

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week is one of the most important weeks in the Catholic Church. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday.

Jesus was the perfect atoning sacrifice once and for all. He endured the cross out of His great love for us. Holy Week is a sacred opportunity to meditate more deeply on this unique love so that we can have eternal life. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death.

PALM SUNDAY.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday the Church conducts the blessing of Palms to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday also reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is all in one single liturgical celebration that spans three days. It marks the end of forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the Lord's Last Supper, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death, and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night and Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

At the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday, there is no final blessing or dismissal. People are invited to pray quietly before the Blessed Sacrament and then leave when they are ready. The liturgy simply pauses. It picks up again on Good Friday with the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The priest enters the sanctuary, and after prostrating before the altar, he simply picks up where he left off the evening before. Like Holy Thursday, the Good Friday liturgy does not have a formal dismissal; rather the priest simply says a prayer over the people before departing. Another pause.

And although the Easter Vigil begins with the sign of the cross, it begins in a different location – outside, around a fire, without an opening song or procession. We pick up our prayer from where we left off the day before. And it is only at the end of the Easter Vigil Mass that we hear the formal dismissal of the assembly, "Mass is ended," with the double Alleluia. The Easter Vigil, which always has to begin after sunset on Saturday, takes place on the third day of the Triduum, so the vigil is considered the Easter Mass.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS.

A dying person's final words are taken to have a particular significance. Jesus utters these seven last words to give us a deep insight of His unconditional, merciful love. Every thing Jesus did was to give us life and meditating on His last words will be a valuable help in our spiritual lives.

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." – The First Word - **Forgiveness**

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." – The Second Word - **Salvation.**

"Woman, behold your son Behold your Mother." – The Third Word – **Relationship.**

"I thirst." – The Fourth Word – **Distress.**

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" – The Fifth Word – **Abandonment.**

"It is finished." – The Sixth Word – **Triumph.**

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." – The Seventh Word – **Reunion.**

Jesus was speaking to us also, in his final hour. In his Seven Last Words, Jesus shows us how he has fulfilled his saving mission and sends us forth to follow in his footsteps.

Peak Downs Catholic Parishes

We will live out the commission of Jesus to witness to him; seeking to grow in our faith and participating in the life of our church and the broader community.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

First Reading

[Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2](#) (

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

[Philippians 2:6-11](#)

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel Acclamation

[John 12:26](#)

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

[Mark 14:1 – 15:47](#) or [Mark 15:1-39](#)

The Passion or the Passion—shorter form



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we worship. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Complaints Pastoral Care & Management

*The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides strictly with the principles and procedures of Towards Healing. Contact the Response Coordinator Ph: 1800 830 113
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CLUSTER MISSION STATEMENT

"We will live out the commission of Jesus to witness to him; seeking to grow in our faith and participating in the life of our church and the broader community".

MASS TIMES

PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

Saturday 23 March
Moranbah 6.00pm Liturgy
Capella 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 24 March
Clermont 8.00am Mass
Dysart 10.30am Mass

Tuesday 26 March
Clermont 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 27 March
Clermont 9.00 am Mass

Holy Thursday 28 March
Moranbah 6.00 Lay Led
Clermont 7.00pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B

Saturday 30 March
Capella 5.00pm Mass
Clermont 7.00pm Mass

Sunday 31 March
Moranbah 8.00am Mass
Dysart 10.30am Mass

Tuesday 02 April
Clermont 5.00pm

Wednesday 03 April
Clermont 9.00am Liturgy

Friday 05 April
Moranbah 9.00am Mass

Remember in your Prayers:

John Russell	Patsy Denis
Anne Lynam	Yoshiaki Tokue
Todd Dennis	Fr Robert Hollow
Carmel Smith	Prue Lonergan
Mrs Roth	Leoni Keune
Jan Palmer	Jim Cook
Don smith	Cath McNee
Mary Walker	Joy Wilson
Diana Kidd	Andrew Woods
Peter Mahony	Paul Torrisi
Anna King	Hugh Williams
-	Fr Peter Tonti

