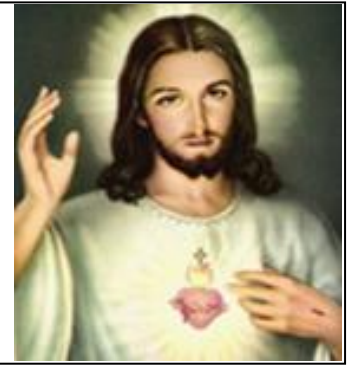




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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month
at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 5 May

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday 10 April 2022

“I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out”

On Palm Sunday Jesus’ disciples welcomed him into Jerusalem with joy and fanfare. They openly acknowledged their belief in him and loyalty to him. What made their display of support all the more praiseworthy was the fact that it was carried out in the teeth of bitter opposition from the Pharisees. When some Pharisees came to Jesus to protest, he said, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

There are occasions when a public demonstration is called for this was one of them. It was the only time that Jesus accepted something akin to hero-worship from His disciples. He knew that His disciples had a right and a need to express publicly their belief in Him. But one has a doubt about the commitment of those disciples. Not that one doubts their sincerity. But it was a mass response and a mass response is often more loud than deep. Still, Jesus acknowledged it and accepted it. I don’t believe they were the ones who on Good Friday were crying out, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ There is no evidence.

There are times when we too need to profess our faith Jesus publicly. And there are times when the occasion cries out for it. The stones will not speak out. Only humans can do that. Let us not remain silent when a word cries out to be said: a word of support in defence of someone who is being treated unjustly, a word of praise to someone whose contribution is being forgotten, or a word of truth where deliberate lies are being told. But it’s not easy to speak out. It’s far easier and safer to remain silent. Martin Luther King said, ‘At the end of the day, it is not words of your enemies that you remember but the silence of your friends.’

It’s easy to witness to Christ here in church. It doesn’t cost you anything, and we are among our own. But it’s not easy to be witness to Him out in an indifferent and hostile world. So, while we profess our faith in Christ here in church, let us be careful that we do not ignore Him or deny Him in the marketplace. Christ says to us, ‘Anyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven’ (Mt 10:32).

We, the Lord’s modern disciples, tend to be timid and fearful. But we can draw inspiration from the first disciples of Jesus. They are revealed in the

Gospel as people who at times were cowardly and lacking in faith. Yet on the first Palm Sunday they were strong and bold in their witness to Jesus.

Fr Flor McCarthy SDB,
New Sunday & Holy
Day Liturgies Year C.



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
2 April-22	John Kmaid Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
9 April-22 Palm Sun vigil	Teresa Dang Terry Murphy	Peter Bourke
16-April 7:30pm Holy Sat Vigil	volunteers	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
03-Apr-22	Alisha Verga Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
10-Apr-22 Palm Sun	volunteers	Tony Eley
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D' Intino
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
03-Apr-22	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Robert Dullard
10-Apr-22 Palm Sun	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Margaret Bannan
17-Apr-22 Easter Sun	Margaret Bannan Volunteer	Robert Dullard

Cleaning Roster:

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

Maria Palermo (RIP 24/3)

Vardina Gandolfo (RIP in USA)



We Commemorate

Lupo Gugliotti, Pasquale and Mario Gugliotti, and all the deceased of the Gugliotti family

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION:

On **Good Friday** there will be a special collection; the monies donated will go toward the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land and maintaining the holy sites in the city of Jerusalem. Christians who live in Jerusalem and the suburbs around the old walled city lack the monetary help to look after the traditional sites which commemorate Jesus' presence.

Australian Christians can help by our donations.

Envelopes can be found in the foyer.

Please give generously.



Last Week's Collection: 3/4/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1000

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$842

Direct Debit for March (total): \$1065

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Volunteers Needed

Are you available to participate in our

Holy Week Ceremonies 10th to 17th April?

Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar servers, leaders of music, projectionists, those who clean and prepare the church, collectors are all needed for:

Holy Thursday Evening

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

Easter Vigil Mass

If you can assist, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone 9480 3398. Thank you



More Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for washing of feet for the Holy Thursday Mass. Those who are interested please put your

name on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer or email Rachel at: preston@cam.org.au or phone 9480 3398.

Thank you



Holy Week Program 2022

Sun 10 April **Palm Sunday** – normal weekend Masses

Thurs 14 April **Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7:30pm

Fri 15 April **Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Our Lord at 3:00pm

Sat 16 April **Easter Vigil Mass** at 7:30pm

Sun 17 April **Easter Sunday** - normal Sunday Masses

Please Note: There will be no morning Masses on

Holy Thursday 14/4 and Good Friday 15/4



Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat.

