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5 April 2020 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

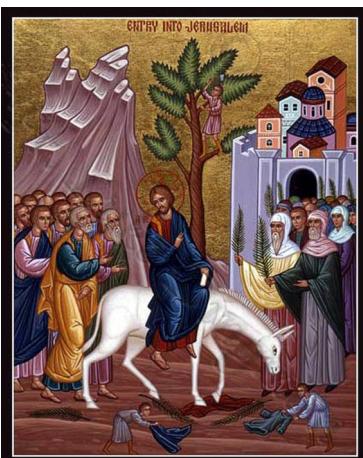
Following direction from the Government, all public masses are suspended until further notice.
The Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has dispensed
with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays.
We invite you to join in Masses that are available online, as listed below,
and to continue to pray from home.

Mass Online:

Corpus Christi Mass Online.
Palm Sunday Mass will be available online from the afternoon of Saturday 4 April

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB1Oa3Tx-92DbCAZfy7NqwQ>

Links to this YouTube channel will be available on our website and on our FaceBook Account.



The crowds...kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord." (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners,

Today Jesus is hailed by the people as king 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 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.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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PROJECT COMPASSION



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2020.

COVID-19 is affecting all of us. In these challenging times, your kindness and solidarity can make a world of difference to the lives of the most vulnerable. Your support is life saving.

DO YOU HAVE BOXES AND CASH TO HAND IN?

We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your PC boxes, or cash, to parishes at this time. Did you know that you can go online at "lent.caritas.org.au" and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC boxes or cash, please call 1800 024 413

WATCH THIS SPACE



We are working on Alpha online to pick up from where we left off. More information will follow and we thank you for your patience!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Patricia Meek

Please pray for the ill:

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

LOOKING AFTER OUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19

Everyone is reacting differently to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many people are experiencing anxiety, stress, worry and a low mood. Others are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of information they are receiving and the constant media coverage about COVID-19.

The good news is that there are practical things we can do to improve our mental well-being during this challenging time. NSW Health is recommending we all do the following:

Stay connected. Keep in touch by phone, social media or video calls
Keep moving. Exercise to relieve stress.
Keep to a routine. Keep regular sleeping and eating patterns
Switch off. Take a break from the news if it feels overwhelming
Activate your support network or reach out for professional help.

Lifeline Australia: Call 13 11 14.Beyond Blue: Call 1300 22 4636.
NSW Mental Health Line: Call 1800 011 511

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Vale Angela Keighery

It was with much sadness that the Corpus Christi Social Justice Group learnt of the passing of Angela Keighery on the 23rd March 2020. Angela was a founding member of the Social Justice Group (SJG). Together with Luke, her husband, Angela was instrumental in establishing the activities of the SJG, including the Tibetan Support Group for older Tibetan refugees and their carers. Angela's warmth helped to make the outings very enjoyable for the Tibetan elders.

When Luke became the co-ordinator of the SJG, Angela continued to work quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure meetings, fundraisers and other events were a great success. Angela will be remembered by the SJG for her gentleness, her sincerity, her faith and commitment to putting social justice into action, her support of others, her positive nature in the face of adversity, and, above all, as a treasured friend of many SJG members.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Luke, Lisa, Clare, Alice and Susan.



Brother Richard Hendrick, a Capuchin Franciscan living in Ireland, has penned a touching poem about coronavirus.

Lockdown

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes. But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi. People are singing to each other

across the empty squares, keeping their windows open

so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

*Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood so that the elders may have someone to call on.*

*Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary*

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are. To how little control we really have.

To what really matters. To Love.

So we pray and we remember that yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing.

The Word

Sunday 5 April 2020: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading

From the prophet Isaiah Is 50:4-7

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel

The Passion: Mt26:14-27:66

Please refer to your bible.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9.17-20. 23-24.R. v.2

(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

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:6-11

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.