



Parish Matters

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PALM SUNDAY | 4TH / 5TH APRIL 2020

The Catholic Community of City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.



Fr Paul will say Mass

Sunday 10am

Facebook Live

Catholic Community of City South

Mass for you at Home

6am Sunday on



Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Sunday 10.30am

**Live from St Mary's Cathedral
on**



Dear friends,

The early Christians prayed in the church of the home. Once more, in troubled times when public worship has to be restricted, we are called to pray in “the domestic church”, always aware of the promise of Jesus, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.” (Matthew 18:20).

I am now Live streaming Mass from the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday at 10am. To watch go to the parish Facebook page. At Communion time you can say the following Act of Spiritual Communion:

At this time, we cannot receive you Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist. Help us to welcome you spiritually as we wait for the day when your saving Sacrifice will be offered and the divine Banquet will be spread in our churches once more.

You are the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

My Jesus, come to me. I long for you; let me always be at one with you. (St Alphonsus Ligouri)

Palm Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We all have plenty of time to really make this week ‘holy’ by entering and reflecting on the life, death and resurrection of Christ.



Palm Sunday Practice

Put a branch or palm on your front door or in the front window to celebrate Palm Sunday. It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks.

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |
Follow on *Instagram & Twitter*: @frpaulsydney
Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

**If you are having trouble getting out to do shopping
please contact the parish office and we will be able to help you.**

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Margaret Zucker; Nanette D'Arcy.

Anniversary: Rachelda Verardo (22 Mar); Edgard Caffari (4 Apr); Reg Buist, Antonio Comas, Alice Balbi (8 Apr).

Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Mio Family; Charlie & Carmen Vassallo; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Hazel Holly; Arthur and Rose Dennett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Therese & Alfred Scerri; Margaret & Joseph Fenech; Isabel Fenech; Joseph & Rose Lia; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus, Fr Ray Farrell (Auburn). All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: Ron Hawkins; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Michael Steel (5 Apr); Sixto Viray (6 Apr); Sybilla Galvin (8 Apr).

Wedding Anniversary: John and Trish Sciberras (9 Apr); Tim and Catherine Downs (10 Apr).

Chocolate Paschal Lambs

We have a huge supply of Chocolate Paschal Lambs for sale. Please contact the Parish Office to purchase yours. Your support is greatly appreciated. ****Please ring before you come.****

If you have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, please consider giving online directly to Caritas at lent.caritas.org.au, where you can securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque directly to Caritas Australia GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively please return your Project Compassion boxes/ envelopes to the Parish Office.

*******Please ring before you Come*******

Facebook Live Mass

I want to acknowledge all those who joined me on Facebook Live for Mass last weekend. Using this technology is certainly testing all our IT knowledge! If you are having any technical issues can I suggest you call someone in your family who is under 30! They will certainly have the answer. For those who said they are not on Facebook, you might consider signing up so you can access our Mass. Signing up to Facebook is fairly simple. Again if you have any issues I would call a digital native (someone

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Rosebery (2nd Collection March \$2,556.30)

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

Redfern (2nd Collection March \$483.30)

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

Waterloo (2nd Collection March \$1,565.00)

Account name: Waterloo Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

Whilst the Church building is closed, if you are still able to donate, especially to the first collection which supports our priests, please find methods of doing so:

- * **Direct deposit into Church Accounts as listed above. Please email instructions of splitting your donation between 1st and 2nd collection.**
- * **Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office 9353 6300 for more details.**
- * **You can place your cash donation in an envelope and leave in the Parish Office letterbox (74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery) which is locked.**
- * **Come in person to Parish Office, however you must call first (in keeping with social distancing regulations). You can use the Tap N Go facility, pay cash or credit card.**

Due to COVID-19, all rosters have been cancelled temporarily. However, our newsletter will still be published on our Catholic of City South Website <https://www.citysouthcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-matters/>
If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Triduum



Dear Friends,

This year because of the closure of our churches, the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, will be celebrated through **Facebook Live**. Also, Network 7 will broadcast the 3pm Good Friday Liturgy and 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass live from St Mary's Cathedral. I ask you to join me in these sacred liturgies. The Holy See has given instructions on how they are to be celebrated. Basically, the Liturgies will be celebrated very simply. *Fr Paul*

