

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to the house of God. Let your troubles give way to peace. Let your fears give way to hope. Let your spirit be renewed by God's awesome love. Receive the blessings awaiting in God's house. We serve the community through education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn. Whether you are a long time resident, newly arrived, or visitor, we wish you peace, joy and Love of Christ.

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Please drop in with the parish envelopes or hand in to the Parish Office.

The Easter Vigil

This is the night, when humbled by darkness; we welcome awe-expiring light. Humbled by the telling of the story of our salvation, we renew with full throat our Baptismal commitment and welcome new members to our community.

We sing our alleluias during the night because Christ has risen from the dead. But no small part of our alleluias comes from the joy we receive by sharing in Christ's life. This is a night of deepest humility for we come face to face with who Christ is and a challenge to become more perfectly that risen life for others.



EASTER 8/9 April 2023	
Acolytes	Vigil: Eugene Miu, Derick Soares, Sandy Manamperi 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Kilifi Huihui, VOLUNTEER 8am: Chrisha Gonzales, Helen Gonzales 9.30am: Paul Gow, Anna Bellissimo
Readers	Vigil: Pepito Ferriols, Christina Diaz, Jemma Sarmiento, Alison Punch 8am: Jo Cabasa, Erika Hein 9.30am SUB RQ, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: Anthony Melki, Diana Park, Sean Park, Philip Park 8am: K.Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Lourdes Sadipoor, VOLUNTEERS
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Church cleaning	8 April Tongan Community
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: VOLUNTEER



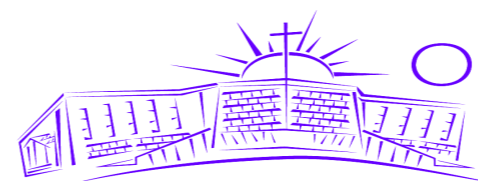
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7 April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	10:00am
7 April	Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers, and Readers	11.30am
7 April	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm
8 April	Confession	9.30-10.30am
8 April	Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers and Readers	2.00pm
8 April	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass	6:00pm
9 April	Easter Sunday Masses	8am, 9:30am



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Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Parish School:	OLOL 8869 6800
Parish Office Team:	Rosie Sadipoor, Kim Dang Jane Nguyen	Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes
Sacrament Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Artelle Lenthall	Reconciliation:	Saturday 4:30-5:30pm
Office Hours: Monday-Friday:	9am - 3.00pm	Baptismal Preparation:	19th April 2023
WEEKDAY MASS:	Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am Thursday 9.00am	Baptism:	23rd April 2023
WEEKEND MASS:	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9:30am	Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.com.au
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HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

Year A

6th & 7th April, 2023

EASTER: Triduum: "Triduum" comes from two Latin words (tres and dies), which mean 'a space of three days'. But since we have four days with special names - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday - the 'three' may be confusing to some. The Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with Easter evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday; its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

The Gospel for this special night is also about washing and water. It is fraught with symbolism that brings us to model our own lives after the loving servant Jesus. The importance of this symbolic foot washing is that we, Jesus' followers, 'should also do'. This is a symbolic act - in our society today we are hardly expected to take a basin and begin washing the feet of our dinner guests. What is expected of faithful followers of Jesus is to recognise the dignity of all others to be agents of fidelity and justice, to be inclusive in our relationships to lift, the burdens of others, to love without reserve and without expectations of reward or return. These actions of loving servants are carried out in the ordinary circumstances of our daily living. Being so risky as to smile and pleasantly greet a stranger on the street who looks tired or agitated, being patient with children who demand our attention, planning a special meal simply to surprise the family on an ordinary day are all ways we can be loving servants. The possibilities are unlimited for us to do as Jesus did; all we need do is follow the model he gave us.

On this day when we remember in subdued celebration that Jesus suffered and died, we are presented with a picture of Jesus as the servant whose suffering is graphically described in the first reading. In this light, Jesus is the one who is ever faithful to his mission so "that the Scripture might be fulfilled". Jesus is ever the suffering servant: he submitted to scourging and crowning, acceding his power as the Divine Son to an earthly ruler whose power had "been given from above". Jesus is ever the suffering servant: he carried the cross himself, "shouldering alone the burden of our denial and infidelity, even in his hour of death he expresses concern for his mother and Beloved Disciple and "he handed over the spirit" with dignity and without condemning those who condemn him.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS: The veneration of the cross is the second major structural part of the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, coming between the other two, the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion. In its popular expression, it is often the most emotional and engaging part of the liturgy. The veneration can easily fall into focusing only on Christ crucified. There are other layers of meaning. Reverencing the cross is the gesture bridging our hearing the Passion proclamation and our receiving Communion and being transformed ever more perfectly into the Body of Christ, who gives its life for the good of others. It is more that an act of piety, it witnesses to our refusal to deny Jesus and journey with him through suffering and even death.

EASTER PROCLAMATION: The Exsultet: Into the darkness processes the deacon with the blessed, lit Easter candle. Three times he stops to proclaim that Christ is our light. All light their candles and process into the sacred space. The Easter candle is given an adorned place of honour near the ambo. The deacon is blessed so that he 'may worthily proclaim (Christ's) Easter praise'. Then begins the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet - so named because it begins and reiterates over and over, "Rejoice." The Latin verb exulto literally means to leap up frequently. On this night we cannot contain our joy: the loving, suffering servant is risen and exulted!

The Exsultet is our very first hymn each year in praise of the risen Christ. It recapitulates in one great song the mystery we have been celebrating during the Triduum and the very meaning of our lives as Christians. We celebrate God's wonderful care for us and God's boundless merciful love. We celebrate that Christ has ransomed us with his blood. We celebrate this night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave".

(Living Liturgy - For Sunday and Solemnities 2008, Liturgical Press)

