



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 28th March 2021

Dear friends,

As you know we were not able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter as a community last year. It is my hope that all of us will come together to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus both as a liturgical event and a deep personal experience.

This Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins Holy Week. The excitement of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem greeted by the crowds with palms and olive branches quickly turns into the horror of the Lord's Passion and death on the cross which this year we read from Mark's Gospel. During Lent the Church has put before us a number of ways we can prepare for Holy Week through prayer, fasting and generosity to those in need (Project Compassion).

This Thursday evening 25th March at 7pm we have the opportunity of participating in the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. I refer you to the reflection on God's Mercy in last weekend's bulletin. We also pray for Cindy and Shane who are preparing to be Baptised, Confirmed and receive their First Communion as new members of the Church at the Easter Vigil. *Fr David Taylor*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mary Immaculate Church, Manly

1st April	Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm Followed by Evening Prayer
2nd April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am The Lord's Passion at 3pm
3rd April	Easter Vigil at 7pm
4th April	Easter Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

1st April	Mass of the Last Supper at 6pm
2nd April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am The Lord's Passion at 3pm
3rd April	Easter Vigil at 6pm
4th April	Easter Sunday at 9am



We invite you to join us for our EASTER VIGIL SUPPER at Manly following the 7pm Vigil Mass. All Welcome



We're COVID SAFE

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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish
Sunday 8:30am Mass

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community

LET US PRAY FOR

28th March 2021

Recently Deceased: Oscar Frayer; Pamela McCoole; Marie Brunton; Scott Mathieson

Anniversary: Ellen Lawler; Nora Te; Irene Silos

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson

March 2021

	Year B
Mon 29/3 – Holy Week	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tue 30/3 – Holy Week	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed 31/3 – Holy Week	Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
Thurs 1/4 – Lord’s Supper	Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri 2/4 – Passion of the Lord	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat 3/4 – Holy Saturday	Gen 1:1-2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4; Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sun 4/4 – Sunday of the Resurrection	Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



The Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



MORNING TEAS We are looking for helpers to assist in starting up Manly’s morning teas on Sundays following the morning Masses. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you can assist.



PIETY STORE MANLY IS OPEN AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

LIVING FAITH BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY STORE April, May & June

Manly Piety Store has a good selection of books and statues of St Joseph.

Movies of the month...

- “The Staircase” – a true story on St Joseph and a miraculous staircase in Santa Fe, New Mexico \$10
- “Love & Mercy: Faustina” – the incredible true story of St Faustina & the message of Divine Mercy \$20

CDs of the month...

- “Meditations on the Stations on the Cross” with excerpts from the Holy Shroud of Turin \$5
- “The true meaning of Easter” (Fulton Sheen) without the resurrection there would be no Christianity \$5

Covid-19 Updated Requirements

To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with your Phone to register your details to enter the Church.

YOU DO NOT need to register to attend Mass each week. The limit is 380 people attending Mass at Manly and 150 people attending Mass at Freshwater.



ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Rosters need to be prepared over the coming weeks for the Holy Week Easter ceremonies, we would be very grateful if Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Greeters & Projectionists could advise the Parish Office – 9977 5822, of their availability for these services



Good Friday - Veneration of the Cross
Due to covid restrictions we are unable to touch or kiss the cross, but we are able to bow or genuflect

Rehearsal for Easter Services in Manly

Fr David will be holding a rehearsal for all Senior Servers who will be assisting at the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil

This Sunday 4pm in the Church

There will be no Morning Mass on Holy Thursday

Reconciliation will be available at Manly and Freshwater Churches following the **Mass of the Lords Supper on Thursday Evening** and on **Good Friday** following the **Stations of the Cross and the Passion**.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Freshwater: 9:45am after Mass

Manly: 7pm

Adoration at Freshwater will hold 15 min Adoration at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. This will be every Tues and Thurs at 9am followed by the 9:15am Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED



We are looking for more **Welcomers** to assist at our Easter Ceremonies at both Manly and Freshwater. If you would like to be part of this team to welcome our Parishioners and Visitors and assist them with covid sign in please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday

We would like to invite 12 parishioners at each Church to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822

CHURCH ROOF



Once upon a time there was a Church Roof that seemed to be taking a long time to be repaired. Praise the Lord! This Church roof at St Mary's Church Manly is now only several tiles short of completion which is good enough to say it's finished. Special word of thanks to Paul Pervan and Laurie de Ambrosis of the Parish Maintenance Committee who have guided this challenging project to completion.

The parish with the Bishop's approval, has had to obtain a loan of \$200,000 from the Catholic Development Fund (CDF), and this week we have drawn down \$100,000 to meet the expenses incurred to date. The balance of the funds will be drawn down when required. The term is 20 years and the repayments on the full loan is \$1,225 per month.

A special word of thanks to John Zemek and the Finance Committee for preparing the documentation of this loan and assisting the Maintenance Committee.
Fr David Taylor



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

As we move more and more into a cashless society, many parishioners prefer to contribute to parish electronically. We now have easy options as set out below to help you give this way.

New: Scan to Donate - using the QR code below to access our BPoint Donation page (please note this is not the code used as you enter the Church for signing).



SCAN ME

You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page.

Once you are on the Payment page please select an option from the drop-down menu. For example, "Planned Giving" or "First Collection/Pastoral account".



This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.

- 1. Tap and go machines** at the Church entrance **at Freshwater and Manly**
- Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
- 2nd collection Parish Bank Account** Funds the running of the Parish
Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Acc# 100002025 BSB: 062 784
Please include name or envelope number as reference



FRESHWATER READERS

we welcome Joseph & Jessica Press, Luka Bokanovic and Nela & Zara Hornikova who completed their readers training with Fr David last Sunday. We welcome them onto the April Roster.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Just a reminder to return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes from this weekend. They may be left in the baskets at the foot of the altar or dropped into the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your continual support of Caritas through Project Compassion.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Manly Sunday 11th April
2pm – 4pm

The Novena Chaplet begins on Good Friday – leaflets can be found under the Divine Mercy image in the Church at Manly or on the table at Freshwater. **ALL WELCOME**

St Mary's School News...



The rain didn't hold us back this week! We were Book Loving Bears in playgroup! Mr McGuire read 'Boogie Bear' by David Walliams. The children learnt bear rhymes with our Year 6 students and enjoyed looking around our library.

Children got to choose books from the Library to read with our Yr 6 Community Team. It was so much fun. Our final playgroup for the term is next Monday at 9am in the hall, all pre-schoolers are welcome. On Thursday the children of St Mary's will re-enact the final journey of Jesus's life as we re-tell the story of Holy Week. Please join us at 11.30am on Thursday in the church to share in this special liturgy.

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

St John's School News...



On Monday, a number of our students represented St John the Baptist at the NSWCPSS Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. All swimmers demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship at the meet. A special congratulation to Billie Kasproicz, our resident fish, for winning the gold medal in the under 8 years, 50m Freestyle! Billie will now represent Polding at the NSWPSA Championships next week!

Kind regards Sharna Taranto (REC)



Pray for Justice and Peace

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jesus accepts death on a cross rather than engaging in violence. The contrast between the Prince of Peace and the powers and dominions of his day could not be starker. This is the basis of the Palm Sunday tradition of action in favour of peace and non-violent alternatives for addressing social, ecological, economic and political issues.

The Office for Social Justice invites you, on Palm Sunday and beyond, to pray for justice and peace in Myanmar.

Prayer for Justice and Peace in Myanmar Gathering leaflet will be available at the entrance to the Church at Manly.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Call-to-Prayer-for-Myanmar.pdf>



Listen to The Bible in a Year podcast...

