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THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET (using your Chaplet or Rosary Beads)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: You expired Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

♥ Our Father ♥ Hail Mary ♥ Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

(pray on the large beads before each decade)

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

(pray on the ten small beads of each decade)

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(in conclusion, recite these words)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3X)

Jesus, King of Mercy, we trust in you.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD, Year A 5th April 2020

Wyong Catholic Parish

St Cecilia's Church & St John Fisher Mass Ctr

Under the Pastoral Care of the Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In times of being unable to receive Eucharist, we come before God in prayer to express the desire in our hearts to be closely united to him.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Reflection 5th April 2020

Today Jesus is hailed by the people asking as he enters into Jerusalem, and later ridiculed as king by the soldiers, chief priests, scribes and elders. The title is misunderstood by everyone; Jesus comes not to be served but to serve and to embody a completely different approach to authority. In fact, he invites those who will listen to a new way of being kin to each other, with himself as a sibling and God as loving parent. His power and leadership were shown in his coming close to us and sharing our fragility. Jesus demonstrates this ideal in the Eucharistic meal and his sacrifice on the cross; his flesh and blood institute us as flesh and blood – with him and with each other. The crowds don't quite understand this as they acclaim the 'prophet from Nazareth', but they glimpse something of what it means. Christ's entry into our lives is something to celebrate, to rouse us to give praise to God. We have our own palms and garments to bring today – the riches of our earth, the fruits of our labour. Yet we are called to see beyond the hype and majesty to the real triumph of the cross that is to come. *Reproduced from God's Word 2020: Daily Reflections, published by St Pauls Publications, Strathfield.*

Important Notice

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Diocese has advised that effective from Friday 20 March, in the Diocese of Broken Bay: **All public Masses are hereby suspended until further notice. Our Churches are to remain closed as well.**

Accordingly, this includes a dispensation for all the Faithful in the Diocese from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (cc.87§1 ;1247).

The Faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household (c. 1248§2).

We understand that is a great concern for many of you. Please see the latest up to date correspondence on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

Please note: We have various resources to enable you to continue to nurture your faith in these difficult times. These are available for you near our noticeboard of St Cecilia's Church.

Another way for the Parish to keep you up to date with the current changes is through our E-Bulletins. To subscribe to this please email the Parish Office on

wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Welcome to Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Upon Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, the people greeted him with hope and joy exclaiming "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!" Let us at this time, remind ourselves that we too are a people of hope and joy as we welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes this Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Take a green branch from your garden. Gather the family together and, with each person holding a branch, pray together.

FAMILY PRAYER

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: During Lent, we have been preparing our hearts to celebrate Easter. Today we join Christ as he enters Jerusalem. In the coming days, we will relive the mystery of his death and resurrection. By joining ourselves to Christ, God's grace will lift us up and rescue us.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When they were near Jerusalem, the disciples brought a donkey to Jesus and laid their clothes on its back. Jesus sat on the donkey. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who were following were crying out: Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the Gospel. Then talk together about what Jesus will do in Jerusalem in the coming days. What will happen on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers.

Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches.

May we honour you every day by living always in him, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need. Ask God to protect them. Finish each prayer with: Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: May God bless us and keep us safe.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Place your palm branch beside your bed during the days of Holy Week.

Reproduced from Liturgy Brisbane

In these confusing and stressful times, we want to gratefully acknowledge the community of **Wyong Catholic Parish**. We have asked so much of you all over the years and your unfailing generosity has ensured that we have a strong community today. Whilst we cannot worship together in our churches for the time being, please know that there are many ways that you can still remain connected to us in the following ways:

Keep in contact with Jo and Helen in the Parish Office on 4352 1011 or Jo 0424 763 734
Facetime Jo 0424 763 734 in the Parish office between 9.30am—2.30pm Mon—Thurs and 9.30am—12pm Friday.

Reconciliation by appointment. To make an appointment call 4352 1011, Fr Raul 0450 115 099 or Fr Alex 0432 947 245

We have many resources that can be collected from outside the church for example: The Holy Rosary booklet and Stations of the Cross booklet.

As a community we invite you to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with a special intention for those who are dying due to the COVID-19.

Prayer intentions—send an email or call the Parish Office with your prayer intentions. These will be prayed for by Fr Raul and Fr Alex in their private daily Masses.

If you know of someone who does not have an email or access to the internet, please advise the Parish Office, so we can arrange for the parish bulletin to be delivered to them.

There are many ways that you can stay in contact with us: through email, by phone or checking our website

Parish Email: wyongparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/wyong/> (our website will be undergoing some changes over the coming weeks).

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wyongcatholicparish

Parish Collections

For our Parishioners who donate to our Planned Giving credit cards, we are humbled by your generosity and thank you for your continued support.

For Parishioners who have supported us by placing your donations or envelopes on the collection plate, we couldn't exist without you. In our Parish, your contributions make up 95% of our income. Knowing that some people will not be able to contribute as they used to, we ask that you might like to consider going onto Planned Giving by credit card, to do this please contact the Parish Office.

You can also make your donation directly into our bank account:

1st Collection; Society of Our Lady of The Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) BSB 062 195 Account 10229389 (upkeep/living expenses for our Parish Priests)

2nd Collection; Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 (These donations provide for all the pastoral and operating expenses of the Parish)

or you may even like to post a cheque to Po Box 385 Wyong 2259. Giving to the church is a significant part of our worship and we encourage you to give what you can during this pandemic crisis.

Presbytery Roof Wyong Catholic Parish BSB 062 784 Account 13528001 reference: Roof (Donation to date \$250)

We will continue to pray for you and your families.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Sick: Len Miller, Victor Gibbs, Harriet Powell, Danae Roe, Peter Ford, Harry Hall, Michael Briggs, Christine Heffernan, Jennese Thompson, Martin Wicks, Leeann Hazelton, Catherine Amey, Philip Dwyer, Bernadette Kiely, Ross Tollow, Steve Durnford, Ann Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Angela Watts, William Martin, Terence (Ted) Dafter.

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