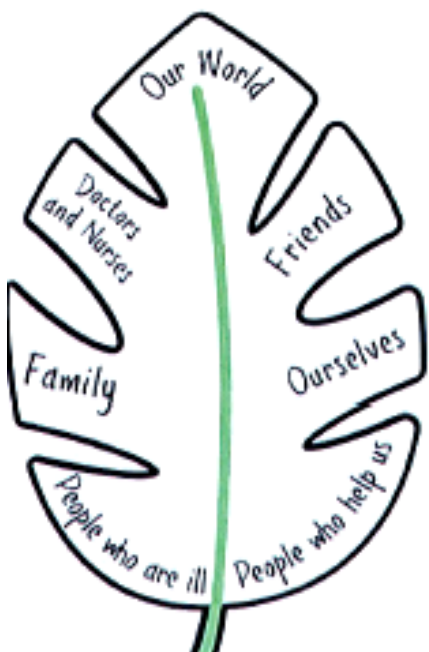
Blessed is the
king who
comes in the
name of the
Lord. Peace
in heaven and
glory in the
highest.

[Luke 19:38]



"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself."
John 12:32

Palm Sunday Palm Leaf Prayers



Colour your
Palm Leaf.
You could pray
for each section
as you colour.

Cut out your
leaf & stick it
onto a door

Every day as
you pass your
leaf pray for
one section

Thank You God that you
always listen to our
prayers. Sometimes we
don't always know what
is ahead of us, but like
Jesus journeying through
Jerusalem, may we
always know you
with us. Amen



As Jesus rode the donkey through Jerusalem, people
shouted, "Hosanna."
Help Jesus finish His ride through the city.



MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Check your answers in John 12:28-33

- Everyone and everything
A. lifted B. angel C. voice D. all
- To be raised up
A. earth B. all C. voice D. lifted
- A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
A. earth B. Jesus C. lifted D. angel
- The end of life
A. all B. death C. voice D. crowd
- To bring praise and honor to God
A. glorify B. death C. earth D. draw
- The land surface of the world
A. earth B. lifted C. draw D. death
- The Son of God
A. Jesus B. Andrew C. Philip D. John
- What we humans use to speak or sing
A. all B. voice C. draw D. lifted
- To attract someone or something
A. voice B. lifted C. draw D. crowd
- A large group of people
A. death B. earth C. crowd D. draw



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Friday 8.00am
WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30-5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 19th May 2021 7.30pm
BAPTISMS 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am (no Baptism 28/3/21)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Year B • 28 March 2021

All are welcome to join us for Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEK-END MASSES celebrated by Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM and 5PM (Vietnamese) AEDT (UTC +11): <https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/>

REMINDER

KEEP COVID SAFE

We must continue to:



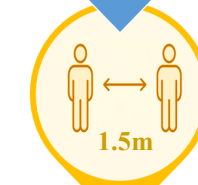
MASKS

Masks are strongly
advised, but optional



SANITISE

Use hand sanitizer
upon entry and exit.



DISTANCE

Please maintain
social distancing at
all times. Including
when lining up for
Holy Communion.



SIGN IN

By Law, EVERYONE must
SIGN IN. If the church
has reached the MAX.
capacity of 120 people,
please proceed to Hall.



MARKED
SEATING

Please sit behind the
WHITE TAPE or in
family designated
areas.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE
SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME AS THE MASS IS
STILL AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM THROUGH OUR
LOL FACEBOOK PAGE.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND
VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin,
John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Louisa Core-
ra, Myra G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Melvyn Fernandes, Ronald Gomez, Milroy
Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina
Lee, Spencer Leon, Mary Levitt, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M,
Bishop Kevin Manning, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Mary
Mifsud, Blago & Dragica Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Ananda Nayana,
Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome
Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stam-
bouliah, Pummalin Sumcad, Denis Symon, Lourdes Tibig, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell
please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also ar-
range for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Bishop Bede Heather, Mala Fernando, Michelle
Mackin, Gaudencia Mendoza, Roza Nantume Nalongo, Fr. Mick O'Callaghan, Purita
Rualles, Kathleen Timothy, Penelope Zubaida Benjamin.

