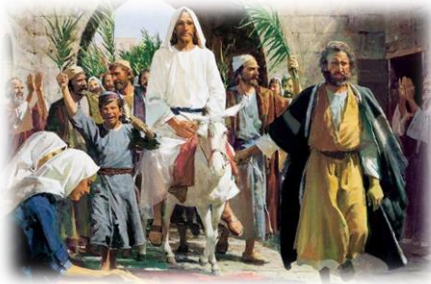




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

PALM SUNDAY – 2nd April 2023



Blessing and Procession of Palms

Matthew's account of Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem is framed by the prophecy of

Zechariah (9: 9). The Messiah will come, not as a conquering warrior astride a noble steed, but in lowliness and peace, riding on an ass. The Messiah-king is one with God's just: the poor and lowly of the world. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in such a public and deeply symbolic way (which is followed immediately in Matthew's text by the routing of the money changers from the temple) sets up the final confrontation between Jesus and the chief priests and scribes. . connectionsmediaworks.com



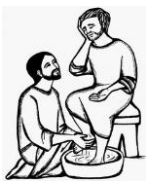
HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES

St Mary's Manly

- 6th April Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm at Manly only
- 7th April Good Friday
 - Stations of the Cross at 10am
 - The Lord's Passion at 3pm
- 8th April Easter Vigil at 6pm
- 9th April Easter Sunday Manly 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

St John's Freshwater

- 7th April Good Friday
 - Stations of the Cross at 10am
 - The Lord's Passion at 3pm
- 8th April Easter Vigil at 6pm
- 9th April Easter Sunday at 9am



Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday 7pm at Manly only

We would like to invite 12 parishioners 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.

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer at Manly at 9:15am. There will be no morning Masses.

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

25th Jubilee Celebration



Fr John will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 16th April at the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church Manly followed by refreshments.

Fr John would love to have as many parishioners join him in his celebration!!!

All Welcome



PALMS OR OLIVE BRANCHES NEEDED for Palm Sunday.

Please bring your Palms to the parish centre on Friday 31st March between 9am -2pm.

If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ACTORS NEEDED

On Good Friday this year the youth and young adult groups

will again be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross. We are in need of actors (Simon of Cyrene, Pilate, Veronica, Mary Magdalene and guards) and narrators. Year 6+. If interested please contact the Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth Group on

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Facebook: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth

Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth

LET US PRAY FOR

2nd April 2023

Recently Deceased: Barry McFarland;
Keith Andersen (1st March)

Anniversary: Anne-Louise O'Reilly; Martina Madut;
Joan McKeown

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias

Dates to remember...


- **Chrism Mass** Tues 4th April 7:30pm
- **Holy Thurs** 6th April No Morning Mass
Morning Prayers at Manly
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly**
Wed 6pm – 7:30pm


PARISH GIVING – thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory.



WELCOME Thank you for joining us today!
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.

PASTORAL CARE
Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April – For a culture of peace and non-violence**
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 20th May for children who are in Year 3 and above.

Livestreaming on Facebook
Sunday 8:30am Mass
manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690

million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available in the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month – Edith Stein – the 7th chamber. A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and martyr in Auschwitz. The film shows the great conflicts with her decision and how it was based on her search for truth. Only \$10 @ the Piety store.

CD of the month – The life of Padre Pio – Matthew Arnold. Fascinating details on Padre Pio's stigmata, ability to read souls and the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession. Pray, hope and don't worry. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS – April/May/June
now available in the Piety Store

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

will be celebrated at
St Mary's Church, Manly
Sunday 16th 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**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Wednesday 5th and 12th April, but there will not be any Benediction on these two days.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

25.03.2023



Last Saturday we celebrated First Communion at Manly and Freshwater with 103 children from our local schools. It was a very joyful celebration for the children and their families.

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

Diocesan Pastoral Care Course

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. We are looking for volunteers to join the Catholic Chaplaincy Team at Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH).

Some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone considering being part of this ministry at RNSH are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise.

Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The *Diocesan Pastoral Care Course (DPCC)* meets this requirement, is **FREE** and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and also to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

The course will be offered on five consecutive Wednesdays: **April 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, between 9:00am and 3:00 pm at St. Leonard's Catholic Church** (Cnr Willoughby Rd and Donnelly Rd, Naremburn). Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact Peter Brown, *Practice Manager Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care*, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 616 602.

VACATION CARE APRIL 2023 – St Mary's School. We are very pleased to announce the launch of the **SMM Vacation Care Program** which will start these Easter school holidays. Congratulations to Trish (SMM OOSH Coordinator) who will run the program and has designed the activities. Vacation Care will be held at SMM Parish Hall, the program is open to all primary aged children from the local area.

