



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



14 April 2019

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Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have come to the beginning of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. This is a 'big' liturgy, there is the blessing of Palms, the reading of the Gospel account of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the procession and the Gospel is the Passion of the Lord, this year according to Luke. The above quote comes from the Gospel account of the entry into Jerusalem, this is what the "whole multitude of the disciples" cried out as Jesus entered Jerusalem. We are told some Pharisees complained and asked Jesus to "rebuke your disciples" but Jesus said, "if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." And so they continued, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

I have to admit that I have never worked with horses and have no idea what sort of process is required to allow a person to ride a horse, but the details in the account in the Gospel are almost unbelievable. When Jesus was preparing to enter Jerusalem he selected a colt, we are told, "on which no one has ever yet sat." And then he just sat on it and was led into Jerusalem amid the crowds. I am not sure if it is a way to illustrate that Jesus truly is the Messiah and he has dominion or power over all of creation or is it a sign of the way that Jesus will be victorious even over 'wild' forces be they animal or human?

Jerusalem at Passover was a dangerous place. The crowds coming into Jerusalem and the Pharisees and Scribes trying to maintain control and the Roman Soldiers maintaining order. Seemingly, it was a place that would not require much to explode into violence and trouble. Into this mix, we have Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, a highly symbolic act that was certainly inflammatory. We are told in the Gospel that the crowds were welcoming Jesus, "rejoicing" and praising God because of "mighty works that they had seen." Jesus did not set out to be a trouble maker, therefore, but to highlight the way the Father was close to all people and was loving and compassionate. It was not 'sensible' because it would certainly get the attention of the authorities, whose main ambition was to avoid insurrection but it was serving God and Truth.

This is important because in the Passion we hear about the accusation against Jesus, he was "inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar and claiming to be Christ, a king." You and I know that these accusations are false but that because he is King, if he had been allowed to continue, then the settled order, the compromises that kept the city going and people in power and comfort, would have all been overturned and revolution would have taken place. The Pharisees 'saw' that if Jesus was allowed to continue the Romans would destroy the city and their authority would have evaporated. The Romans could see no other way than using Jesus as an example to illustrate what happens when they are challenged.

The first crowd gathered to praise God for the mighty works they had seen. The second crowd was motivated by maintaining the status quo, the balance of power and the way things have always been. There is always a need to reflect on the motivations that cause us to act. Are we serving God in love or are we hanging on to something? Are we saying yes to God's will or acting out of self interest? Do we strive to see God in all circumstances or do we believe that God can only act in a particular way? The Jewish authorities and the Romans thought they had "solved" their Jesus problem by crucifying him. The Father had other plans.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Kevin Redmond sm

Date Claimers

COMBINED CHURCHES PRAYER VIGIL

GOOD FRIDAY

The combined Churches Committee have organised a Prayer Vigil at Auckland Hill from 6pm Good Friday to 6am Easter Saturday morning to pray for the people of Gladstone on this solemn feast.

The time assigned for the Catholic Community this year is the 9:30pm to 10:30pm prayer slot.

The focus of our prayer will be for Families and Marriages/LGBTI community in Gladstone.

Please come and join us.

NEW LIFE MINISTRIES

Next prayer meeting will be on the 29th April due to school holidays/Easter.

For information: Contact Colleen 0407 160 642 or Jim 0418 614 179. Come join us for Thanksgiving, Praise, Worship, and Fellowship.

EUCMENICAL SERVICE

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph's will be hosting the Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 26th May at 2.30pm. Bishop Michael will be the presider at this Service. All are invited.

Please note changes

PARISH ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary group meeting for next Thursday has been cancelled. The next meeting is on Thursday 16th May in the Library at 9:45am. All welcomed.

MASS CHANGES FOR HOLY WEEK

There will be no morning Mass at Star of the Sea Church on Thursday and Friday due to Holy Week.

LUNCHEON MEDITATION

Sister Noreen's lunch time meditation will not be held on the 16th and 23rd April. It will recommence on Tuesday 30th April.

MARIST LAITY AUSTRALIA....

Think as Mary, judge as Mary, feel and act as Mary in all things.

Our meeting scheduled for Saturday 20 April is cancelled, due to the Easter Celebrations. The next meeting will be 18 May and we will have Josh Ariens speaking on Being Instruments of God's Mercy. Please put this in your calendar.



SOUTHERN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following on from the Regional Assemblies and the Diocesan Assembly held last week, Bishop Michael is calling for the formation of Regional Pastoral Councils in each of the Deaneries of the Diocese.

The Regional Pastoral Councils will not take over from the Pastoral Councils of each Parish but will support their concerns, joys and achievements. These Councils will also Help address Diocesan concerns and in the beginning will focus on the issues raised at our Regional Assemblies.

At the moment the Southern Regional Council will meet three times a year, either face to face or via technology and our Bishop will attend at least one of the meetings each year.

Membership will include the Priests of the Deanery, representatives of Diocesan Agencies and the Religious in the Deanery and the Laity. For Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish we are looking for four nominees to go onto this new Council and so I am asking you to prayerfully consider whether you would like to nominate and early in the Easter season nominations will be called for.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2019

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

What has been accomplished? Last year's Good Friday Collection:

- * Supported 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans,
- * Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 students
- * Supported 120 men preparing to be priests/brothers
- * Provided snr care facilities in Bethlehem & Nazareth
- * Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- * Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus



Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the



world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ST VERONICA'S WELFARE COMMITTEE - SPONSOR A CHILD FOR JUST \$100 PER YEAR!



