



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

<https://www.asccb.org/prayer-and-devotion/the-pope-monthly-intention>

### Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

#### Pray not to be put to the test

By Br John Verhoeven fsp

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**First Reading**  
Is 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

**Second Reading**  
Phil 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Mk 14:1 – 15:47

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### Sunday Reflection

My dear Parishioners,

The Church invites us to travel this Holy Week on a reflective, meditative and spiritual journey of our life.

We begin with **Passion Sunday**, and each of the four Evangelists give an account of the Passion, but each tells the story with his own style and emphasis. The account read this year is written by Mark, Saint Peter's helper and companion in Rome, and it shows the stark human abandonment of Jesus. The behaviour of the disciples is portrayed negatively, Jesus' only words from the cross were: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." The Passion invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus' passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darkness, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being.

On **Holy Thursday** We celebrate three anniversaries:

1) the anniversary of the first Eucharist; 2) the anniversary of the institution of ministerial priesthood to perpetuate the Celebration of the Eucharist, to convey God's forgiveness to repentant sinners, and to preach the Good News of salvation; 3) the anniversary of Jesus' promulgation of His new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34). An invitation to become Christ-bearers and Christ-conveyers: "Go forth, the Mass is ended," really means, "Go in peace to love and serve one another."

On **Good Friday**: We could summarise as to "It's not what the world did to Jesus, but what Jesus did for the World." Good Friday is the day when Jesus is reminding us that He is constantly putting his nail-scarred hands on our heads when we are physically, psychologically, emotionally and spiritually in pain, and saying, "I know you are hurting, I know you are puzzled. I know that you feel like panicking. Have courage, you are not alone. Do not give up. You will grow through this. Come on let us keep going. I am with you and I will not leave you".

The words of the **Easter Vigil** liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: 'The power of this holy [Easter] night,' it proclaims, 'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.' Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world.

In all this we are invited to look, beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

With all good wishes,  
**Fr Peter de Souza**

**Chrism Mass 30 March 2021** Please note that due to COVID restrictions the Chrism Mass is limited by invitation to larger family of the Diocese and its Clergy. Please join us in through live streaming tap / click on the

[Watch the Mass](#)

**THANK YOU** to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.

**Holy Thursday 1 April 2021** There will be no morning Masses at the Cathedral and at Queen of Peace Church. All are welcome to join us for the Mass of the Lord's Supper at OLR at 8:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross at St Leo's Catholic College in The Light of Christ Centre on 1 April 2021 at 11 a.m.**

The use of QR Code is important. Pre-register at St Leo's on **02 9487 3555**. Parishioners and friends are most welcome to join us.

**Stations of the Cross March 26**

Stations of the Cross at:

1. Queen of Peace after the 8:45 a.m. Mass
2. OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. **While the stations are on, Priests will be available for Reconciliation.**

**Youth and young adults (16+) are invited to perform, sing and/or play music for the stations of the cross**

2 April 2021 (Good Friday) | 10:00 AM

Our Lady of the rosary Cathedral, Waitara

Rehearsal Dates and Times:

Mon 29 March 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fri 2 April 8:30 a.m.

Please contact Fiona via

email: [fiona.brown@dbbcatholic.edu.au](mailto:fiona.brown@dbbcatholic.edu.au) if you would like to join.**Planned Giving Envelope**

We will be ordering weekly Planned Giving Envelope soon.

We encourage you to change over to Direct Debit, if you are thinking so, please let the **Parish Office know by 9 April 2021.**

**Yakhumndeni African Orphans Easter Sale**

**For Sale:** Choc Mud Cake, Date Loaf, Rosella Jam, Marmalades, Berry Jam, Chutney, Tomato Relish, Pickles, etc.

**To order, contact Helen or Gerry on 9487 1563**

Proceeds of Sale goes to Yakhumndeni African Orphans.

**Caritas - Project Compassion**

**"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."** – St Oscar Romero

Please help yourself to the envelopes at the back of the church. For Online Donation go to [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE**

Please consider purchasing ethically-produced Chocolate this Easter (and all year!) This ensures there was no child labour involved and the producers were paid a fair price.

[Download Easter Chocolate Shopping Guide \(PDF\)](#)

**May I ask you to pray for** those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

**We remember those who died recently** – Irene May (Tim)

Byrne ● Marie Kearey ● Nicola Macri ● Ian McWhirter ● Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan, Diocese of Parramatta ● Maximiano Panopio ● Bishop Bede Heather ● Louie Klauser

**Anniversaries** – Bella Vivo ● Bishop Patrick Murphy ● Graciano Cruz ● Jr Prospero Montesclaros ● Margaret Dewar ● Darren Egelhoff ● Nancy Richards

**If a Priest is needed** in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843.**

**Holy Week 2021****Cathedral****Chrism Mass 30 March**

at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral

**Holy Thursday 1 April****(No morning Mass)**

Mass of the Lord' Supper

11 a.m. at McQuoin Park Chapel **(residents only)**

8 p.m. in the Cathedral followed by watch and pray 'till 10 p.m.

**Good Friday 2 April**

10 a.m. Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral

3 p.m. Lord's Passion in the Cathedral

**Holy Saturday 3 April**

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

11 a.m. Polish Blessing of Food

**Easter Vigil 3 April**

7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 4 April**

9:30 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Mass at McQuoin Park Chapel **(residents only)****(No evening Mass)****Queen of Peace****Holy Thursday 1 April****(No morning Mass)**

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper in Korean

**Good Friday 2 April**

11 a.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross &amp; Lord's Passion in Korean

**Easter Sunday 4 April**

8 a.m. Mass in English

**Easter Vigil 3 April**

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass in Korean

**Easter Sunday 4 April**

8 a.m. Mass in English

11 a.m. Mass in Korean

**(No evening Mass)****ONLINE PARISH GIVING**

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.