

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord YEAR A

2 April 2023

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Reflection

It starts with silence

The crowd in Jerusalem receive Jesus like a pop star, acclaiming him as their own. By week's end the Chief Priests and elders manipulate the crowd's enthusiasm to force Pilate to execute Jesus. And throughout it all, during the adulation of the crowd, their change of allegiance to Barabbas and at his trial, Jesus hardly says a word. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus' silence is deafening.

In the journey of faith, we should always be on our guard against being part of a manipulated crowd. The unchecked enthusiasms of a crowd can carry us away to places, people or things we would not ordinarily choose and should not embrace. If we are vulnerable, a gifted guru through his or her version of eternal life can whip us up into a frenzy.

We only have to look at the power of the media and advertising to see how susceptible we are to becoming a slave to fashionable ideologies, dress codes and what and who is in or out. The story of Passion Sunday is that manipulation of a crowd, even by legitimate authorities, can be the beginning of spiritual death. Hype often distorts priorities, blurs good judgment and can choose expediency over integrity.

So what's the remedy to being manipulated, to regaining a sense of what really matters, to standing up against the crowd for the values we know are right? Jesus shows us in Matthew's Gospel. It starts with silence. It's being a contemplative in a manic world and praying for the courage to dissent from the crowd's hyped-up madness.

As we process into Holy Week, this annual rite of passage for our faith, may we model our lives on Jesus in every way by creating the silence we need in our lives to sort out our priorities, by using silence powerfully in a world that loves words but has very little to say about our meaning and destiny and allowing our sacrificial love, even to the point of death, to do all the talking.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard S

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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SUNDAY

2 APRIL

2023

Commencing
Saturday

15 April - VIGIL mass will

be celebrated at 5:00pm

Confession will be held from

4:00pm - 4:30pm



Daylight Savings
Time Ends

Set your clocks back 1 hour

**8 April - Holy Saturday
mass 7:00pm**

**Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees:
Permanent Protection for All
Vinnies invites you to join them at
the Palm Sunday Rally in
Garema Place at 1.00 pm on 2 April.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society supports many refugees and asylum seekers who've been on temporary visas for a decade. So, the Society welcomes the Australian Government's recent announcement of a pathway to permanent residence for 19,000 of these people.

There we'll call for "Permanent Protection for All", so that these people can begin to re-build their lives free of fear and uncertainty.

Tim McKenna, Vinnies Refugee Support,
Canberra-Goulburn



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please bring your Project Compassion donations to the **Holy Thursday Mass**. Alternatively, you can return your Project Compassion donations to the parish office.

Easter Triduum



6 Apr Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

followed by the Altar of Repose in the Parish Library concluding with night prayer at 9:30pm

7 Apr Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
The Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

8 Apr Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:00pm

9 Apr Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord
Mass 8:30am and 10:00am

No Evening Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at the masses this weekend. The children will hand their prayer cards to parishioners asking them to pray for them.

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 1 June at 5:30pm

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Cause his face to shine on you and have mercy on you.

Turn his countenance to you and give you peace.

We Welcome

Fr. Chung Minh Tran msc who has been appointed Assistant Priest for the next 3 years. We pray that his time with us will reveal God's heart on earth.

**Practising Christian discourse:
Addressing ethics in divisive times**

Tuesday 18 April 2023 — 7:00 pm
Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton.

"How can Christians authentically address ethical issues today?"

Facilitator: Amy Erickson (PhD, University of Aberdeen) is Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at St Mark's National Theological Centre BARTON ACT.

Youth Group

**YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS [YCS]
Sunday Dates for the next 6 months
7:00pm – 9:00pm**

2 April [Easter Event]

30 April

28 May

Enquiries to the parish office 6254 3236 or
kippax@cg.org.au

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart, the real symbol of Jesus' love

"O Lord Jesus! Your Heart has been wounded on the cross so that in this wound, visible to our eyes, we can see the invisible wound of your love." Jesus told Saint Margaret Mary: "My heart loves the world so passionately that, unable to hold within itself the flames of this burning love, it needs to spread them by means of you."

The choice of the heart as symbol should not surprise us; it had to be this way, for it is based on truth. All peoples and our Sacred Books testify that, of all the parts of the body, the heart contains in itself the reason why it is the overall symbol of love, and the basis for this relationship, while the feet, hands, eyes are only one particular expression of it.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 153, Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

Small Acts

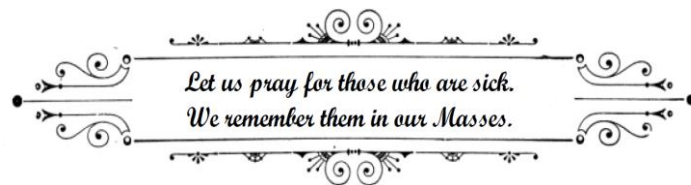
In today's Gospel story there are seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

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Recently Deceased:

Des Mahony [brother of Brian]

Anniversary: Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien, Jack Lenihan, Catherine Wheelaghan, Sybil Lazaro, Dorothy Murray, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones, John Henshaw, Helena McGee, Wal Kulesza, Harold Allester, Una Luff, Joseph Pisciotta, Vivienne Montgomery, John Napier, Jordan Matthew, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Kenneth Marlour, Jim Curran, Noel Smith, Leon Fernando, Marnie Dunn, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson, Wanda Parkitny, Paul Rogers, John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Keith Aikins, Bryan Cowman, Patrick Ward, Sharon Hannah, Mihaly Baruta

Mass Intentions the week of 3 – 9 April

Mon 03/04	Marnie Dunn
Wed 05/04	Doris Galea
Thur 06/04	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper
Fri 07/04	Good Friday
Sat 08/04	
7:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 09/04	
8:30am	Leigh Hamlin
10:00am	Parish Intentions
6:00pm	No Mass

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.



We need YOU to complete your Time, Talent and Treasure forms.

In compiling the ministry rosters we need to know if ministers would like to continue or be removed from their roster. This clear communication averts any confusion regarding the composition of the rosters.

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their forms.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

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 – 9 April 2023

First Reading	Acts 10:34. 37-43
Psalm	Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading	Col 3:1-4
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10

ROSTERS

9 April

Lector Roster

5:00pm	EASTER VIGIL
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Margaret Luck, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	NO MASS

9 April

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	EASTER VIGIL
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley
6:00pm	NO MASS

9 April

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	EASTER VIGIL
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	NO MASS

9 April

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	
6:00pm	NO MASS

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	2 Apr	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	8 Apr	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	2 Apr	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