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Just start at episode one and keep on going.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to **three scripture readings**
- a **reflection** from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and **guided prayer** to help you **hear God's voice in his Word**.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

also available on spotify

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly Thurs 4th Mar at 4:30pm & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 "BE MORE"



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

EASTER ROSTER 2021

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Manly			
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 7pm
Acolytes & Servers	Freya Zemek Ivica Covic Kieran Wan Gabriel Wan Martino Hoang Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Ivica Covic Ken Thompson Ron Gravalin Louise Wareham Ivana Covic	Martino Hoang Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Lynne Parkes Louise Wareham
Readers	Reader 1: Rita Bruzzese Reader 2: Ed Copeman	Reader 1: Patty Thomas Reader 2: Assistance Required Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Rita Bruzzese Other Voices: Bill Tango Intercessions: Rita Bruzzese	Reader 1: Rita Bruzzese Reader 2: Sandie Cornish Reader 3: TBC Reader 4: Carmel Lawler Epistle: Bill Tango
Music	Gina and Bianca	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
Welcomers	Paul Pervan Assistance Required	Paul Pervan Assistance Required	Paul Pervan Assistance Required

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Freshwater			
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6pm		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 6pm
Acolytes & Snr Servers	Mick O'Farrell Lou Maruca Ian Press	Joanne Druery Francis Raymond Martino Hoang	Mick O'Farrell Ian Press
Readers	Reader 1: Toni Walsh Reader 2: Pam Brown	Reader 1: Assistance Req Reader 2: Toni Walsh Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Amanda Whitfield Other Voices: Toni Walsh Intercessions: Toni Walsh	Reader 1: Assistance Req Reader 2: Toni Walsh Reader 3: Amanda Whitfield Epistle: Amanda Whitfield
Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
Welcomer	Assistance Required	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield

EASTER SUNDAY				
	Freshwater 9am	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm
Acolyte/ Server	Lou Maruca Amorina Wright	Ken Thompson Martino Hoang	Louise Wareham Lynne Parkes Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Kieran & Michael & Cecilia Wan
Readers	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright	Patty Thomas Jan Van Den Brock	Assistance required	Paul Novak
Music	Pat Brown	Parish Choir	Bianca Zatz	TBC
Welcomers	Assistance Required	Clare Carmody Val Buono Anne Gaughan Laurie de Ambrosis	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	<i>Assistance required</i>

MINISTRY ROSTER – APRIL 2021 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
		3rd – 4th April	10th – 11th April	17th – 18th April	24th -25th April
		Easter Sunday	2nd Sun of Easter	3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sun of Easter
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	See Holy Week Roster	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek
	Readers		Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango
	Music		Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Josh Willard
	Welcomers		John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Piety Store		Assistance Required	Merle Zemek	Assistance Required
	Flowers		Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis
	Server		Martino Hoang	Ken Thompson	Martino Hoang
8:30am Mass	Readers		Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas
	Music		Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	Welcomers		Clare Carmody Laurie deAmbrosis	Clare Carmody Laurie deAmbrosis	Clare Carmody Laurie deAmbrosis
	Piety Store		Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
	Server		TBC Iona & Teresa Hearn	Martino Hoang Bernie Lawler	TBC Bernie Lawler
10:30am Mass	Readers		Janie Fonua	Janie Fonua Carmel Lawler	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Music		Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	
	Piety Store	Janie Fonua	Janie Fonua	Janie Fonua	
	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan	Ivica Covic Martino Hoang	Kieran & Michael Wan	
6pm Mass	Readers	Sandie Cornish Dean Gale	Youth Mass	Paul Novak Ed Copeman	
	Music	Josh Willard	Simon & Youth	Simon & Youth	
	Welcomers	Marianna Gale Assistance Require	Youth Gerard McMahon	Marianna Gale Assistance Require	
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy Eliza Duffy	Lynette Duffy Sophie Duffy	Lynette Duffy Eliza Duffy	

