

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

23 / 24 March 2024

Year B



HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration (until midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER SUNDAY

7.30pm The Easter Vigil (Saturday)

7:30am, 9:30am & 5pm Easter Sunday Mass



Dear Parishioners, Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, and, thus, Holy Week is upon us! Once again, I strongly encourage each and every one of you to really enter into the "Paschal Mystery", that is, Our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection, by attending the sacred Triduum beginning on Holy Thursday night. The times for our Masses and liturgies are above.

This is obviously a very special time of grace for us all. For this reason, I would hope, wholeheartedly, that we will all seek to invite members of our family and friends who may have lapsed in the practice of their faith to come and hear the "good news" anew. As I said in a homily during Lent, no matter what people might say, every human being is interested in God because every human being is interested in happiness. The sad thing is that many just feel it is easier or more comfortable not to search for the truth. But the reality is, we will never be fully alive apart from the Truth!

Our parish has a particular reason to announce the joy of "Alleluia" this Easter with (now) eighteen men and women to be welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Easter vigil. This is a wonderful gift from God and a poignant sign of the Holy Spirit at work in this community. I am incredibly grateful to Fr Noel and his team of volunteers who have prepared the catechumens and candidates so thoroughly and diligently. I certainly feel blessed to have such gifted people around me.

Remember, we are all part of this parish family and every single one of us has a role to play in our mission to save souls. (Without exception.) I pray that this Holy Week will be an occasion where each of us will rediscover the beauty of the cross, the joy of the resurrection, and the sheer genius of our Catholic faith. We have so much to be thankful for. God bless you! Fr Greg



In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Joan Abel, Sue Grant, Joan Clare Hill, Beverley Young.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Bartolino Alessi, William Roy Barnes, Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Brian Dooley, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Alexander Martin, Joan Edna Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Sarah Jane Murrells (50th Anniversary) Adolfo Noche, Joe & Anna Natoli, Angela Nugent (30th Anniversary) Antonio Sorbara, The Deceased Members of the Friendship Club, The Holy Souls.

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially:

Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Arthur Benson, Fr. Briffa, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Shirley Cashman, Peter Cobcroft, Noeline Conyngham, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Ludovic D'Lima, Joanne Davies, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Martin Iffland, Phoebe Jablonski, Louisa James, Matthew Johnston, Deidre Jones, Linden Kelleher, Jim Klingberg, Peter Logue, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Maree Norton, Ritchie Perez, Vaska Petrova, Steve Porter, Julia Quach, Marié Rayner, Jill Rosel, Leovie Rosel, Tony Ryan, Adela Santos, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Karen Trang, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood; and those who care for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER TRIDDUUM: This is the holiest and most solemn time of the year. We hope that you will do your best to attend as much of the Triduum as possible. Please note the following times:

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass times as per usual.

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm followed by adoration until midnight. (There is No 9:15 am Mass.)

Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm Easter Vigil of Light

(There is NO 9:15 am Mass)

Easter Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:30 am; 5:00 pm

LENTEN TALKS: Our Final talk will be **THIS** Tuesday 26 March at 7.00 pm (finishing around 8.00pm).

Spiritual Meditation Two—Jesus Said: "For what should it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul?" (Mark 8:36) - FR NOEL CUSTODIO

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—ST CATHERINE LABOURE PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend Year 4 Dramatisation of the The Stations of the Cross.

Stations 1- 12 : Thursday 28 March @ 11.40am

Stations 13- 14 & Short Liturgy: Tuesday 2 April @ 8.50am during morning assembly.

SUNDAY MASS 5.00PM COLLECTORS: We require **two or more** collectors specifically for this mass to kindly volunteer. If you regularly attend this Mass please contact the parish office urgently or email: office@stcaths.org.au.

READERS FOR WEEK DAYS MASSES: We are looking for more readers for week day masses to please volunteer their "Proclamation of the Word" skills. Please contact parish office.

