Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



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Palm Sunday Year A 2nd April 2023



Today we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus entered the city to fulfill God's plan of salvation culminating in His suffering and death on the cross.

This passage gives a detailed narration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for the last time. Jesus goes to the city not as a conquering King but as a gentle and humble bearer of good news, travelling on a donkey. People in the city enthusiastically welcome Him with much gladness and gaiety. They sing "hosanna to the Son of God"

In second reading St. Paul tells us that although Jesus was God, He took on Himself human condition and accepted death on the cross. So, God the father has raised Him up and made Him the Lord of heaven and earth.

We meet the following people in the Gospel today:

- 1. The Pharisees: These are austere and religious men who devoted all their energy for religion and have a good knowledge of the law. They are very sure of their righteousness which led them to evil.
- 2. Caiaphas: A man who upholds religious orthodoxy and does not want anyone to oppose it.
- 3. Pilate: A man who only thinks about his own chair. He knows Jesus is innocent, yet he condemns Him because he is afraid of the Jewish authorities.
- 4. Judas: A disappointed and disillusioned man who thinks it is not wrong to betray his master.
- 5. Peter: A weak and cowardly man. To protect his skin, he is ready to disown his master.

Holy week is the time to look at ourselves and find out where we stand in this drama of the Passion of the Lord. It is always easy to condemn others and throw stones at Judas, Peter, Caiaphas, Pilate and the Pharisees.

"Palm Sunday tells us that it is the Cross that is the true tree of life". -Pope Benedict XVI.

"It is Palm Sunday and so begins our journey with Jesus from Jerusalem's gate to Golgotha's Cross to Easter's triumph" - Anon.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby Fr Baby Sunday: 7:30am

> 9:00am Fr Baby

6:00pm Fr Tomy

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Tomy Sunday: 8:00am Fr Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am Tuesday 9:00 am Wednesday 9:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate of Our Lady of

the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

9:00 am Saturday

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am -10:00am (by appointment at other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30 -5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:25 am Monday to Thursday & Saturday 8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, Year A. We welcome all Parishioners and visitors to our Church community. This week pray Welcome for all the families who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr Tomy Holiday Leave

Fr Tomy is going on holidays to India from 10th April and returns on 14th May. We wish him blessings and a safe journey.

Congratulations to all 45 children who made first Reconciliation and thanks to all teachers their support. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers



House Blessings Families who would like to have their homes blessed before Easter, please contact the Parish Office or Priests.

Volunteers needed for St Brendan's Church - If you have a few hours to spare, we need volunteers to help clean the windows of the Church prior to Holy Week. We would also love volunteers to help with the gardening at the front of the Church at St Brendan's so f you're able to spare some time or have a green thumb please contact the Parish Office or St Brendan's school office on 43581501

Chrism Mass Tuesday 4th April 7:30pm at Waitara. We have 3 seats left on the bus. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please be at the Church at 5:30pm so we can depart at 5:45pm.

Holy Thursday On Holy Thursday there will be no Masses in both Churches, only morning prayer from Ordinariate prayer book at 9:00am at St Mary's.

Holy Week Mass Program

	St Mary's	St Brendan's
Palm Saturday Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Palm Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	8:00 am
Holy Thursday	No morning Mass	
Lord's Supper Mass	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Good Friday:		
Stations of The Cross	9:00 am	9:00 am
Passion	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	6:00 pm	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	7:30 am 9:00 am No Evening N	8:00 am
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Baptisms in our Parish in March

We welcome all the children and their families who were Baptised into our Parish during the month of March. WE welcomed Zara Russell, Thomas Morris, Levi Stevens, Jordan Vella, Callan Smith, Bridie Lonard and Matias Grima. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Paschal Candles

Our Paschal Candles have kindly been sponsored by Mackay Family Funerals, Simplicity Funerals and White Lady Funerals. We thank them for their generous support and sponsoring the Pascal Candles which are being used in our Churches this Easter.