MINISTRY ROSTER – APRIL 2021 – FRESHWATER

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		3rd – 4th April	10th – 11th April	17th – 18th April	24th -25th April
		Easter Sunday	2nd Sun of Easter	3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sun of Easter
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell Lou Maruca Ian Press	Joanne Druery	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Toni Walsh Pam Brown	Nela Hornikova Zara Hornikova	Amanda Whitfield	Joseph Press Jessica Press
	Music	Pat Brown	ly		
	Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield
	Server	Lou Maruca Amorina Wright	Lou Maruca	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright
9am Mass	Readers	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright	Toni Walsh Patricia Brown	Pam Brown Luka Bokanovic	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	Patricia & Solo Brown	Mary Ann Marles	Isabella & Philip d'Souza	Maria Harkness
	Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Morning Tea	Andy & Becki	Angelica & Michael	Brigid & Lynn	Wright family

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office

PALM SUNDAY – YEAR B

Entrance Reading

Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly".' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord ! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

**R. My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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

All: Thanks be to God

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 Long

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

C It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;

N and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

J Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all

the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.

N Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

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

N So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

J Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

N The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

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

N They were distressed and asked him, one after another,

O Not I, surely?

N He said to them,

J It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, 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 And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them saying,

J Take it; this is my body.

N Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it do them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

J This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

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

J You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N Peter said,

O Even if all lose faith, I will not.

N And Jesus said to him,

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

N But he repeated still more earnestly,

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

N And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

J Stay here while I pray.

N Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

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

N And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,

J Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

J Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for 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 he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

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

N Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

O 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'

N So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O Rabbi!

N and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus spoke,

J Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

N And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

N But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

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

N But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,

O Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?

N Jesus said,

J I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

N The high priest tore his robes, and said,

O What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?

N And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,

C Play the prophet!

N And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,

O You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

N But he denied it, saying

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

N And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

O This fellow is one of them.

N But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

C You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

N But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,

O I do not know the man you speak of.

N At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

(SHORT VERSION USED AT THE FAMILY MASS)

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

O Are you the king of the Jews?

N He answered,

J It is you who say it.

N And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowds went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

O But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N They shouted back.

C Crucify him!

N Pilate asked them,

O Why? What harm has he done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C Crucify him!

N So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C Hail, king of the Jews!

N They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The king of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

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

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C Listen he is calling on Elijah.

N Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,

O Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he died, and he said,

O In truth this man was a son of God.

N There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOLY WEEK



God's love has no limits – THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS on Holy Week

Our reflection on God's mercy introduces us today to the Easter Triduum. We will live Holy Thursday, Friday and Saturday as intense moments, which enable us to enter increasingly in the great mystery of our faith: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everything in these three days speaks of mercy, because it renders visible the point that God's love can reach. We will listen to the account of the last days of Jesus' life. The evangelist John offers us the key to understand the profound meaning: "He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end" (*John* 13:1). God's love has no limits. As Saint Augustine often repeated, it is a love that goes "to the end without end." God truly offers Himself wholly for each one of us and does not spare Himself in anything. The Mystery we adore in this Holy Week is a great story of love that knows no obstacles. Jesus' Passion lasts until the end of the world, because it is a story of sharing with the sufferings of the whole of humanity and a permanent presence in the events of the personal life of each one of us. In sum, the Easter Triduum is the memorial of a drama of love that gives us the certainty that we will never be abandoned in life's trials.

On Holy Thursday Jesus institutes the Eucharist, anticipating in the paschal banquet His sacrifice on Golgotha. To make His disciples understand the love that animates Him, He washes their feet, offering once again a personal example of how they must act. The Eucharist is love that becomes service. It is the sublime presence of Christ, who wishes to satisfy the hunger of every man, especially of the weakest, to render him capable of giving witness through the difficulties of the world — but not only this. In giving Himself to us as food, Jesus attests that we must learn to break this nourishment with others, so that it becomes a true communion of life with all those in need. He gives Himself to us and asks us to abide in Him to do the same.