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR NEEDED: We kindly need a new volunteer for the 9.30am SUNDAY mass. Please contact parish office on office@stcaths.org.au.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 7 CHURCH PILGRIMAGE: You are invited to participate in the 7 church pilgrimage: an ancient devotion where Christians visit Seven Churches to meditate on the events leading to the Lord's Passion. **Holy Thursday, 28 March Time: 9.00pm—11.30pm (After Mass of the Lord's Supper)** See flyer at back of Church for more details.

RESURRECTION PARTY: To warmly welcome our 16 new Catholics into our parish family, we would like to invite the candidates, sponsors, and immediate family to a "Resurrection Party" immediately **following the Easter Vigil Mass** in presbytery. An invitation is also extended to the members of the choir who generously sung throughout the triduum.

MUSIC AND NEW CHOIR(S): Our FINAL united gathering/rehearsal will be , **Wednesday, 27 March @ 6:00 pm.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS NEEDED: Children's Liturgy has commenced. If you would like to contribute to this ministry as a leader, please contact Maria Rose (Children's Liturgy Coordinator - maria.rose@syd.catholic.edu.au)

CATECHIST MEETING: The next Catechist Meeting will be held on **Friday 5 April 10.00am** at the parish conference room.

2024 SACRAMENT ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN: You can now enrol your children into the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion via our parish website www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-programme.

Confirmations registrations **Still open for late enrolments**

Reconciliation registrations close **30 August 2024.**

Holy Communion registrations close **16 October 2024.**

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: Sunday 14 April 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral. **The Feast of the Annunciation** is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother Mary's womb. **10.30am MASS**—St Mary's Cathedral, **12noon ANGELUS**—followed by prayerful STREET PROCESSION. Led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and Bishop Umbers. Followed by an address at Parliament House by Guest Speaker; Archbishop Julian Porteous. **1.30pm BENEDICTION**—St Mary's Cathedral.

STELLA MARIS AGED CARE FACILITY - OPEN MORNING: Invite all present, prospective and interested friends to join us to see what our aged care offers your loved ones on **Friday 5 April 10.00am-2.00pm** at Stella Maris Aged Care, 6 Coast Avenue, Cronulla. RSVP by **3 April on 8522 1200.**

ST PATRICKS COLLEGE SUTHERLAND - YEAR 7 2026:

Enrolments are open: contact

spcsutherland.sydney.catholic.edu.au to submit an online application or request an application for Enrolment Form. Applications due **Friday, 5 April, 2024.**

CABRINI (A MOVIE ABOUT ST FRANCIS): *Cabrini* is a 2024 American biographical drama, depicting the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. *Cabrini* explores the sexism and anti-Italianism faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19th century. Showing at Beverly Hills cinema. **NOW EXTENDED DUE TO HIGH DEMAND.**

CARITAS—PROJECT COMPASSION: Please return donation envelopes/boxes next week. You can place in either collection or bring to Parish Office. *Thank you for your support.*

EASTER MASS OFFERINGS: You will find donation envelopes on pews. Your donation supports the priest of the Archdiocese, both serving and retired. *Many thanks for your donations.*

UP-COMING EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024 – 2.00pm to 4.30pm: In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

From St Faustina diary entry 699:

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

Program includes: Exposition, Veneration of DM image, Confession, Chaplet and Holy Rosary, Benediction.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MORNING: Holy Family Menai invites all ladies to join them on **Saturday 20 April** for a morning of community and connection over a delicious breakfast. 9.15am - Mass, 10.00am – Breakfast/Brunch

10.45am -Talk by Deacon Sone – "Living our Lady's Fiat (YES) in Everyday Life

11.30am -Round Table Discussions

11.50am – Schoenstatt Response By Sr Elizabeth Foley

Contact: Angela:angandrickbenson@gmail.com or Andrea: admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au Please bring a plate to share & \$5.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Takes place on the third Saturday of each month (**Saturday, 20 April**) This is a great opportunity for men to catch up over a hot breakfast before hearing an inspirational talk on a topic of our Catholic Faith!