Anniversaries: Cristina Apolinario, Sam Borg, Rosario Cabasa, John Cini,
Cini Family, Philomena Corera, Rita De Silva, Teresa De Francesca, Marc &
Rosine LaFleur, Salvatore Loria, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Rosa Mancina,
Mangion Family, Irene Moroney, Thomas Morrissey, Paul Mula, Giuseppe Paolini,
John Francis Ratnam, Estilita Riveral, Tony Vassollo.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Katherine Chandra, Conception,
Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Bonosa, Nasario, Dionosio & Ofelia Enfesto, Georgina
Falzon, Rose Fernandes, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, William &
Emilia Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary and Muscat family,
Guistino Paludi, Josse Pascal, Lee Pisch, Roseline Ratnam, Pauline, Bernard &
Oliver Soares Jim & Alison Vella, Victoria Vella.

Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your
ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong.
Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting
Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof
cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

BSB: 067 950;

Account Number 000552;

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

(please include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER in the reference de-
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Seven Hills Catholic Church

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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.)

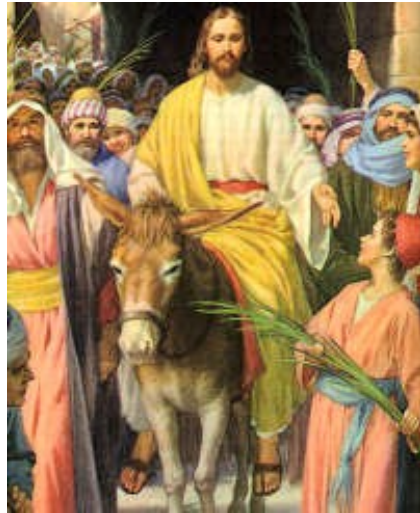
SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying oon 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
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the
Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into
my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

POPE FRANCIS’S INTERVIEW ON THE WAY BACK TO ROME AFTER HIS IRAQ TRIP (continued)

This trip was extraordinarily meaningful for people who were able to see you, but it was also a chance for the virus to spread, particularly for the people who were huddled together. Are you concerned that they might get sick and die from wanting to see you?

As I mentioned previously, the journeys "cook" over time in my consciousness, and this is one of the things that was empowering to me. I thought a lot, prayed a lot about it, and finally made the decision that truly came from within. And this [pandemic] was one of the things that made me question in my mind, maybe, maybe.... I prayed much and in the end, I took the free decision that came from within. And I said, 'The one who led me to take that decision, let him take care of the people.' I made the decision, conscious of the risks." After everything. We've seen the courage, the dynamism of Iraqi Christians, we've also seen the challenges they face, the threat of Islamist violence, the exodus and witnessing to the faith in their environment. These are the challenges of Christians throughout the region. We talked about Lebanon, but also Syria, the Holy Land. Ten years ago there was a Synod for the Middle East but its development was interrupted by the attack on Baghdad Cathedral. Are you thinking of doing something for the entire Middle East, a regional synod or any other initiative?

I am not thinking of a Synod, I am open to many initiatives but a Synod has not come to me. You have thrown the first seed, let's see. The life of Christians is troubled, but not only that of Christians, we talked about the Yazidis... And this, I do not know why, gave me a very great strength. There is the issue of migration. Yesterday as we were driving back from Qaraqosh to Erbil, I was seeing a lot of people, young people, the age is very, very low. And the question somebody asked me: what is the future for these young people? Where are they going to go? Many of them will have to leave the country. Before leaving for the trip the other day, Friday, twelve Iraqi refugees came to say goodbye to me: one of them had a prosthetic leg because he had run away from the trucks and had an accident. Migration is a double right: the right not to migrate and the right to migrate. These people have neither, because they can't not migrate, they don't know how. And they cannot migrate because the world has not yet become aware that migration is a human right. Another time an Italian sociologist said to me, talking about the demographic winter in Italy: within forty years we will have to "import" foreigners to work and pay taxes on our pensions. You French have been smarter, you have gone ten years ahead with the law supporting the family, your level of growth is very great.