Holy Friday is the culminating moment of love. The death of Jesus, who on the cross abandons Himself to the Father to offer salvation to the whole world, expresses the love given to the end, without end. A love that intends to embrace all, no one excluded. A love that extends to every time and place: an inexhaustible source of salvation from which each one of us, sinners, can draw. If God has shown His supreme love in Jesus' death, then we also, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, can and must love one another.

And, finally, **Holy Saturday** is the day of God's silence. It must be a day of silence. We must do everything possible so that it is a day of silence, as that Day, which was the day of God's silence. Jesus placed in the sepulcher shares with the whole of

humanity the tragedy of death. It is a silence that speaks and expresses love as solidarity with all those ever abandoned, which the Son of God reaches filling the emptiness that only the infinite mercy of God the Father can fill. God is silent, but out of love. In this day love, that silent love, becomes expectation of life in the resurrection. We think of Holy Saturday: it will do us good to think of the silence of Our Lady, "the Believer," who in silence awaited the Resurrection. Our Lady must be the icon for us of that Holy Saturday. To think much of how Our Lady lived that Holy Saturday, in expectation. It is a love that does not doubt, but that hopes in the Lord's word, and which becomes manifest and splendid on Easter day.

It is all a great mystery of love and mercy. Our words are poor and insufficient to express it fully. We can be helped by the experience of a not well-known girl, who wrote sublime pages on the love of Christ. Her name was Julian of Norwich; she was illiterate, this girl who had visions of Jesus' Passion and who then, having become a recluse, described in simple but profound and intense language, the meaning of merciful love. She said this: "Then our good Lord asked me: 'Are you happy that I suffered for you?' I said: 'Yes, good Lord, and I thank you very much; yes, good Lord, may you be blessed.'" Then Jesus, our good Lord, said: "If you are happy, so am I. To have suffered the Passion for you is a joy for me, a happiness, and eternal bliss; and if I could suffer more, I would do so." This is our Jesus, who says to each one of us: "If I could suffer more for you, I would do so."

How beautiful these words are! They enable us to truly understand the immense and limitless love that the Lord has for each one of us. Let us be enveloped by this mercy that comes to us and, in these days, while we have our gaze fixed on the Passion and Death of the Lord, let us receive in our heart the greatness of His love and, as Our Lady on Saturday, in silence, in the expectation of the Resurrection.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Paschal Triduum</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">The Easter Triduum or Holy Triduum is the three-day celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ</p>		<p>PASCHAL: associated with the Hebrew Passover; referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God</p> <p>TRIDUUM: derived from the Latin for three days</p> <p>The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life.</p>	<p>The Paschal Triduum bridges the seasons of Lent to Easter.</p> <p>In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">The Roman Missal</p>
<p>DAY 1: sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday</p> <p>DAY 2: sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday</p> <p>DAY 3: sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday</p>			<p>HOLY THURSDAY: "Jesus gives himself to us as food and, in the washing of feet, teaches us the need to serve others."</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY: "In the mystery of Christ's death on the cross, we contemplate that undying divine love which embraces all mankind and summons us in turn to love one another in the power of the Spirit."</p> <p>HOLY SATURDAY: "The day of God's silence - invites us not only to solidarity with all who are abandoned and alone, but also to trust in that faithful love which turns death into life."</p>
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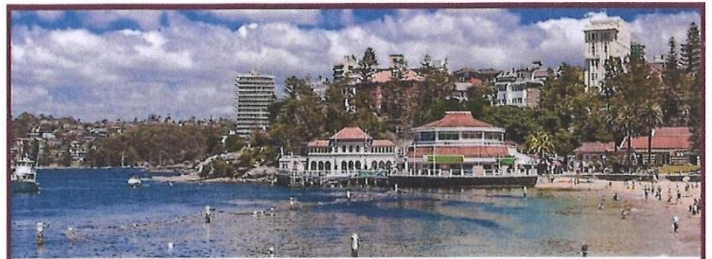
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