Deaths

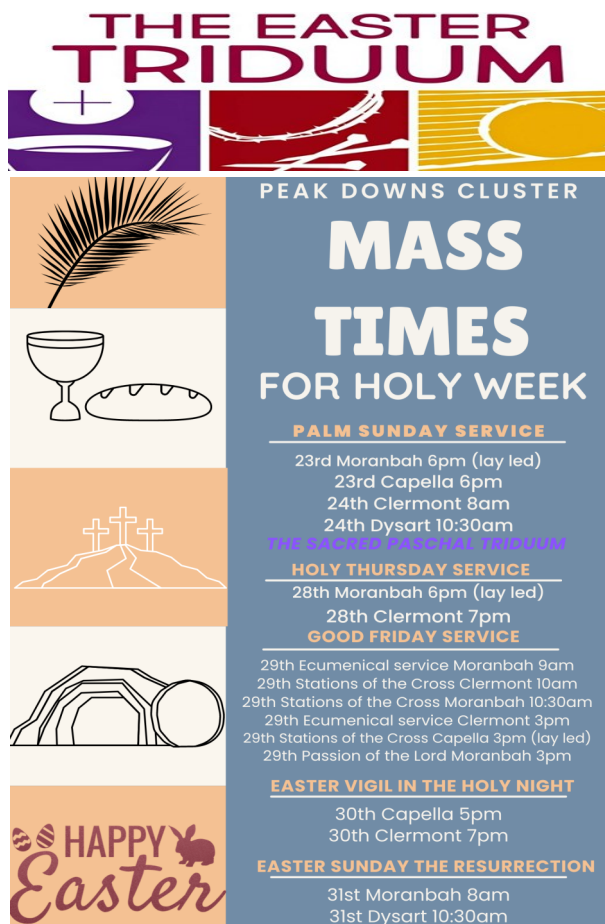
Fred Martin, Ross Dennis, Ivan Bettridge,
Sr Pamela Keys, Robina Martin, Barb
Nicholson

The Funeral for Ross William Dennis will
be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 26th
March at St Mary's

Baptisms

Anniversaries

Fr Dan Moore, Fr Bruce Little



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

PEAK DOWNS CLUSTER

MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

23rd Moranbah 6pm (lay led)
23rd Capella 6pm
24th Clermont 8am
24th Dysart 10:30am
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

28th Moranbah 6pm (lay led)
28th Clermont 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

29th Ecumenical service Moranbah 9am
29th Stations of the Cross Clermont 10am
29th Stations of the Cross Moranbah 10:30am
29th Ecumenical service Clermont 3pm
29th Stations of the Cross Capella 3pm (lay led)
29th Passion of the Lord Moranbah 3pm

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

30th Capella 5pm
30th Clermont 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION

31st Moranbah 8am
31st Dysart 10:30am

HAPPY Easter

Cluster Community Notices

CAPELLA

Mass Times

1st and 3rd Sunday each month –
Mass 10.00am
4th Saturday – Mass 6.00pm
2nd & 5th Sunday each month – 9.30am
Cathedral Mass online

CLERMONT MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 8AM

PRESIDER: FATHER JAYANTHI
READERS: JESS CONNELLY,
SHEILA CHALLACOMBE
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
(no Communion of the Cup this week)
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: CONNELLY FAMILY
COMPUTER: ALISON LARCOMBE

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 8AM

PRESIDER: FATHER JAYANTHI
READERS: to be advised
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
To be advised
PROCESSION OF GIFTS: to be advised
COMPUTER: to be advised

PROJECT COMPASSION.

Please donate to **PROJECT COMPASSION**. Together,
we can help vulnerable communities face their chal-
lenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future*
generations. You can donate through Project Compass-
ion donation boxes and envelopes which are available
at the back /entrance of the Church, or by visiting
caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800
024 413.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

THE COLLECTION THAT TAKES PLACE
ON GOOD FRIDAY
WILL BE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE
HOLY PLACES.

DYSART

Mass Times

2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday each month
Mass 10.30am

St Therese's Thrift Shop

Open Tuesday and Thursday mornings

MIDDLEMOUNT

Mass Times

1st and 3rd Sunday each month –
Mass 3.00pm

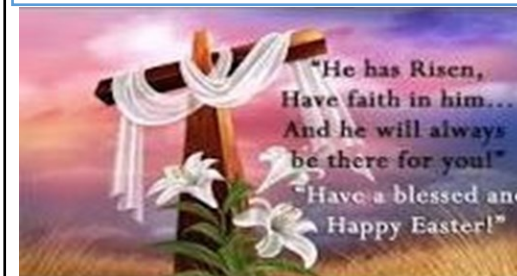
Thrift Shop also available

MORANBAH

Mass Times

1st, 3rd, 4th Saturday each month –
Mass 6.00pm
2nd & 5th Sunday each month – 8.00am
9am Mass each Friday

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without
my drinking it, your will be done. (Mt.26:42)**



**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND
HOLY EASTER , SAFE TRAVELS AND
SAFE HOLIDAYS.**

PEACE AND JOY TO ALL.