But migration is experienced as an invasion. Yesterday I wanted to receive after the Mass, because he asked for it, the father of Alan Kurdi, this child, who is a symbol. Alan Kurdi is a symbol: for this reason I gave the sculpture to FAO. It is a symbol that goes beyond that of a child who died in migration, a symbol of civilizations that die, that cannot survive, a symbol of humanity. Urgent measures are needed so that people have work in their own countries and do not have to migrate. And then measures to preserve the right to migrate. It is true that every country must study well the capacity to receive because it is not only the capacity to receive and leave them on the beach. It is to receive them, accompany them, advance them and integrate them. The integration of migrants is the key. Two anecdotes: in Zaventem, Belgium, the terrorists were Belgian, born in Belgium but ghettoized Islamic emigrants, not integrated. The other example, when I went to Sweden, the minister who said farewell to me was very young and had a special physiognomy, not typical of Swedes. She was the daughter of a migrant and a Swede, so integrated that she became a minister. Let's think about these two things, they will make us think a lot: integrate. On migration, which I think is the drama of the region. I would like to thank the generous countries that receive migrants: Lebanon, which has, I think, two million Syrians; Jordan - unfortunately we will not pass over it and the King wanted to pay us a tribute with planes as we passed - is very generous: more than one and a half million migrants. Thanks to these generous countries! Thank you very much!

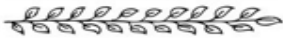
In three days in this key country of the Middle East you have done what the powerful of the earth have been discussing for thirty years. You have already explained what is the interesting genesis of your travels, how the choices of your travels are born, but now in this contingency, looking at the Middle East, can you consider a trip to Syria? What could be the objectives from here a year of other places where your presence is required?

In the Middle East only the hypothesis, and also the promise, is Lebanon. I haven't thought about a trip to Syria, because the inspiration didn't come to me. But I am so close to the tormented and beloved Syria, as I call it. I remember at the beginning of my pontificate that afternoon of prayer in St. Peter's Square, there was the rosary, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. And how many Muslims with carpets on the ground were praying with us for peace in Syria, to stop the bombing, at that moment when it was said that there would be a fierce bombing. I carry Syria in my heart. But thinking about a trip, it didn't come to me."

In these days, months, your activity has been very limited. Yesterday you had the first very close direct contact with the people in Qaraqosh: what did you feel? According to you, now with all the current health regime, can the general audiences with people, with faithful, recommence as before?

I feel different when I am away from the people in the audiences. I would like to start the general audiences again as soon as possible. Hopefully the conditions will be right, in this I follow the norms of the authorities. They are in charge and they have the grace of God to help us in this, they are in charge of giving the norms. We like them or we don't like them, they are responsible and they have to do that. Now I have started again with the Angelus in the square, with the distances it can be done. There is the proposal of small General Audiences, but I have not decided until the development of the situation becomes clear. After these months of imprisonment, I really felt a bit imprisoned, this trip was for me to come back to life. To live again because it is touching the Church, touching the holy people of God, touching all peoples. A priest becomes a priest to serve, to serve the people of God, not for careerism, not for the money. This morning in the Mass there was the Biblical Reading about the healing of Naaman the Syrian and it said that Naaman wanted to give gifts after he had been healed. But the prophet Elisha refused them. The Bible continues: the prophet Elisha's assistant, when they had left, settled the prophet well and hurriedly followed Naaman and asked for gifts for him. And God said, "the leprosy that Naaman had will cling to you." I am afraid that we, men and women of the Church, especially we priests, do not have this gratuitous closeness to the people of God who are the ones who save us. And being like Naaman's servant: yes, helping, but then going back for the gifts. Of that leprosy I am afraid. And the only one who saves us from the leprosy of covetousness, of pride is the holy people of God. The one God spoke of with David, "I have taken you out of the flock, do not forget the flock." That of which Paul spoke to Timothy: "Remember your mother and grandmother who nursed you in the faith," that is, do not lose membership in the people of God to become a privileged caste of consecrated, clerics, whatever. Contact with the people saves us, helps us, we give the Eucharist, the preaching, our service. But they give us belonging. Let us not forget this belonging to the people of God. What did I encounter in Iraq, in Qaraqosh? I didn't imagine the ruins of Mosul, I really didn't imagine.... Yes, I may have seen things, I may have read the book, but this touches, it is touching. What touched me the most was the testimony of a mother in Qaraqosh. A priest who truly knows poverty, service, penance, and a woman who lost her son in the first bombings by Isis gave their testimony. She said one word: forgiveness. I was moved. A mother who says: I forgive, I ask forgiveness for them. I was reminded of my trip to Colombia, of that meeting in Villavicencio where so many people, women above all, mothers and brides, told their experience of the murder of their children and husbands. They said, "I forgive, I forgive." We have lost that word, we know how to insult very well, we know how to condemn, me first. But to forgive...to forgive one's enemies, that is pure Gospel. That's what struck me most in Qaraqosh.

