



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Year C Cycle I

13 April 2025



## Triumph to Triumph

Most people love a parade, noisily making the most of a chance to come together with others of like mind, to celebrate an event or highlight an issue. Holy Week begins with a parade. People get really involved throwing down their garments and rejoicing at all the mighty works they have witnessed through Jesus. Jesus rides triumphant through it all and encourages his followers to praise God with loud voice. Parades can bring out the best, and worst, in people. It is hard not to get caught up in the emotion of the moment and events that were supposed to be happy and peaceful sometimes deteriorate into chaos and violence. How the parade mood changed over the course of Holy Week! In the long Gospel of the Passion we see Jesus no longer triumphant but separated from his followers, insulted, struck, spat upon, and finally carrying his cross to crucifixion on Golgotha: 'He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave even to accepting death on a cross.' What reaction do I have to these readings? Has my Lenten journey prepared me to be really present during this Holy Week?

*God's Word* Sr Carmel Jones rsj

## Holy Week Ceremonies

<b>Tuesday 15 April</b>	7.30pm Chrism Mass at Waitara Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 16 April</b>	6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation
<b>Holy Thursday 17 April</b>	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm-9.00pm Gethsemane Adoration
<b>Good Friday 18 April</b>	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confessions after both ceremonies
<b>Holy Saturday 19 April</b>	9.30am-10.00am Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
<b>Easter Sunday 20 April</b>	8.00am & 9.30am Masses 11am Mass at Reynolds Court Bateau Bay
<b>Easter Monday 21 April</b>	9.00am Mass (instead of Communion Service)



**Happy Birthday**  
**Fr Brian**  
and many  
happy returns for  
**15 April!**



**Happy 21st**  
**Anniversary**  
of  
**Ordination**  
**Deacon Paul**  
for  
**16 April!**



**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**  
**Communion**  
**Service**  
will be celebrated  
on Tuesday at  
Nareen Gardens  
Bateau Bay  
at 10:30am.

## His Ways

Our liturgy today makes me reflect on two processions of Jesus. First, the processional entrance of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem. While on several occasions Jesus forbade the crowd from proclaiming him as the Davidic King and Messiah, Jesus seems to have finally encouraged the crowd to shout: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" This chant not only expresses the joy of the crowd; it identifies Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

In their excitement, though, the people never quite understand that Jesus' messianic identity is quite different from their dreams and expectations of a political and military restorer. Jesus enters astride a humble colt on which no one has ever ridden, not on a proud and powerful horse of a cavalier. And Jesus enjoys the procession. When the Jewish religious leaders ask him to silence the crowd, he declares that should the crowd grow silent, the very stones on the road would shout his praise.

The second procession is the way of the cross, described in the Gospel of the Passion. Here, Jesus is not carried in triumph. He is the one who carries a heavy cross. There are shouts that accompany him. This time, the shouts express anger. The crowd probably feels shortchanged. The people thought that Jesus would put up a fight with Pilate, with the puppet King Herod, with the oppressive Temple priests. They welcomed him as their hope, but his ways were not their way. So, they now shout: "Away with this man. Crucify him! Crucify him!" The people do not fully understand Jesus. Still, Jesus endures this cruel procession and humbles himself to death on the cross!

This procession is also accompanied by weeping. He tells the women of Jerusalem who mourn and lament for him: "Do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children," and finally, from the Cross, to the Father, for all of us, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

*366 Days with the Lord Sambuhay Writers*

## His Will is Completed

The adversaries of Jesus pretend they are the directors of the final scenes of the drama of Jesus' passion and death. But the passion of Jesus unfolds according to the script of the scriptures. The scriptures reveal the will of God.

Jesus began his journey to Jerusalem with a resolute mind to carry out, as always, the will of his Father. In the garden Jesus seems to have a brief dark night of the soul. But quickly he aligns himself with his Father's will.

On the cross in spite of a momentary sense of dereliction, Jesus dies entrusting himself into his Father's hand. As he breathes his last breaths, he declares, "It is consummated". It is completed.

The design, the will of the Father is fulfilled. So Jesus dies with a sense of fulfilment. His death was not a senseless tragedy. It was a victory, a salvific victory and a moment of glory. We believers can draw all strength and hope from it.

*God's Word* Fr Joe Nariveli SSP

## Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish over the Easter holidays. We love to have you with us. If you have any queries please speak to Fr Brian, Fr Rosan or Deacon Paul, who are all very happy to meet you. For general enquiries the parish office will be closed Good Friday to Easter Monday. Our office number is 4332 2216.

## Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm this Tuesday 15 April 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 the Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

## Please Note

### Good Friday Holy Land Collection

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

### Men's Social Group

The Men's Group will be meeting at the Green's Club The Entrance next Wednesday 16 April at 12 noon. Enquiries: Lui 4388 9510.

### New Ministry Rosters

The new ministry roster for the next few months is now available from the Sacristy hallway. Thank you for your assistance at the Masses.

### Anzac Day Mass

This Anzac Day Friday 25 April Mass will be celebrated at 9am instead of the usual 11:45am. This is to fit in with the Anzac March and road closures.

### Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This will be held after 9am Mass each Tuesday in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

### Office & Gift Centre Closed

The Parish Office will be closed over Easter from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusively, and then again on Anzac Day the following Friday.

### Project Compassion Boxes

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes to the baskets in the Church next weekend.

### Easter Offering Envelopes

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

### 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 following Saturday.



**Welcome**  
to the Muller,  
French &  
Hennessey  
Families for the  
Reception of their  
children 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  
from 8pm to 9pm.

### Parish Morning Tea



The Pelican Blue  
Family Group is  
hosting our  
Morning Tea  
this Sunday  
13 April in the  
Parish Centre after  
9:30am Mass.  
All Welcome!



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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.

**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

## Passion Sunday

**Is 50:4-7**

**Phil 2:6-11**

**Lk 22:14-23:56**

**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:** Leo Moloney (Fr Brian's father), Phillip Coleman, Eddie Lovegrove, Mary Luci, Bruno Pedri, Maree Holden, Fay Jones, Robbie Lamont, Wally Moore, Noel de Silva, Michael Cook and Tom Kelly.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Leo Moloney will be announced shortly. Please pray for Leo, Fr Brian and family.

**Anniversaries:** Beryl Moloney, Bob McDonald, Patricia O'Hara, Christopher Chaffer, John Chaffer, Maria Elida.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Neville O'Hara (birthday), Simon Butcher, Maria Lucchese, Tonka Lerotic and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Moore & Langley.

**Sick:** Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, Graham Henneberry, Kathryn Walker, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Sonny & Zephyr Lyons.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



## Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

Enquiries: 4332 2216.