ROSARY ONLINE: Did you know that our parish has an online Rosary every Saturday Morning at 10 am? The Zoom link is as follows: www.stcaths.org.au/onlinerosary (Password: 1234) Please call Patricio on 0423 041 590 with any trouble logging on.

ADORATION: Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30am - 9:10am.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are **available from Tuesday to Saturday before & after every Mass.** Please approach Father Greg or Father Noel if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP: To be held after the **Monday** morning masses only, at 10 am. Louisa Piccarella wrote 36 volumes about how to live in the Divine Will. We will read from the writings and learn how to live in GOD'S Will.

CENACLE GROUP: The Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) is an International Catholic Movement based on locutions received from the Virgin Mary by Fr. Don Gobbi. The group meets after Mass on **Tuesdays** after the rosary to discuss the readings from the book.

URGENT NOTICE RE PARKING

When attending Mass during the week, please be aware that the parking to the right of entrance gate is reserved for Montessori Staff. Please **do not park** in these spots. *Thank you for your consideration.*

PARISH GROUPS

ALTAR SOCIETY: The Altar Society assists with the cleaning of the sacred vessels and the beautification of our church. *Our Altar Society urgently needs volunteers, there are two groups who urgently need assistance – please contact the Office if you can help. Training is provided.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REGISTRATION 2024: The CWL group meets monthly and will offer spiritual formation as well as assist with fundraising to help various charitable ventures. Membership forms can be found at the back of the Church and returned to the parish office.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Friendship Club is a seniors social organisation within the Gynea Parish community. Our membership (currently around 75) comprises both married couples and singles as well as those who are by themselves later in life. Members are mainly from the Gynea parish but also come from other parts of the Shire as well as further afield. We also have a number of non-Catholic members. General Meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbours on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15 am Mass. **We are always on the look out for new members.**

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group have been meeting in our church every Thursday since 1987 at 6 pm reflecting on the monthly messages the visionaries are currently receiving from Our Lady Queen of Peace to the world and they finish with the rosary. **You are most welcome to join them.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. We have one of the largest conferences in Australia. The members are an asset to our parish!

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MASS TIMES - HOLY WEEK

Monday - Wednesday 9.15 am
Saturday 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Wednesday
Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)
On Saturdays 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm

ADORATION TIMES

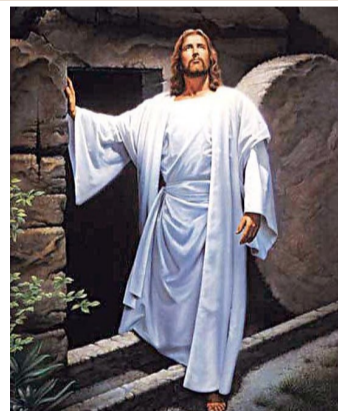
Tuesday - Wednesday
 8:30 am - 9:10 am
*(Fridays and Saturdays:
 9:00 am Benediction)*



30 / 31 March 2024

Year B

Easter/Resurrection Sunday



	Saturday Vigil	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	NEXT WEEK IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH			
1st Reader & Psalm: 2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Acolytes, Ministers and Readers Please refer to your individual Rosters for all Easter/Resurrection Sunday Masses.			

The Altar Society: Group 1:
 Maureen Huckstep, Jacqueline Parker & Maria Black.

In The Counting House:
 Ray Brennan, Denis O’Brien, Bob Taylor, Bob Greenwood, Barry Elliott & Peter Black

Children’s Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am

Sarah-Jane Barr & Kathryn Behn

Audio-Visual Pauline /Mark Natalie Hugh
Operators: NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni
 SCHOOL CHOIR

The Clean Team: Group A: Mary Vee Tondi, June Digby, Hazel & Larry Lange.



May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect us all.