Pope Francis: Saint Alphonsus, a teacher of mercy for the evangelization of the least. *By Vatican News staff*
Advocate of the most vulnerable The Pope notes that this Doctor of the Church was a “listener,” a teacher of mercy and a person who welcomed “the fragility of the most spiritually abandoned men and women.”
Allowing himself to be challenged by life itself, says the Pope, Saint Alphonsus was also an “advocate of the least, the fragile and those discarded by the society of his time.”
The path this Saint chose to tread, writes Pope Francis, led him to placing himself at the service of consciences that seek the way of goodness because of a faithful response to the call to God’s holiness.
Moral theologians Following the example of Alphonsus, the Pope invites moral theologians, missionaries and confessors to enter into a living relationship with God’s people and to look at life from their perspective “in order to understand the real difficulties they encounter and to help heal their wounds.”
Looking again at the example of Saint Alphonsus, the renewer of moral theology, the Pope emphasizes that it is necessary to “accompany and support those most deprived of spiritual help on the path to redemption.”
“Evangelical radicalism should not be set against human weakness,” he stresses, adding that “it is always necessary to find a way that does not alienate, but brings hearts closer to God, just as Alphonsus did with his spiritual and moral teaching.”
Promoting a moral maturity Like this great Saint, writes the Pope, “we are called to go out to meet people as an apostolic community that follows the Redeemer among the abandoned.”
He goes on to say that this “going out to meet those who lack spiritual assistance, helps to overcome individualistic ethics and to promote a moral maturity capable of choosing true good.”
By forming responsible and merciful consciences, he says, “we will have an adult Church capable of responding constructively to social fragilities, in view of the kingdom of heaven.”
Challenges in society today In the message, Pope Francis highlights the innumerable challenges society faces including: the pandemic and work in the post-Covid world, the care to be provided to all, the defense of life, the inputs that come to us from artificial intelligence, the safeguarding of creation, the anti-democratic threat and the urgency of brotherhood.
“Woe to us if, in this evangelizing effort, we separate the “cry of the poor” from the “cry of the earth,” he writes.
Moral theological reflection and pastoral action Concluding his message, Pope Francis issues an invitation “to go out to meet the fragile brothers and sisters of our society.”
“This involves the development of moral theological reflection and pastoral action”, he says, “capable of committing oneself to the common good, which has its root in the proclamation of the kerygma, which has a firm word in defense of life, towards creation and towards brotherhood.”