Palm Sunday (Parish Facebook live 10am)

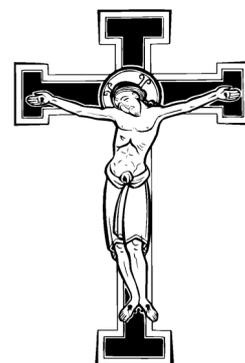
- * Entrance Antiphon
- * Veneration of the Altar.
- * Sign of the Cross, Greeting
- * Penitential Act, Kyrie
- * Collect
- * First Reading
- * Responsorial Psalm
- * Second Reading
- * Gospel Acclamation
- * Gospel of the Passion
- * The Mass continues as usual for Palm Sunday.
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Holy Thursday (Parish Facebook Live 7.00pm)

- * Mass will be celebrated without the washing of feet.
- * After Communion there will be no procession to an Altar of Repose.
- * The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle after communion
- * The Live stream will continue for private prayer.
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Good Friday

- * Stations of the Cross will be broadcast on Facebook Live at 10am.
- * 3.00pm (Facebook Live & Network 7) Liturgy will be celebrated in a simple form.
- * Additional prayer for those suffering from the pandemic.



Easter Vigil

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is also in vain... and you are all still in your sins" (1 Cor 15, 14. 17). With these strong words from the First letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul makes clear the decisive importance he attributes to the Resurrection of Jesus. In this event, in fact, lies the solution to the problem posed by the drama of the Cross. The Cross alone could not explain the Christian faith, indeed it remain a tragedy, an indication of the absurdity of being. The Paschal mystery consists in the fact that the crucified man "was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4)." Pope Benedict XVI 2008

- * The preparation and lighting of the fire is omitted. The candle is lit.
- * The Exultet is proclaimed. The liturgy of the Word follows.
- * The renewal of baptismal promises is done without the blessing of water.
- * Mass continues as usual.

Easter Sunday (10.00am Facebook Live/ Network 7 10.30am from St Mary's Cathedral)

- * The Mass follows the usual form for Easter Sunday. Even at a Mass without a congregation present in the church, the Archbishop advises the Renewal of Baptismal Promises may take the place of the Creed, with the Celebrant inviting those watching online to join in.

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran 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 high 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!

First Reading Is 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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.

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

1. 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.' (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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! (R.)
4. 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.' (R.)

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Second Reading Phil 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.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

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.

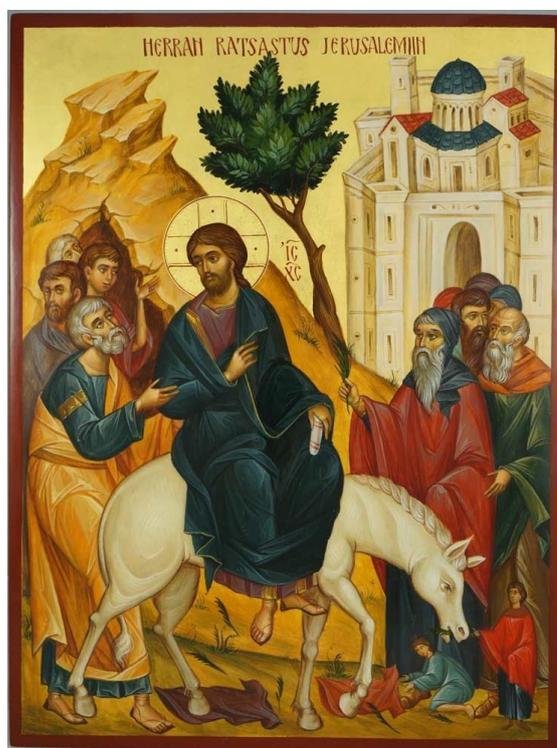
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Gospel

Read in parts

Communion Antiphon Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



Celebrating Easter at Home 2020

- * Place some greenery on your front door for Palm Sunday
- * Put a cross in your front window
- * Light a candle and place it on the kitchen table for Easter Sunday
- * Make and send an Easter card to someone by post!
- * Pray the glorious mysteries of the rosary

