



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Year B Cycle II

24 March 2024



To Be Imitated

The celebration of the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the narration of his passion and death. These events that historically took place on different occasions have been united in a single liturgical celebration. This celebration is a story of our own lives. Just as with Jesus, there are times when we meet with success and receive appreciation and support from others. At other times, we encounter failure and experience rejection. Jesus was a picture of majesty and serenity on both occasions because of his unflinching trust in his Father. He has left us an example to be imitated.

God's Word Fr Sebastian Ambattu SSP

Holy Week Ceremonies

Tuesday 26 March	7.30pm Chrism Mass at Waitara Cathedral
Wednesday 27 March	6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday 28 March	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (only Mass on Holy Thursday) 8.00pm-9.00pm Gethsemane Adoration
Good Friday 29 March	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confessions after both ceremonies
Holy Saturday 30 March	9.30am-10.00am Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
Easter Sunday 31 March	8.00am & 9.30am Masses 11am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay (No Mass Easter Sunday evening)



Congratulations

Michael Rhodes, Leanne Boase and Dylan Ross who are completing the Rite of Christian Initiation this Easter, and Nicole Ryder who is being Received into the Church with her daughter.



The Easter Fast

Abstinence from meat and fasting (one main meal and two light meals only) is to be observed on Good Friday and if possible until the Easter Vigil.



Nursing Home Mass

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10:30am.



Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Donations on Good Friday support the struggling Christians, Churches and Shrines of Jesus' birthplace. Please give generously.

For Our Sake

Palm or Passion Sunday commemorates our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, the place of his passion and death, but also of his resurrection. Jesus loves the city very much, but Jerusalem will put him to death.

As he enters the city on a donkey, the crowds greet and welcome him as a king. But this same crowd will taunt and despise him as he will hang on the cross. Today, as we, too, wave our palms to welcome Christ into our lives, hopefully we remember what his entrance to Jerusalem means for us: that he bravely faced the prospect of a violent death for love of us, for our sake.

Once Jesus enters Jerusalem, the power of darkness represented by the angry and jealous religious authorities begins to step up its resolve to incriminate and destroy him. And they manage to produce supposed witnesses that Jesus is out not only to undermine the Jewish religion and blaspheme God by making himself equal to God, but also to subvert the nation by challenging the imperial rule. Surprisingly, Jesus says nothing to defend himself. He is expected to muster an excellent self-defense in the same way that he wowed the crowds with his authoritative teachings. He appears, in Isaiah's description, "like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth" (Is 53:7).

Actually, it is not that he is completely helpless. After all, he proved himself innocent of the crimes of which he was accused. Pilate could have saved him, having the authority to do so, based on his findings of innocence. But, alas, we have a weakling, a crowd-pleaser, and an indecisive official in Pilate. Ironically, his symbolic washing of hands sealed the fate of Jesus.

As we relive, then, the great and loving act of Jesus entering Jerusalem to undergo his passion, let us remember also those who, like him, continue to suffer every day—from violence, hatred, discrimination, injustice, and dehumanization. And let us pray that we may be able to carry our "crosses" daily, following Jesus who gave his life out of his great, great love for us.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Renato Repole SJ

Renewal & Transformation

As we enter into Holy Week, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but we also begin to reflect on his passion and death. The Gospel of Mark tells us of the Last Supper, where Jesus predicts his betrayal and death, and of his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

As we reflect on these events, we are called to remember the depth of God's love for us. Jesus willingly suffered and died for our sins, so that we may be saved and reconciled with God. This sacrifice is a powerful reminder of the magnitude of God's love and grace.

As we journey through Holy Week, let us reflect on the ways in which we can deepen our relationship with God. Let us examine our lives and strive to live in accordance with Jesus' teachings of love, forgiveness and compassion. Let us also take time to pray and meditate on the passion of Christ, and to remember the sacrifice that he made for us.

May this Holy Week be a time of spiritual renewal and transformation for all of us as we seek to draw closer to God and live our lives in service of others.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*

Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish on the Easter weekend and holidays. It is good to have you with us. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Joshi, Deacon Paul or Rosan our Seminarian, who are all very happy to meet you. For general enquiries the parish office will be closed Good Friday to Easter Monday, reopening Tuesday 2 April. Our office number is 4332 2216.

Central Coast Atrium

The newly opened Central Coast Atrium is running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6-year-olds. The aim is to help the child nurture their own personal relationship with God. Sessions run Saturdays 9-10:30am, in the new Atrium (behind the CCD Office). For information or to join our waitlist contact centralcoastatrium@gmail.com or call Ashleigh on 0466 255 033.

*Amanda Paton and Ashleigh Donnelly,
Atrium Coordinators*



First Reconciliation Preparations Completed!

Congratulations to the children who have completed their preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The children and their families have reached another milestone on their faith journey and will soon begin preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Well done all!

Please Note

Project Compassion

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes to the baskets at the Church doors this Easter, or donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for your donations.

Office & Gift Centre Closed

The Parish Office and Gift Centre will be closed over the Easter weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusively.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Priests of the Diocese gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

Divine Mercy Novena

For those wishing to pray the Divine Mercy novena in preparation for the Feast which is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, you may find brochures on the information tables. The novena begins Good Friday and concludes on the Saturday week.



Welcome
to the Frost
Family for the
Reception of their
child for the
Sacrament of
Baptism.



**Renewal of
Commitment**
Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy
Communion
please attend the
Mass of the Lord's
Supper on Holy
Thursday for
commissioning.
Thank you!



**Gethsemane
Adoration**
On Holy Thursday
after the Mass of
the Lord's Supper
please join us as
we watch and
pray with Jesus
until 9pm.



Easter Offerings
These donations
support the
Priests of our
diocese - retired
and active.
Envelopes are on
the information
tables.
Thank You!

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial 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!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Frank Carroll, Teresa Sheehan, Mauro Giacco, Alan Green, Joan Parker, Br Charles Barry FSP.

Anniversaries: Max Taylor (1st), Joe Bond, George Robinson, Gregory Cooper, Verna Goonetileka, Albert Kershaw, Robyn McCudden.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Norberry (birthday), Jeanette Leonidas (birthday), Liza & Joseph Nemet, Denis Farrell and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Clarke, Tyrell, Giutronich.

Sick: Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Susan Simmons, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Harrison Jarvis, Noah Kreidie, Maci Warren, Aston & Sonny Koevord, Indy & Victor Sharp.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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