



Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

*We gather as a community of believers in Jesus,
to grow as his disciples,
using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel*

PALM SUNDAY, PASSION OF THE LORD 2ND APRIL 2023, YEAR A

Image by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj

Readings: Entrance Mt 21:1-11;
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66

Response:

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

**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!**



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before **Easter** that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

All the Masses this weekend will begin outside the church with a reading of the Palm Sunday story, blessing of the palms and a procession into the Church.

Happy Birthday Bro. Shayne



**Happy Birthday to
Brother Shayne for
Saturday 1st April**

Way of the Cross

On Good Friday (7th April) at 10am we will be walking the Way of the Cross with stations of the cross around the outside of the Church. We are asking for 14 families / individuals to volunteer to set up one station each. You will be given a script and prayer. A sign up sheet with the 14 stations is available at the back of the Church.



Holy Week Timetable

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5 April at 6.30pm

Holy Thursday (6 April): 7.30pm

Good Friday (7 April)

- Stations of the Cross 10am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday (8 April): 7.30pm

Easter Sunday (9 April)

8am, 10am & 5pm

Please Note: there is no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday (8th April). There will be no 9:15am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

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Darkinjung people

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Mon—Communion Service
Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am

1st & 3rd Sat 9:15am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4 - 4.30 pm

Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the
Parish Office for details.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

Weddings

By appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues to Fri 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at Wallarah Bay Club

Men's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm
2nd and 4th Saturday 9.15am

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Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding officer - Bill Mifsud (bill@earthgold.com.au) 0412 051 839

20th Anniversary of the Parish Celebrations



This weekend there will be special donation / fundraising envelopes available for the 20th Anniversary celebrations and gift to the Church. Envelopes can be placed in any collection or put in the donation box outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Day light Savings Ends



Daylight saving ends at 3am, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on **Sunday 2 April 2023**. Please remember to move clocks back one hour.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations!

On behalf of the parish community, Congratulations to the 52 children of the parish on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We hope that the children continue to be blessed with Jesus' love, mercy and forgiveness in their endeavor to grow to be the best possible people God intended.

We would also like to thank our volunteer teachers, Kerry Power, Christine Hibbard, Dianne Mifsud, Jodie Kessler and Bro. Shayne for helping the children prepare for their sacrament. Without your guidance and dedication we could not have run this program for our children of the parish.

Thank You!

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Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer meetings for **April will be on Thursday evenings 13th and 27th at 7pm**, in the home of Bill & Dianne 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. Phone 0413 454 547. Everyone is welcome.

Piety Stall Volunteers



We are looking for some volunteers to take on the piety stall ministry. If you would like to take on this ministry please see Fr Philip or the parish office for more information.

Retreat for Pre-teens and Teens (17-19 April 2023)

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries Australia invites all pre-teens and teens in school years 5-12 for a personal encounter with Jesus from **17-19 April 2023 at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grosvale, NSW**. The retreat is led by the AFCM School of Evangelisation (UK team) and includes Praise and Worship, Talks, Discussions, Games and Activities, Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass. To register or for more information visit www.afcmaustralia.org.au and click on the events section.

Central Coast Santa Maria Mothers Day Lunch



Sunday 7th May everyone is welcome to attend the **Mother's Day Lunch** at Halekulani Bowling Club. Door open at 12noon. Cost is \$40 per person (includes; 2 course lunch, tea, coffee, and live entertainment) tickets to be booked and paid for by 23rd April. Please contact Charlie on 4393 9998 or 0404 194020 or Tony & Rita on 0448 742 591 for more information.

SAINTS DAYS

Monday 3 April

Tuesday 4 April

Wednesday 5 April

Thursday 6 April

Friday 7 April

Saturday 8 April

Sunday 9 April

Sunday of the Resurrection

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$61.10



Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; not crushed or broken. Please place glass containers in the crates. Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

Thank you for your continued support!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Salesian Thought

Softness of the mind is infinitely more dangerous than that of the body, inas-much as the mind, being the nobler part, the disease is more difficult to cure.

(Spiritual Conferences, 17)



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Please remember our sick: Jeff Gill, Finn McConnon, Salvacion Mabaquiao, Martin Duffy, Robert Seddon, Rommell, Toni Grace, Christina Edwards.

Anniversaries: Jason Anthony, Jean Paul, Archibald Crippin, Michael Conneely, Brigie King, Alberta Sedicol, Joseph Job, Mary Gatt, Evelyn Magrit, Frank Feliciotto, Josefa Radina Astraia Nonato.

Recently Deceased: Carmel Hancock, Pauline Caulfield, John Walshe, Doreen Winning, Emmett McCourt.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

Entrance Gospel:

Mt 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them." and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when they entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply on 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

R. My God, my God, why have you abandon me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their head.

'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.

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Second Reading

St Paul to Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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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Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

N: One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priest and said:

O: What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

N: They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from the moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

C: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

N: He replied.

J. Go to so and so in the city and say to him. 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples'.

N. The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

J. I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

N. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn.

O. Not I, Lord surely?

N. He answered:

J. Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N. Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

O. Not I, Rabbi, surely?

N. Jesus answered:

J. They are your own words.

N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

J. Take it and eat; this is my body.

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:

J. Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

J. You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you in Galilee.

N. At this, Peter said:

O. Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

N. Jesus answered him,

J. I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

N. Peter said to him.

O. Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N. And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

J. Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them:

J. My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

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N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed.

J. My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by.

Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

J. So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

J. My father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N. And he came again back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

J. You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayed is already close at hand.

N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He has said;

O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said:

O. Greetings, Rabbi,

N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

J. My friend, do what you are here for.

N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:

J. Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scripture be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?

N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:

J. Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture.

Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the who Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward.

Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O. This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'

N. The high priest then stood up and said to him:

O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him.

O. I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

N. Jesus answered:

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Gospel Reading

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J. The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:

O. he has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

N. They answered:

C. He deserves to die.

N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him:

C. Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:

O. You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

O. I do not know what you are talking about.

N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:

O. This man was with Jesus of Nazarene.

N. And again, with an oath, he denied it,

O. I do not know the man.

N. A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

C. You are one of them, for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

N. Then, he started calling down curses on himself and swearing;

O. I do not know the man.

N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O. I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

N. They replied:

C. What is that to us? This is your concern.

N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

C. It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.

N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the previous One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.

Jesus then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question.

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-27:66

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgment, his wife sent him a message,

O. have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. the chief priests and the elders, however had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said:

C Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified?

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back.

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying.

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and they sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-27:66

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. Eli, Eli lama sabachthani?

N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

When some of those who stood there heard this, they said.

C. The man is calling Elijah.

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment

N. At that, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C. Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.