Dates: Tue 11 April – Mon 24 April 7:30am – 6pm
Bookings: oshc.manly@catholicaredbb.org.au

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

- 1. Planned Giving:** many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
- 2. Collection plates during Mass**
- 3. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals.**
- 4. Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.
- 5. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
 - **Church Account** Funds Parish running costs
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025
BSB: 062 784
 - **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784



NEW

ST MARY'S MANLY VACATION CARE

WELCOMING FAMILIES FROM
St Mary's Manly
St Kieran's Manly Vale
St John the Baptist Freshwater

HOURS
7.30am - 6.00pm
During school holidays

APRIL 2023 PROGRAM

Located within the grounds of St Mary's, our new vacation service offers a wide range of activities catering to children of differing ages and interests. We also head out and about on a range of fun local excursions each holiday period.

We provide a stimulating and enjoyable environment and activities which harness the children's interests and strengths whilst respecting their need for leisure.

Come and meet our fabulous educators who each bring their own skills, expertise and passions across a broad spectrum of activities.

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

St Mary's OSHC & Vacation Care
50 Whistler Street MANLY NSW 2095
P: 0409 455 359
E: oshc.manly@catholicaredbb.org.au
W: www.catholicaredbb.org.au/vacation-care/

OPEN DAY

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

**9 May 2023
9-10 am and
7-8pm**

Our Open Day is a structured event that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.

- Meet our Principal, teachers, students, and parents.
- Learn about St Mary's faith led approach, including appointments for specialised learning programs.
- Visit our classrooms, playground, library, computers, music rooms and hall.
- Gain a real sense of the St Mary's Manly community.

Come and experience first hand why St Mary's Manly is a great choice for your children.

Scan Now To Register

Paul McGuire, Principal
St Mary's Catholic Primary School Manly
Denison Street, Manly
9977 2225
smm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay

Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation Group: Tues 12:30pm Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

DO YOU NEED HELP TO KEEP LIVING INDEPENDENTLY AT HOME?

9488 2488
www.catholicaredbb.org.au

Australia enjoys one of the highest standards of living in the world, and we're living longer. Getting older should be fun – you have more time to do things you have always wanted to, to socialise with friends and learn new things. But you may just need a little help to maximise those opportunities, to tackle changes in health, mobility and connecting with others. Through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), CatholicCare can help you to continue living independently at home, while getting practical and social support you need. Services can be tailored to best suit your needs. For more information call us on (02) 9488 2488 or visit www.catholicaredbb.org.au.

EASTER ROSTER 2023

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Manly

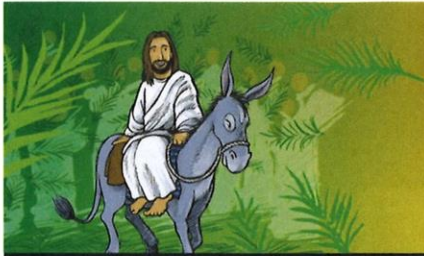
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 6pm
Acolytes & Servers	Ivica Covic Kieran Wan Gabriel Wan Silvio Porcelli Teresa Hearn	Ken Thompson Ivica Covic Silvio Porcelli Louise Wareham	Ivica Covic Kieran Wan Gabriel Wan Louise Wareham
Readers	Reader 1: Amanda Whitfield Reader 2: Freya Zemek	Reader 1: Patty Thomas Reader 2: Sandie Cornish Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Rita Bruzzese Other Voices: Bill Tango Intercessions: Rita Bruzzese	Reader 1: Rita Bruzzese Reader 2: Sandie Cornish Reader 3: Freya Zemek Reader 4: Carmel Lawler Epistle: Bill Tango
Music	TBC	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
Welcomers	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Freshwater

		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 6pm
Acolytes & Snr Servers		Joanne Druery Mick O'Farrell	Francis Raymond Joanne Druery
Readers		Reader 1: Vincent Bokanovic Reader 2: Toni Walsh Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Amanda Whitfield Other Voices: Toni Walsh Intercessions: Amanda Whitfield	Reader 1: Vincent Bokanovic Reader 2: Toni Walsh Reader 3: Assistance Required Epistle: Amanda Whitfield
Music		Pat Brown	Pat Brown
Welcomer		Amanda Whitfield Shirley Abbott	Amanda Whitfield Shirley Abbott

EASTER SUNDAY

	Freshwater 9am	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm
Acolyte/ Server	Amorina Wright Lou Maruca	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham Teresa Hearn	Assistance Required
Readers	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright Joleena Wright	Patty Thomas Assistance Required	Ron Gravalin Carol O'Donnell	Richard Heasman
Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	TBC
Welcomers		Mary Prager	Paul & Nicola Pervan	
Piety Store			Kim McGrath	



Hosanna!



