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23 / 24 March 2024
Passion (Palm) Sunday (B)

Easter Mass Times

Reconciliation

Wednesday 27 March 7pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday 28 March 7pm

Good Friday

Friday 29 March 10am
Stations of the Cross
3pm Commemoration of the Lord

Easter Vigil

Saturday 30 March 7pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March - 7am & 9.30am

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord does not cover his face against insult and spittle.
Philips 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
Mark 14:1-15:47 Mark tells the story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

Reflection

We see images of the cross everywhere from school uniforms to hospital buildings. Perhaps it is so commonplace that it doesn't stop us in our tracks the way it should. The cross of Jesus is the best key we have for understanding the mystery of God's love. God's compassion for the human family took Jesus to a lonely and brutal execution. Jesus was the victim of appalling injustice and degradation. His experience asks us to try to make the world more just and to revere the dignity of every person. 'Whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do to me.' This is part of the reason why Project Compassion has, for 60 years, been part of our Lenten observance.

This year, Holy Week begins with the reading of the passion story from Mark's Gospel. Even in busy lives, we should try to set time aside to spend with this extraordinary story, not to rush it.

Gently take a little at a time and ask for the grace to be close to Jesus. In the Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius asks us 'to consider how the divinity hides itself.' In other words, this is humanity stripped bare. One way to spend time with the passion story is to take a different character each week and quietly ponder what it looked like to them and what they may have felt.

Here is a suggestion: Sunday Judas Iscariot Monday Simon Peter Tuesday The high priest Wednesday Pontius Pilate Thursday Simon of Cyrene Friday The centurion Saturday Mary of Magdala Let us remember a beautiful prayer of just seven words that was taught to Pope Francis by his grandmother: Jesus, make my heart more like yours.

Entrance Antiphon: Six days before the passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran in to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this King of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest!!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Response to the psalm: My God, my God why have you abandoned me?

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!

Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm March Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)
Sr Jan O'Neill & Radmila Lewis

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)
George Annas

Sunday 9.30am Di Karas Sharron Critchley

Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

March 24th Group 1 **March 31st:** Group 3
April 7th Group 4 **April 14th:** Group 2

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm March Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),
Michael Zador

Sunday 7.00 am March Peter Frost (Coordinator),

Sunday 9.30 am March Adele Cornale (Coordinator),
Phil Docherty

Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller & Paula O'Connor

Altar Flowers

Carol Miller & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall

(5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

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MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea after 9.30am Mass. Thank you to Chantal Frappier for hosting.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased Gerald McCabe, Paul Cleary, Helen Carney, Kevin Coorey, Bonnie Holden, Andrea Fozzard, Cecily Hallinan.

Deceased Roy & Ella McDonald.

Anniversary John Rinaldy Tan, Peter Miraziz, Maureen O'Connor, Monica McLaughlin.

Sick Chris Simpson, Carlie Rohanna, Natasha Novka, John Miller, Helen Mannix, Esteban Ovelar, Sam Khoury, Adelina Murray, Greg Biddle and Sharyn Eves, Maroun Ghorra, Catherine Sharpley.

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm

Morning Tea Thursday at 10am and Sundays after the 9.30am Family Mass.

Weekday Masses Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.30 am

Reconciliation 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Anointing During 9.30am Mass, First Friday of every month.

Baptisms By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, *after* 9.30am Family Mass.

Marriages Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance

Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm.
Phone 9315 7562. In case of emergency Fr Thoi 0403 140 510

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Kirsten and Daniel who celebrated their wedding with Fr Phil on Saturday, we are grateful to Kristen who has assisted with our children's liturgy. We wish them both a lifetime of happiness and love.

As we enter **Holy Week** you are welcome to join us at our liturgies.

Parish Finance Committee - We welcome parishioners from our community that may wish to join our Finance Committee. If you have a accounting background and would like to contribute your time to this committee please contact the parish office.

Reconciliation 7pm: There will be a communal Reconciliation service next Wednesday 27th March in St Brigid's church. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning in the parish hall 10am -12pm. All welcome Friday 5 April and **Yarn club** in the blue room 7.30pm Thursday 11 April .

Hartford College Daceyville: The Archbishop has announced that there will be Academic Scholarships available for 2025 for years 5 to 9. To express your interest please visit hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au or Tel: 9184 8840.

Today marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. The readings focus on Jesus's sacrifice for us and express confidence in God's faithfulness.

St Paul (Second Reading) highlights the humility of Jesus, who emptied himself of the glory that was his as Son of God. He gives himself away totally in love, coming among us as the suffering servant described by Isaiah in the First Reading. Jesus puts others before himself rather than seeking power or honour. Riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, Jesus shows us his way is one of love, compassion, mercy, humility, and service. We hear the crowds welcome him excitedly, shouting 'Hosanna', wanting to make Jesus into the king who will save them from Rome.

(Procession Gospel) In the main Gospel, we see the same crowds turn against Jesus, calling for his arrest. He is mocked, beaten, condemned, crucified, and placed in a tomb. Jesus is betrayed by one of his own disciples, denied by another, and abandoned by most. The Psalm describes this humiliation. On the cross Jesus prays the psalm's response: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

We are invited to walk with Jesus through Holy Week. Jesus, in turn, wants to be with us in our experience of this journey. Lord, help us to walk with you, to be strengthened by your example and teaching.



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! 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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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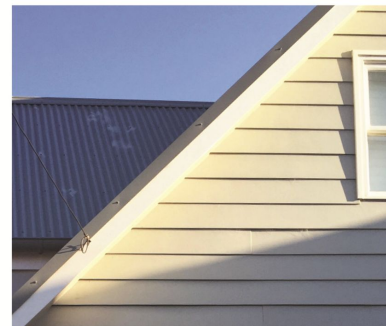
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller email psscocoogee@yahoo.com.au**