On Holy Thursday

We remember and pray for all Priests, especially for our Priests in the Parish.

Holy Thursday - After the Mass of the Lord's Supper, reposition of the blessed sacrament of adoration will take place. You are most welcome to spend time with Jesus.

Please note there is no Easter Sunday 6:00pm Mass at St Mary's



Good Friday - Stations of the Cross will be around the Church at both Churches if weather permits at 9:00am. It will be a Parish, school and community combined celebration.

RCIA Program - The RCIA Program will be beginning very soon. If you are interested in joining this please contact the Parish Office or complete one of the forms at the back of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday - is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter 16th April. Please see the poster on the Notice Board. Eucharistic Adorations from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at St Mary's.

Holy Shop Open!

Our Holy Shop at St Mary's is open every weekend, before and after each Mass. Lovely gifts for Sacraments and Easter.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has asked all the faithful to remember Pope Francis in their prayers following his admittance to hospital in Rome with a respiratory infection. The 86-year old pontiff had been experiencing breathing difficulties before being taken to the Agostino Gemelli Polyclinic on Wednesday for medical treatment.

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors.



Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday 7th April 2023. Your contribution is gratefully received. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Jean Steinke, Shirley Hill, Allan Middleton, Pat McBride, Maria Cummins, Mary Hansell, Lorraine Love, Peter Houison, Flo Westbury, Stephen Bradford



Anniversaries - John Matthews, Mavis Dormer, Faye Lund, Donald & Amela Marshall, Michael Mason, Christopher Dormer, Rafael S Reyes, George Gavranic, George Cefai, Sam Spiteri, Greg Irvine, Barbara Brigoli, Gloria Morath, Wendy Woodhouse, Danny Kay, Niel Voigt, Victor Moir, Edward Redman, John Kennedy

Remembrances - Matteo Dimicco, George Castle, Teresita, Teodaro, Kenneth George Durley, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Zenaida, Pio Edwin, Carmelita, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Hermigildo, Romualda, Pantaleon, Temotea, Frank Murray, Felisa Ballivar, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Stephens Cappa, Margie Hamer, Lucena Brigoli, Elentena B. Gimena, Natalia B. Becaldo, Lorenzo Mazzitello, Olga Creighton, Jean Jurd, George Vella, Scott Kay, Ronald Pingo Roach, Donald Lewis, Carol Brown & Brown Family, Noel & Maura O'Reilly, Hickey Family, Carter Family, Geale Family, Thyra King, Pat & Bonnie Meier, Miller Family

Please Pray for the Sick - Graham Moir, Margaret Brett, Diane Booth, Miklos Beothy, Eric Peck, Salomie, Robbie Depares, Shirley Campbell, Daniel Schultz, Eva Cusick, Maureen Price, Liz Kelman, Rhondda Rey, Kerrie Lennard, Florian Stoffell, Carmel & Ken Hancock, Margaret Brett, Heatherbell Baker, Alicia Regglo, Marcos, Bill & families, Cecelia McClusky, Vaughn Haynes, Sabu Kuruvelil, Sr Tincy, Noel

March/April Birthdays

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Connie Camilleri (11th March) Terry Reid (14th March) Jacqui Fletcher (17th Mar) Jo Spek (19th March) Sister Josie (19th March Dan Buckman (21st March) Rose Huby (24th March) Ivy Teo (25th March) Manny Debono (5th Apr)





Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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Volunteer Angels Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555

The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

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 Phil 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.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

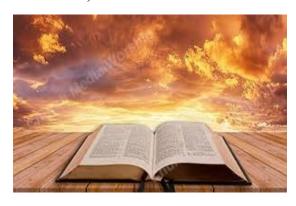
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Mt 27:11-54

(please refer to the screen and join in only where marked 'Crowd' or 'C')



Next Weeks Readings: Easter Sunday Year A

First Reading Acts 10:34,37-43

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

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