Pope Francis on World Water Day: ‘Do not waste of pollute’ *By Linda Bordoni*
Valuing Water The Pope noted the poignancy of the theme chosen for this year: "Valuing Water". It invites us, he said, to be more responsible in the protection and use of this element which is so fundamental for the preservation of our planet.
He noted that “without water, there would have been no life, no urban centers, no agriculture, forestry or livestock,” and yet this resource has not been cared for with the care and attention it deserves.
“Wasting it, disregarding it or contaminating it has been a mistake that continues to be repeated even today,” he said.
The Holy Father raised the issue of how in our age of progress and technological advances, “access to safe, drinkable water is not within everyone's reach.”
The Pope reminded us that “access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, [...] a condition for the exercise of other human rights.” (Enc. Laudato si’, n. 30). It is a good to which all human beings, without exception, have the right to have adequate access, so that they can lead a dignified life. Thus, “Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity.” (Ibid.).
Effects of climate change on water He noted that added to this sad reality are the harmful effects of climate change: floods, droughts, rising temperatures, sudden and unpredictable variability of rainfall, thaws, diminishing river flows and depletion of groundwater.
All these phenomena, he said, are detrimental to water quality. Also contributing to this state of affairs, he continued, is the spread of a “throw-away” culture and the globalization of indifference, “which lead humanity to feel authorized to plunder and deplete creation.”
On top of this is the current health crisis which, he said, “Has widened existing social and economic inequalities, highlighting the damage caused by the absence or inefficiency of water services among those most in need.”
Call to action Pope Francis invited us all to think of those who today lack such an essential good as water, as well as of the generations that will succeed us, and called on everyone to work to put an end to the pollution of the seas and rivers, of underground streams and springs.
Quoting St John Paul II’s encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, he said this can take place through an educational effort that promotes a change in our lifestyles, the search for goodness, truth, beauty and communion with others for the sake of the common good: “Let these be the approaches that determine the choices of consumption, savings and investments.”
Sensible “use” instead of “consumption” The theme "Valuing Water," the Pope continued, also asks us to change our own language: “Instead of speaking of its "consumption", we should refer to its sensible "use", according to our real needs and respecting those of others.”
He called on men and women of goodwill to live with sobriety, placing solidarity at the center of their criteria so water can be used rationally, without wasting it uselessly, and “we will be able to share it with those who need it most.”
This, he noted, will allow us to protect wetlands, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enable smallholder irrigation, and improve resilience in rural areas, low-income communities, which are the most vulnerable in water supply.
Connection between food security and water quality “Valuing water” can also mean recognizing that food security and water quality are intimately linked, Pope Francis noted, pointing out that water plays an essential role in all aspects of food systems.
He also said that access to safe water and adequate sanitation reduces the risk of food contamination and the spread of infectious diseases, which affect people's nutritional status and health.
Ending water waste, commodification and pollution “In order to guarantee fair access to water, it is of vital urgency to act without delay, to put an end once and for all to its waste, commodification and pollution,” the Pope said, calling for better collaboration between States and the public and private sectors.
As well the need for more initiatives by inter-governmental organizations, he said it is equally urgent to provide binding legal coverage and systematic and effective support “to ensure that drinking water reaches all parts of the planet in quantity and quality.” Pope Francis ended his message calling for urgent action: “Let us make haste, therefore, to give drink to the thirsty. Let us correct our lifestyles so that we do not waste or pollute. Let us become protagonists of that goodness that led St. Francis of Assisi to describe water as a sister ‘who is very humble, and precious and chaste:’ (Canticle of Creatures: FF 263).”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC
After five weeks of preparation we begin to enter a holy time of the year in the Church known to us as the Holy Week marking by Palm Sunday.
From a historical perspective, Palm Sunday was first observed by Christians in Jerusalem at least from the fourth century as documented in a diary of a lady called Egeria.
According to her account, a Palm Sunday procession took place from the top of the Mount of Olives after the reading of the Scripture down through the entire city. The congregation included the bishop and ordinary people including children, some on whom were carried on their parents’ shoulders, and no matter who they were, all carried either palms or olive branches, and kept repeating these words, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’
On the other hand, the Roman Church marked the sixth Sunday with the Passion story according to Matthew and the presentation of the Creed to the catechumens. That’s why this Sunday was also called Passion Sunday, and just incorporated the procession practice to enrich our liturgy five centuries later.
In this year B of the liturgy, we have a chance to listen to Mark’s account of Jesus’ Passion, which is the shortest, and yet the most dramatic. According to the evangelist, things had changed dramatically after Jesus’ last breath, for instance, the veil of the sanctuary is torn, and the Roma centurion proclaimed him as the Son of God, and then the group of women, who had followed him from a distance began to come forward, as did Joseph of Arimathea, who had no fear of asking for the release of Jesus’ body.
Intentionally or unintentionally, Mark seems to convey to us this significant message that Jesus’ death on the Cross has already begun the change the world, because a new community began to gather around the body of Jesus, and such a community has continued to grow and grow to become the global Church as we know and experience today.
As we celebrate our Palm Sunday today, let us give praise and thanks to the Crucified Jesus for the opportunity to be part of such a long tradition of Palm Sunday celebration, and our participation in the commemoration of his Passion and Death will help to transform us into better disciples of his in the world.
Have a grace-filled Holy Week,
Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY 2021 THANK YOU
A big thank to all those who are so generous in responding to our Palm for Palm Sunday appeal this year.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
All are kindly invited to join the community for the Second rite of Reconciliation on **Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm.**
Two visiting priests will be available to help us with the rite this time.