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

Fill in the details of the events of Holy Week.

PASSION SUNDAY

Write down what you know about the procession of palms.

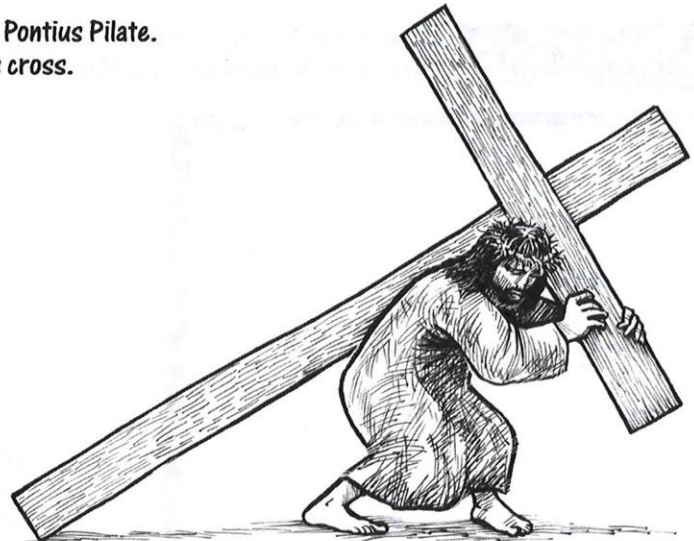


HOLY THURSDAY

Draw Jesus and his disciples at the last supper.

GOOD FRIDAY

Draw Jesus standing trial before Pontius Pilate. Then colour in Jesus carrying his cross.



HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday is a quiet time when we reflect on the death of Jesus.

How do you think Jesus' friends and family were feeling on that day?

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7 (JB)

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?

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

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.**

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

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 (JB)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

N One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said:

O What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

N They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

C Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?

N He replied:

J Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples'.

N The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover. When the evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

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

N They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

C Not I, Lord, surely?

N He answered:

J Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. 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 Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

O Not I, Rabbi, surely?

N Jesus answered:

J They are your own words.

N Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

J Take it and eat; this is my body.

N Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:

J Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

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

J You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N At this, Peter said:

O Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

N Jesus answered him,

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

N Peter said to him,

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

N And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

J Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them:

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

N And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:

J My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

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

J So you had not the strength to keep awake with me 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, a second time, he went away and prayed:

J My father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N And he came again back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

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

N He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said:

O 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

N So he went straight up to Jesus and said:

O Greetings, Rabbi,

N and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

J My friend, do what you are here for.

N Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:

J Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?

N It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:

J Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

N Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward.

Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up',

N The high priest then stood up and said to him:

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

N But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him:

O I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

N Jesus answered:

J The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

N At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:

O He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

N They answered:

C He deserves to die.

N Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him:

C Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

N Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:

O You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

N But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

O I do not know what you are talking about.

N When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:

O This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

N And again, with an oath, he denied it,

O I do not know the man.

N A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

C You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

N Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

O I do not know the man.

N At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

N They replied:

C What is that to us? That is your concern.

N And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

C It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.

N So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O Are you the king of the Jews?

N Jesus replied:

J It is you who say it.

N But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release

of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N They said:

C *Barabbas.*

N Pilate said to them:

O What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N They all said:

C *Let him be crucified!*

N Pilate asked:

O Why? What harm has he done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C *Let him be crucified!*

N Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C *His blood be on us and on our children!*

N Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C *Hail, king of the Jews!*

N And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

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

C *So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!*

N The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C *He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.*

N Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C *The man is calling on Elijah,*

N and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C *Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.*

N But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people,

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C *In truth this was a son of God.*

N And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he

had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C *Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.*

N Pilate said to them:

O You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



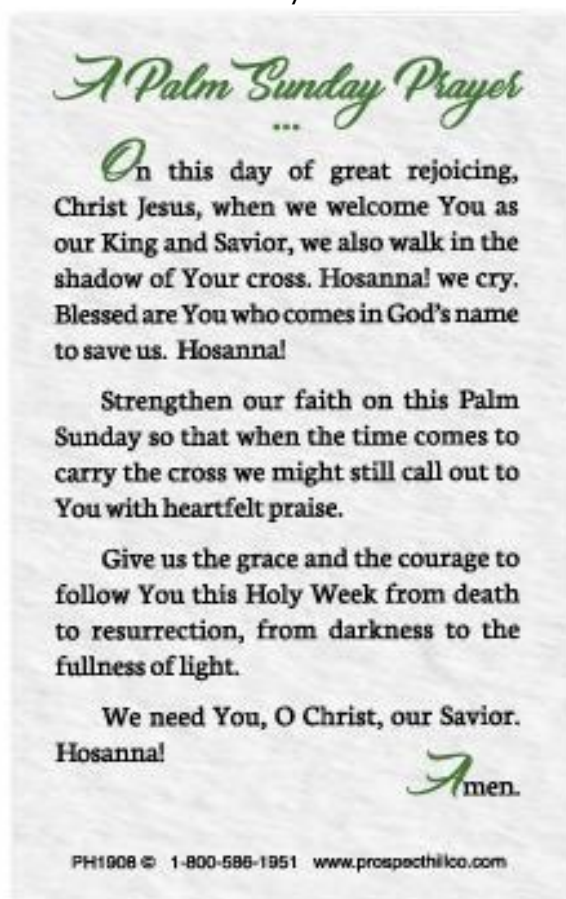
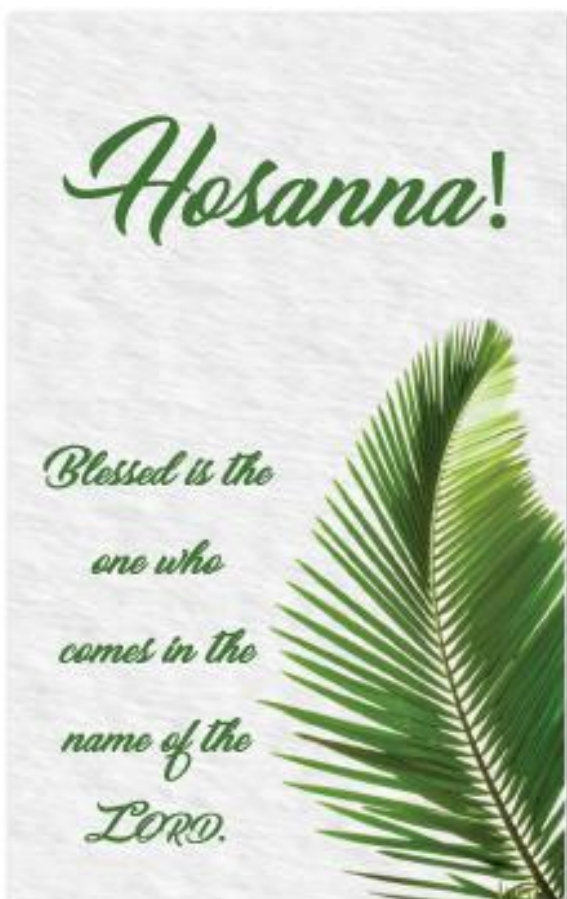
Every year on Palm Sunday in our Catholic churches, we receive palm fronds which have been ritually blessed as a wonderful part of our Palm Sunday liturgy. You can create a tradition of your own by incorporating these blessed palms into Palm Crosses.

To Make the Knot in the middle

1. Hold the palm horizontally.
2. At about the half waypoint fold the palm up towards the ceiling to create a ninety-degree angle.
3. Take this piece and fold it tightly down towards the floor. (Do not try to make the cross. At this point you are making the square in the middle).
4. Still using the same piece of palm, fold it back up toward the ceiling.
5. Take the other piece of the palm and fold it across the square you have been creating.
6. You will now take this same piece of palm and thread it through the small square you have created. This square is at the back of the cross and you will see the right angle you originally created in this square – thread the palm under this right angle piece.
7. Pull tightly and you should have a completed knot that does not need to be held.

To Form the Cross

1. Take the palm that points towards the ceiling and fold it down toward the floor and thread it through the square you have created at the front of the cross. This will be the top of your cross. Still using the same piece of palm thread up back up through the same square you used in the previous step to create the bottom of the cross.
2. Turn the half made cross around so that the remaining horizontal piece of palm is to the right. You should have a vertical square in front of you and a horizontal piece of palm to your right. Take the unwoven piece of palm and thread it through this square to create one side of the cross.
3. Take the same piece of palm and thread it through the same square you used in the previous step making certain to thread it behind where you had previously threaded. You should have a cross that still has some palm pieces hanging out either on top and sometimes in the sides of the cross.
4. Cut the strands that do not belong in your cross.



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