"I was hungry and you fed me, I was naked and you clothed me."
Matthew 25:35

St Veronica's Welfare Committee urgently needs sponsors to help support children in the Asia Pacific region. Sponsoring a child through the Committee costs just \$100 per year and, as a registered charity run entirely by unpaid volunteers, 100% of donations reach its beneficiaries. Our goal is to help improve the conditions of impoverished communities in the Asia Pacific region in a sustainable way – through the education of children. Thousands of children have already been lifted from destitution and enabled to complete their formal education through St Veronica Welfare Committee's sponsorship program. Every sponsor receives a photo of their sponsored child and brief information about their background/history. Sponsors will also receive correspondence once a year, either as a handwritten letter from their child or an update report from the School/Centre where the child studies/lives. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. For more information, please visit www.stveronica.org.au or email stveronica@gil.com.au.

Thank you for the generosity of those parishioners who contribute to our Planned Giving. If you are new to the parish and would like to be part of the Planned Giving Program, either through Direct Debit or Weekly Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

The total of parishioners contributions for this week was \$2103.25

LITURGY ROSTER

There is a special roster for the Easter Celebrations. If you have not received your roster please contact the Parish Office. Normal roster will appear in the bulletin next week .

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers



Elizabeth McCord, Gary Silvester, Richard Maudsley,
We remember in prayer:
Milton Blain, Bernard Weber, Mary and Jim Hurcom, Denise Reynolds, Melodina Enjambre, Ruben Dela Cruz

For those we love who are ill and frail

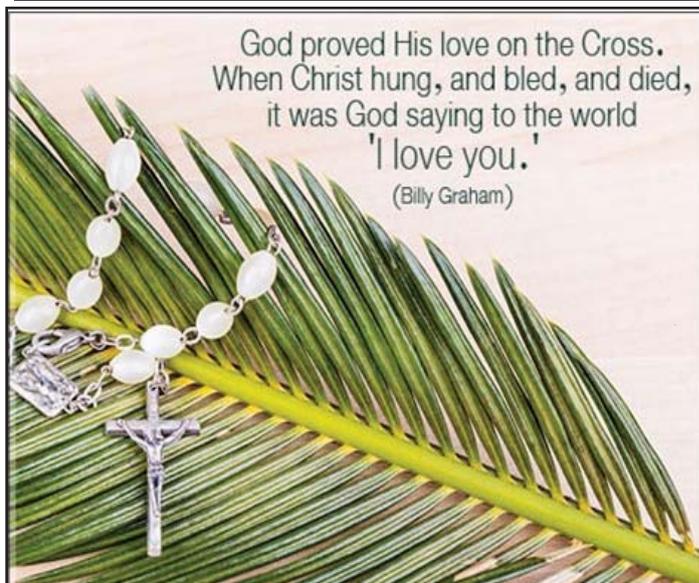
Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Paul Sundstrom, Janene Porter, Eli Colin Vale, Wayne Booth, Maria Binek, Betty Smith, John & Joy Massingham, Tom Barry, Noon Family, Eion MacLeod, Ron O'Brien, Dene Kershaw, Bob Armstrong, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Shane Dawes, Benjamin Gibson, Michael Harrigan, Dorothy Maudsley

**Readings Next Week:
Easter Sunday of the Ressurrection**

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Palm Sunday

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Star of the Sea Gladstone

- ◆ Tuesday 5:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 7:00am (except 8am 1st Wednesday of month at Mater)
- ◆ Thursday 1 0:40am Chanel College otherwise 7am
- ◆ Friday 9:30am
- ◆ 1st Saturday of the month Healing Mass 8:30am
- ◆ Sunday 8:00am & 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel Tannum Sands

- ◆ 6:00pm 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday Vigil of the month
- ◆ 8:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday Lay Led Liturgy
- ◆ 9:30am 3rd Wednesday of the month Lay Led
- ◆ 1:40pm Mass Friday before the weekend Lay Led Liturgy

St Peter Chanel Miriam Vale

- ◆ 11:00am 2nd Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt. Larcom

- ◆ 11:00am 1st Sunday of the month

St Patrick's Calliope

- ◆ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil 2nd & 4th

St Mary's Ubobo

- ◆ 11:00am 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water

- ◆ 12:00pm 4th Sunday of the month
- ◆ Lay Led Liturgies on the other Sundays at 12:00pm

NURSING HOME MASSES

Bindaree Lodge

- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

Eden Vale

- ◆ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm

Domain Auckland Place

- ◆ Last Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available every Saturday morning 8:30am Star of the Sea Church except when Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Held at 5:15pm before 5:30pm Mass each Tuesday

ROSARY

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30am Mass
- #### St. Peter Chanel Tannum Sands
- ◆ Wednesdays at 10.00am



RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 9:00am - 9:30am Saturday
- Other Mass centres available on request

BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church

- ◆ 2nd Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Other Mass centres

- ◆ Available on request

Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Parish Office 38 Herbert St. Gladstone. Baptism packs are available at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES

An appointment with a priest is required prior to booking the marriage date.

MANAGING COMPLAINTS in the DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON:

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing. The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

Contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response Line on m: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssso@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: www.rok.catholic.net.au

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK 14-21 April

Saturday 13 April

St. Patrick's—Calliope – 6:00pm

Sunday 14 April

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am & 6:00pm

St. Peter Chanel, Tannum—8.00am (lay led)

St. Peter Chanel, Miriam Vale—11:00am

St. Agnes, Agnes Water—12 noon

Tuesday 16 April

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—5:30pm

Wednesday 17 April

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

Thursday 18 April—Sunday 21 April

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE
CAN BE FOUND ON THE CHURCH DOORS**

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai & Gurang people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone