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PALM SUNDAY YEAR B - 24th MARCH 2024

There is a great deal of importance in the Christian faith that is associated with Palm Sunday. This day commemorates the triumphal arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem, which was accompanied by cries of acclaim and the waving of palm branches. In the weeks running up to Easter Sunday, it marks the beginning of Holy Week, which is the holiest week known to the Christian calendar.

The tremendous significance of this incident is enhanced when one is aware of the historical context in which it occurred. There is a correlation between the time of Jesus' arrival and the Jewish holiday of Passover, which is a festival that commemorates the release of Israel from slavery in Egypt. During the holiday of Passover, families would choose a lamb that was completely pure to sacrifice, with the blood of the lamb acting as a barrier against danger. This custom was strongly rooted in Jewish history, and throughout this joyous time period, many people waited for a Messiah who would free them from the persecution of the Romans.

The fact that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, so meeting the fulfilment of old predictions, struck a chord with the common people. He was heralded as the long-awaited monarch who would usher in a new period of salvation, and they praised him for his arrival. On the other hand, their aspirations were mostly political, and they anticipated an instant release from the problems they were experiencing on Earth. The great spiritual liberty that Jesus came to provide through His sacrificial death and resurrection was not something that they were able to comprehend completely.

As we contemplate the events of Palm Sunday, we are encouraged to think on our spiritual path. We, too, are subject to many sorts of bondage in our lives, including bondage to sin, fear, uncertainty, and despair. Just as the Israelites waited for release from physical bondage, we too confront various forms of bondage. However, just like the Israelites, we have the chance to choose Jesus as our Passover Lamb. The blood of Jesus is what redeems us and sets us free.

The scenario of Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem prompts us to contemplate the nature of the expectations that we have made for ourselves. Are we looking for a Saviour who will only ease our current difficulties, or are we prepared to accept the more profound and transforming emancipation that He offers? Jesus is a great example of true freedom because he demonstrates that it is frequently necessary to let go of our preconceived conceptions and put our faith in God's time and purpose.

While we are travelling through Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the tremendous significance of the love that Jesus gave up for us. The fact that He is prepared to give up His life for us is an invitation to enter into a more profound connection with Him, which is where we discover genuine freedom and abundant life. It is my prayer that our hearts will be receptive to the transformational force of His grace, which will take us from servitude to freedom and from darkness to visibility.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Daylight Saving - The clocks go back an hour, 3am, on **Sunday 7th April 2024.**

Healing Mass - 7pm Friday 5th April 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Wednesday Only

7.30pm: Easter Vigil

10.30am: Easter Sunday

6.00pm: No Mass Easter Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Wednesday Only

8.00am: NO MASS on Saturday

8.30am: Easter Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

NO MASS UNTIL FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS

AND MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

NO RECONCILIATION on Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

After 9am Mass: Wednesday

7.30am: Saturday No Rosary

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre)

NO ADORATION at St Mary's Cathedral

Crypt (Cathedral Centre) until FRIDAY

5TH APRIL 2024 6pm until midnight.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)
Please contact 62086236**

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH



Project Compassion boxes and donation envelopes to be placed on the collection plates at Masses leading up to the Easter Season. The Parish will provide a basket at the Holy Thursday Mass where Project Compassion boxes can be placed.



Project Compassion Prayer:

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need. We thank you for the love in our lives that mirror of your unending love. May all creation know your compassion this Lent, and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who do not have what they need. In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you' when you ask us to do courageous things. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the earth, now and for all future generations. **Amen**

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.

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.

Please donate to Project Compassion via donation boxes, envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

POPE FRANCIS' words: Jesus' cry of abandonment to the Father — "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In the Bible, the word 'forsake' is powerful, Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, HOBART HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HOBART

23rd March	5.00 pm	Palm Sunday (Vigil Mass)
24th March	10:15 am	Palm Sunday
24th March	6.00 pm	
26th March	NO 7.30 am MASS	
	06:00 pm	Chrism Mass and Clergy Retreat
27th March	7.30am	Mass (Holy Week Wednesday)
28th March	NO 7.30 am MASS	
	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
29th March	NO 7.30 am MASS	
	03:00 pm	Good Friday Passion of the Lord
30th March	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
31st March	10:30 am	Easter Sunday
	NO 6pm Evening MASS	

SACRED HEART CHURCH, NEW TOWN

24th March	8.20 am	Palm Sunday
29th March	10.00 am	Good Friday Station of the Cross
31st March	8.30 am	Easter Sunday

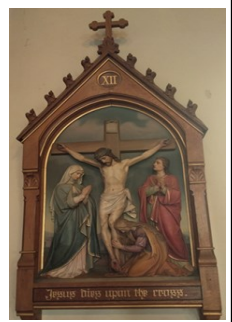


Stations of the Cross:

Friday – Stations of the Cross during Lent.

