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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

14 April 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday as it is more familiarly called, is a liturgy marked by contrast. It begins with jubilant cries of hosanna as it recalls the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem. But then we are suddenly plunged into the darkness of the cross "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Holy Week has begun. The reality of suffering hits us squarely in the face. We are reminded that the cross is ever present in our lives and in the world. The paradox is that by embracing the cross we are lead to the resurrection. This is the paschal mystery: Christ's death and resurrection in which we are called to live.

The Dominican Fr Timothy Radcliff in his book *Seven Last Words* touches on this paradox when he writes, "Happiness means that we share in God's delight in humanity. That means that we must also share in God's sorrow at the suffering of his sons and daughters. You cannot have one without the other. Sorrow hollows out our hearts so that there is a space in which God's happiness can dwell."

As we move into Holy week we journey with Jesus to the Cross and beyond to the Resurrection.



On Good Friday there is the annual leaving collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land. It provides not only for the upkeep to the holy places that take in Israel and Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. It also includes financing Arab Christian parishes, schools, orphans, and lodging for pilgrims. Our Arab Christian sisters and brothers live in increasingly difficult and dangerous situations. Any help you can provide would send a message of solidarity to a besieged and growingly persecuted church in the Middle East.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Tues 9:30am

Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
or by appointment with the priest



Hearing Loop: in the
central body of the church.

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Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish News.....

The Vigil mass time has changed - **5:00pm**

*Social Justice Bulletin
for April*

out now!
Available
In the Church Foyer

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 15 April

7:15pm Parish Library



Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

Friday 26th April at 7:30pm

We are watching: "Gran Torino"
Directed by and Starring Clint Eastwood
To register your interest or for more information,
please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or
kippax@cg.org.au

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn

Public Forum: Tuesday 16 April - 7.30pm

Topic: "Governance for our Church – out of hope, not fear" –exploring the lessons of the Royal Commission and beyond, for the future governance, leadership and culture of the Catholic Church and its people".

Presented by: Robert Fitzgerald AM

VENUE: Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, 55 Blackall Street, Barton.

Contact: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

Belconnen Parish's Youth Group

Who: Students in years 3-7

Where: St Matthew's, Page - Marian Hall

When: Saturday **27th April** at 4:45pm

Youth Mass: at 6:00pm.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of faith, friendship and fun.

Contact: Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au

CLAIM THE DATES

Women's Breakfast - **Tuesday 30 April**

Thank You Ministry Lunch - **Sun 5 May 12 noon**

Parish Picnic – **Sun 19 May** after 10:00am mass

Holy Week and Easter Services



Holy Thursday 18 April 2019

No 9:30am Mass

7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Prayers at the Altar of Repose:

Concluding with night prayer 9:30pm

Good Friday: 19 April 2019

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 20 April 2019

No confession on Saturday

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 21 April 2019

8:30am

10:00am Mass of the Resurrection

No 6:00pm Mass Sunday night

Our sincere thanks to

Fathers Gerard and Kimi and all who attended John's Requiem Mass and those who helped in many ways. Thank you for the cards, prayers, love and support on our sad loss of John. Love and blessings. Mary O'Brien and family.

TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE ROSTERS 1 June 2019 – 31 May 2020

There are vacancies in the following Ministries

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Ministers of Communion

Hospitality/Greeter

PowerPoint Operator

Junior Altar Servers

GENERAL PARISH MAINTENANCE

Bookstore

Church Cleaning

Flower Arranging

Grounds Maintenance

Money Counting

Presbytery Cleaning

If you would like to engage in parish life through ministry, please contact the parish office kippax@cg.org.au

Reflection

Christianity is a faith of paradox

A paradox is something that initially looks like a contradiction, but if you go deeper with it and hold it longer or at a different level, it isn't necessarily so. Jesus is the living paradox, fully human, fully divine.

Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

All of creation has a cruciform pattern of loss and renewal, death and resurrection, letting go and becoming more. We are all filled with contradictions needing to be reconciled. The price we pay for holding together these opposites is always some form of crucifixion.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter & *At Peace with Paradox*, by Richard Rohr OFM.

Heart Spirituality

No cowards in the Kingdom

Jesus says when I proposed to you the way of perfection I expressed myself very clearly. What is at stake is complete renunciation of self. You have to take up your cross and walk along that road with courage and generosity. No timid and cowardly soldiers here! I need people ready for any sacrifice, able to endure all, even death if necessary, rather than abandon me. Such a decision requires a will that is deeply convinced by powerful motives that inspire it. In order to persevere, this conviction must be based on a faith that reveals the nothingness of human things and the need to assure one's salvation at any price.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, Issoudun 1892)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Holy Week

Where will you place yourself this holy week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon of Cyrene did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Still unconvinced? Let the words of this Sunday's Gospel this week speak to you personally:

"The chief priests and scribes... stood by accusing him harshly" and He did not defend Himself, for love of me.

"Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him" and He stayed quiet, for love of me.

The crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us" and He let Himself be led away, for love of me.

"With loud shouts they persisted in calling for his crucifixion" and He did not object, for love of me.

"Even the soldiers jeered at Him" and He endured it patiently, for love of me.

"They crucified Him and the criminals there" and He died, for love of me.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week —and allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

*Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.*



Recently Deceased: *Eddie Roots*

Anniversary: *Sharon Hannah, Mihaly Baruta, Augusta Colquhoun, Sharron Diamond, Alan Hodge, Jim Fallon msc, Leslie Savage, Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann, Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat snr, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes*

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10:00am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Wednesday 4:15 - 5pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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LIBRARY NEWS:

For the next couple of weeks we will be displaying our books about the Easter story, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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

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!

Readings – 21 April 2019

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading Col 3:1-4
Gospel John 20:1-9

21 April

Reading Roster

7:30pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting, Brian Mahony, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	NO MASS

21 April

Ministers of Communion

7:30pm	Robert Greig, Elaine Laycock, Chitra Jayawardena, Maresa Laird, Laurine Smeaton, Clyde Sloan
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Agnes Pham, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	NO MASS

21 April

Hospitality Roster

7:30pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	No Mass

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	16 April	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	20 April	VACANT
Counting:	21 April	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	15 April	Ted & Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

I used to have a job at a calendar factory, but I was fired for taking a couple of days off.