CHRISM MASS
This year the Chrism Mass will be livestreamed. The Chrism Mass is only open for clergy and those who are collecting the oils.

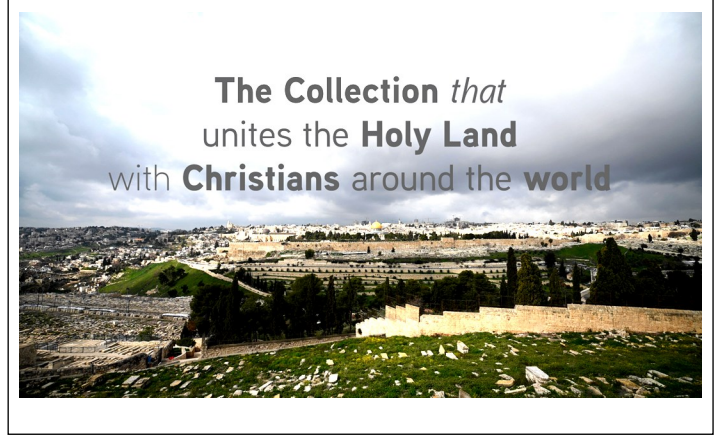
For those who cannot attend in person, please join us via livestream to celebrate this Mass via the Diocesan YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese>).

VENERATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY
Just a reminder for all to mind in mind regarding to the veneration of the Cross on the Good Friday this year, due to Covid-19 cautious measures, participants in the Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord are advised to just bow before the cross during the veneration, starting from the congregation in the church and then to the one in the Parish hall.

LEGION OF MARY MEETING
For during Holy Week only - the Legion will meet on Tuesday 30th March at the usual time of 1.30pm.
All welcome.

Lourdes Over 50's meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 8th April from 10.30am till 1.00pm. Covid-19 restrictions apply. Please bring your own lunch to comply with current restrictions, tea and coffee supplied. Visitors and new members most welcome.


HOLY LAND COLLECTION
The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, April 2nd.** 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 Lan also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.





FROM POPE FRANCIS

Starting points for an Amazonian holiness

77. This will give rise to witnesses of holiness with an Amazonian face, not imitations of models imported from other places. A holiness born of encounter and engagement, contemplation and service, receptive solitude and life in community, cheerful sobriety and the struggle for justice. A holiness attained by "each individual in his or her own way, but also by peoples, where grace becomes incarnate and shines forth with distinctive features. Let us imagine a holiness with Amazonian features, called to challenge the universal Church.

78. A process of inculturation involving not only individuals but also peoples demands a respectful and understanding love for those peoples. This process has already begun in much of the Amazon region. More than forty years ago, the bishops of the Peruvian Amazon pointed out that in many of the groups present in that region, those to be evangelized, shaped by a varied and changing culture, have been "initially evangelized". As a result, they possess "certain features of popular Catholicism that, perhaps originally introduced by pastoral workers, are now something that the people have made their own, even changing their meaning and handing them down from generation to generation". Let us not be quick to describe as superstition or paganism certain religious practices that arise spontaneously from the life of peoples. Rather, we ought to know how to distinguish the wheat growing alongside the tares, for "popular piety can enable us to see how the faith, once received, becomes embodied in a culture and is constantly passed on".

79. It is possible to take up an indigenous symbol in some way, without necessarily considering it as idolatry. A myth charged with spiritual meaning can be used to advantage and not always considered a pagan error. Some religious festivals have a sacred meaning and are occasions for gathering and fraternity, albeit in need of a gradual process of purification or maturation. A missionary of souls will try to discover the legitimate needs and concerns that seek an outlet in at times imperfect, partial or mistaken religious expressions, and will attempt to respond to them with an inculturated spirituality.

80. Such a spirituality will certainly be centred on the one God and Lord, while at the same time in contact with the daily needs of people who strive for a dignified life, who want to enjoy life's blessings, to find peace and harmony, to resolve family problems, to care for their illnesses, and to see their children grow up happy. The greatest danger would be to prevent them from encountering Christ by presenting him as an enemy of joy or as someone indifferent to human questions and difficulties. Nowadays, it is essential to show that holiness takes nothing away from our "energy, vitality or joy".

[Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

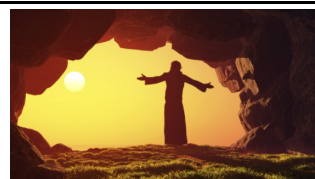
You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen.*

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER No booking is required. You will need to arrive early as it is still mandatory by Law to leave your contact details. When the Church has reached the seating capacity of 120, the Parish Hall, which has the capacity to seat 100, will be live streaming the Mass.

MARCH		
28	Palm Sunday	Vigil, 8.00am, 9.30am
30	Confession Parish Reconciliation 2 nd Rite	8.30-9.30am 7.30pm
31	Confession	8.30-9.30am
APRIL		
1	Confession Practice for Acolytes, Readers, Altar Servers Holy Thursday Mass	8.30-9.30am 3:00pm 7.30pm

APRIL		
2	Good Friday Stations HOLY LAND COLLECTION Practice for Acolytes, Readers, Altar Servers Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10.00am 11.30am 3.00pm
3	Confession Practice for Acolytes, Readers, Altar Servers Holy Saturday Mass	9.30-10.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm
4	Easter Sunday Masses	8.00am, 9.30am
Reconciliation (Confession) available each Saturday 4.30-5.30pm		



MATT'S POINT * 2nd Collection

Our Parish now has a 'tap donation point' device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

MATT'S POINT enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Safe and easy, 'Matt's Point' allows people to give an offertory gift of support, without any-one needing to handle cash.

Our device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$5. If you wish to give more, please tap the device multiple times to increase your giving.

Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our Parish and ensure we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope to our community.



Project Compassion: an Australian Icon

"For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns. For many, Project Compassion's iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it's time to support Caritas Australia's annual appeal. Margaret Moriarty can't remember a time without a Project Compassion box in her house during Lent. **"Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition,"** Margaret says. Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. During the COVID-19 pandemic, local partnerships have helped Caritas Australia to respond quickly to minimise the spread of the coronavirus. This year, Caritas Australia has presented five stories from people striving to **'Be More'** – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion. We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 - You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.**



27/28 March 2021—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
Acolytes	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Abel Do Rosario Ernie Gartner Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Stefanie Menezes, Benno Motha Michael Mifsud, Anne McNally Paul Gow, Carole Brooks
Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Noreen Rosario, Jemma Sarmiento Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos Adrian Walker, Megan Michael
Gospel assistant Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Noreen Rosario, Jemma Sarmiento Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos Ryan Epondulan, Michael Megan
Altar Servers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Madison Estil, Genevieve Estil, Christal Gonzales Sean Park, Diana Park, Philip Park Daniel Tenn, Diya D'Souza, Sofia Culili
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	3 April	Judith Deloso, Michelle Touma, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Mary Bonnici, Judith Deloso Suzy Nemorin, Rita Paolini Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon

DIOCESAN NEWS

Young Adult Faith Formation: 11 April

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11th April at The Hustle (4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation, food and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477004678 for more information. \$5 donation.

Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter on Holy Week 2021

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the people of Parramatta on the coronavirus and Holy Week 2021. The letter can be read here: shorturl.at/flvQ4

Vale Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan

A Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan was celebrated at the Parish of Baulkham Hills (St Michael's Church) on Wednesday 17 March. Born on 22 April 1942 and ordained to the priesthood on 27 August 1976, Fr Mick was a priest for 45 years. He died on 5 March 2021, aged 78. Read more at: shorturl.at/flyzU

3/4 April 2021—Holy Saturday/Sunday of the Resurrection		
Acolytes	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Eugene Miu, Michael Ramsey, Kilifi Huihui Louis Fernandes Ernie Gartner
Ministers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Crystal Menezes, Benno Motha Lorrain Fernandes, Ramzee Michael Barbara Chandler, Sarah Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Ian Epondulan, Stefanie Menezes, Helen Katapou, Kamela Huihui Priya Joachim, Maricel Santos Christina Diaz, Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Chrisha Gonzales, Noah Ebb, Celinestina Katapou, Olina Katapou Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	3 April	Judith Deloso, Michelle Touma, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Ram Ugre Suzy Nemorin, VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER, Lena Falzon