29th March - Sacred Heart Church
10am - **Good Friday** Open air - Way of the Cross

3pm - St Mary's Cathedral
Good Friday Service



The Stations of the Cross help us to contemplate the suffering that Jesus experienced and to remember why – **His love for us.**

From Our Anniversary Book:

Margaret Oakford, Edward Dabrowski, Giuseppe Attuoni, Jill Coggan, Vincenzo Calabrese, Minnucci Family, Falconia Family, Kath Pase, Bridged Fahey, Patrick O'Donnell, Leonard Northey, Mary Viney, Maurice Chaplain, Tony Zeitzen, Giuseppe Mione, Mary Fletcher, Helen Kirkwood, Eric Challenor, James O'Kane, Vincent Shaw, Sr. Josephine Howe, SSJ, Alfonso Cavaretta, Lual Majak, John Willemsen, Matt Wheyman, Reginald Gillam, William Cox, Sadie Freeman, Elia Longo

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE



The March edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived. Please collect your own copy from the foyer of the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

Here are some of the highlights from this edition:

- Farewell to a beloved priest
- 'Life is a pilgrimage towards the glory of Heaven'
- Richmond Bicentenary celebrations
- Profound experiences lead young men to the Catholic Church
- Saracino's celebrate 63 years of marriage



Join us for the Life to the Full Conference in April 2024, featuring the incredible Sisters of Life from New York City, who dedicate their lives to serving those who the world considers 'useless'.

From April 26th to April 28th, 2024, we invite high school students (yr 7-12) to join us at Camp Clayton (Ulverstone) for a weekend of faith, growth, and community. Come and explore the profound truth that we are made for love, not use, and be reminded that you are built with purpose, and equipped in courage.

A bus service to and from Conference will be provided for youth from Hobart. Please indicate in your registration if you would like more details on this. Cost is \$230 for food and accommodation. To register see link below:-

<https://events.humanitix.com/life-to-the-full>

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Priest Announcements

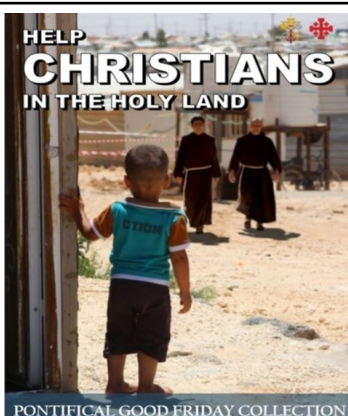


Dear Parishioners, as announced by His Grace the Archbishop of Hobart, Most. Rev. Julian Porteous, DD, on Sunday 17th March 2024, the current Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish, Fr Paschal Okpon, is appointed to George Town Parish in the week commencing 15th April and then is to be appointed as Administrator of Campbell Town Parish commencing, 20th May 2024.



Fr Steven Smith is appointed to assist in the pastoral care of the Cathedral Parish.

As a Parish community, we wish Fr Paschal Okpon a blessed future and pray for God's graces on his new mission, and wish to welcome Fr Steven Smith warmly to our Parish.



Please support our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Holy Land Collection



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

Sunday 7th April 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral
2pm-3pm HOLY HOUR
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Benediction and Sacrament of Reconciliation
3.15pm MASS

Children's Corner

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.

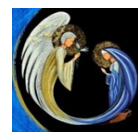
Passion Sunday

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

The Angelus Prayer



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS OF THE DAY – PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

First Reading Isaiah 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

Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(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.)

Second Reading Philippians 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

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!

Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

Let us prayerfully listen and reflect on The Passion of
our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 25th March	John 12:1-11
Tuesday 26th March	John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday 27th March	Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday 28th March	John 13:1-15
Friday 29th March	John 18:1 - 19:42
Saturday 30th March	Mark 16:1-7

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34, 37-43	Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-9

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.