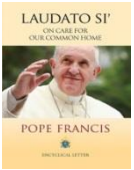
- * **The Season of Lent** is a time of penance. During Lent the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
- * **Each of the faithful** is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022 and Trinity Sunday 12 June 2022 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
- * The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in **the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.





THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI' STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through His cross and resurrection Jesus re-united humanity with the natural world claiming it as the common home of all people and all natural species. God is present in the cosmos and Earth as the first revelation of a spiritual world, and we rejoice in it.

12) JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS Lord Jesus, abuse of the gifts of nature has meant death to people and many species. Let us place social change and everything we do more in accord with natural rhythms. You are Lord of Life and Death.

13) THE SIDE OF JESUS IS PIERCED Lord Jesus, the blood of native people and convicts, farmers and miners, nurses and soldiers, have soaked our land. May the Water of Baptism flowing from your side wash away our sins. In Your Name, may the power of your Blood make us defenders of all life on Earth as one seamless garment.

14) JESUS IS PLACED IN THE TOMB Lord Jesus, may we be inspired by the passion of nation builders and community leaders, educators and medical people, farmers and factory workers, young and old, women and men who have died for love of their brothers and sisters and for love of this land. They have kept hope alive. Give us your Spirit Lord.

15) JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD Lord Jesus, we believe you are the First Born of a New Creation. Today, in praying these Stations of the Cross you set before us a choice, life or death. We believe that as all creation moves towards its fulfilment it reveals you more clearly and reflects your glory. Let every nation and all creation praise you. May God bless us, Father, Son and Spirit descend on us and remain within us always. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord in all creation. Thanks be to God.



6th Sunday of Lent – 10 April 2022

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 Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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 and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

Please return your Project Compassion boxes this week

Joke Corner

Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from Church with his mother. His father returned from Church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked, "Why do you have that palm branch, Dad?" His father explained, "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honour Him; so we got palm branches today."

"Aw, shucks," grumbled Little Johnny. "The one Sunday I can't go to Church, and Jesus shows up!"

Holy Week 2022

As we approach the great gift of Holy Week and the joyous celebration of Easter – a time when the richness of our tradition resonates deeply within us all, you are encouraged to be attentive to the invitation for people to return, and to be welcomed anew.

The following points are to assist you in the celebration of liturgies and offer good practice against the transmission of the virus in our churches

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use, particularly at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The Chief Health Officer currently recommends masks to be worn indoors, and the Archdiocese reminds parishes that this is especially applicable to larger gatherings.
- Our churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation where possible.
- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one species only (i.e., the Sacred Host). At concelebrations involving a number of priests, communion for them should be by intinction of the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood.
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Where there is physical touch as part of a Rite of the Church (for example, baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick or dying) the use of cotton buds is no longer mandated, but hands should be sanitised well before and after the Rite.
- Parish social activities can resume following the parish COVIDsafe plan that incorporates the safety assessment for the activity and the space used. A reminder that at this current time, staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated in accordance with Government requirements.

PALM SUNDAY - Palm branches may be made available for the faithful.
HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of the Feet may be resumed. The celebrant and participants should wear a face covering whilst performing this Rite as they are in close proximity with each other.

GOOD FRIDAY - The Veneration of the Holy Cross during the Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, on the other hand, should remain as a simple genuflection: the Cross is not to be revered with a kiss, or by touching. As we did last year, I would recommend that veneration also be offered during other devotions on Good Friday, such as the Stations of the Cross.
HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil The Blessing of the Fire and the Lighting of the Easter Candle may take place with a reminder that if people are in close proximity, they should continue to wear face coverings. The sprinkling of the faithful during the vidi aquam is permitted, and the blessed Easter Water may be put in Holy Water stoups, but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week).



NEW ROSTERS NEW ROSTERS NEW ROSTERS

Attention all Ministers of Communion and Readers

Your new rosters and updated phone lists can be collected from the Church foyer



Sacred Heart Primary School 2023 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2023 school year are now open and officially close on the 20th June. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website

<http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass:

GOSPEL LUKE 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."'

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.'

He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

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

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

The Response Is:

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.'

Response

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.

Response

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!

Response

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.

Response

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

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.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:1-49

Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Jesus. O. Other single speaker.

C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

N. The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

C. We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of the tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

N. Pilate put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He replied,

✠ It is you who say it.

N. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

O. I find no case against this man.

N. But they persisted,

C. He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

N. When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O. You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, So I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N. But as one man they howled,

C. Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N. (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back,

C. Crucify him! Crucify him!

N. And for the third time he spoke to them,

O. Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.

N. But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

✠ Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N. Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, ✠ Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N. Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C. He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

N. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said,

C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

N. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

O. Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N. But the other spoke up and rebuked him:

O. Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N. He replied,

✠ Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N. It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

✠ Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N. With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O. This was a great and good man.

N. And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.