

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

As we draw near to the end of Lent, we ask for one final effort. Together, let's unite once more, lifting our hearts and our hands to those who need it most to ensure our efforts leave behind a legacy of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

Donations can be made with the Project Compassion boxes available in the back of the church, or as an online donation at:



<https://www.caritas.org.au>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Chrism Mass St. Patrick Cathedral: Tuesday, March 31 at 10.00 am. More details on the flyer on our notice-board

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday): March 29 - 10.00 am Sunday Morning Mass, 5.00 pm: Sunday Evening Mass (Palms will be distributed at each Mass)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week: 7.00 am Weekday Mass, 12.30 pm Weekday Mass (Except Tues 31 March, only 7am)

Holy Thursday: April 2 - 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (The Church will remain open until midnight for private prayer at the Altar of Repose).

Good Friday: April 3- 10.30 am Stations of the Cross, 11.15 am Seven Words of Our Lord on the Cross Sermon, 12.00 noon Holy Rosary, 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: April 4 - 8.00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April - 10.00 am Easter Mass, 12.00 noon (Lithuanian) Easter Mass, 5.00 pm Easter Mass

You can find our Holy Week Schedule including confession times posted on our website, and on the noticeboard in the foyer.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES



First Holy Communion and Reconciliation classes have begun but late registrations are still welcome. Held each **Sunday:** Time: **11:15 am - 12 noon** Venue: **Meeting Room beside St Mary's Crypt**

The First Holy Communion ceremony will be **30 August 2026**, during the 10:00 am Mass. Please register your interest by emailing the parish office at: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

PARKING NOTICE AND CHANGES DUE TO ROOF REPAIRS

Scaffolding has been erected on the side of the church, so there will be no parking available there for 4 about weeks. We apologise for the inconvenience. Plenty of parking can be found in the surrounding streets, but please ensure to observe the parking regulations to avoid any fines.

Please remember: Parking on church grounds is strictly for St Mary Star of the Sea Masses and church events. As parking is very limited, please consider others by not leaving your car for extended periods of time, especially in the forecourt after Mass, as parking is needed for Baptisms and Weddings on weekends.

Thank you to all who have donated to our Roof Restoration Fund.

For those who would like to donate, please scan the QR code and once in the CDF page, in the drop-down menu, select "Roof Restoration Fund". You can also find take-home flyers in the back of the church and foyer.

Thank you for your support!



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - OUR POLICY AND COMMITMENT

At St Mary Star of the Sea, we are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our church. This commitment is extended to clergy, employees, and volunteers at our church, regardless of their role or responsibility to act to safeguard children and young people from child abuse. (For more information, please read our Safeguarding Policy on our website, or on our noticeboard in the foyer).

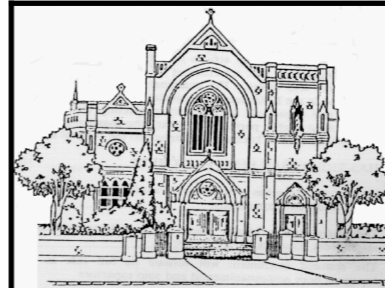
DAILY MASS READINGS AND RESPONSES

All daily Mass readings and responses to votive Masses can now be accessed on our website via the QR code.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 MARCH	31 MARCH	1 APRIL	2 APRIL	3 APRIL	4 APRIL
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 315-316	Mass: 7am, Pg. 316-317	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 317-318	Mass: 7:30 pm Pg. 318-320	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8:00 pm



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Mimi Lee

Office booking hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday :
10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

For urgent matters, you can contact:

Fr Andrew on 0404932862

MASS TIMES

Sunday:

10.00 am
5:00 pm

Monday to Friday:

7:00 am
12.30 pm

Saturday:

10.00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

9.30 am – 9:55 am
10:35 am – 1100 am

Sunday:

9:15 am
4:15 pm

Monday to Friday:

Before and after 7:00 am Mass
12:00 noon – 12:25 pm
1:05 pm – 1:30 pm
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
and any other time when requested if possible

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Please check our website for more information.

DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

Legion of Mary:

4:00 pm Mondays at the presbytery.

Holy Rosary:

Mon – Fri & Sun before Mass
Saturday after 10am Mass

Theology Lectures:

Sundays 11:30 am.

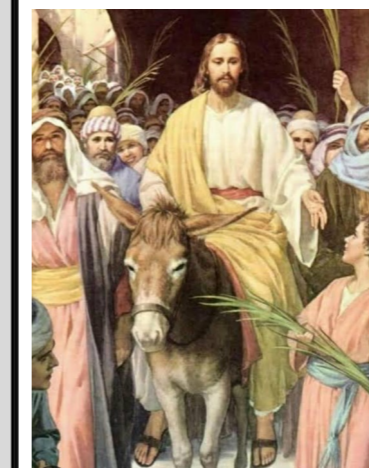
Young Families:

Every Sundays after 10 am Mass

Faith Formation Program:

Check our website and noticeboard for more details

PALM SUNDAY



Our Lord enters Jerusalem amid great acclaim. The One who had always opposed any public display of praise, who had hidden when the people wanted to make him King, today lets himself be brought into the Holy City in triumph. Only now, when he knows death is near, does he agree to be hailed as the Messiah. Jesus knows that, in reality, he will reign from the Cross, since the same people who now joyfully acclaim him will soon abandon him and lead him to Calvary. The palms will become whips; the olive branches, thorns; the cheers, merciless jeers.

The liturgy, with the ceremony of the blessing of the palms and the texts of the Mass (including the account our Lord's Passion), shows how closely united joy and suffering are in Christ's life. Saint Bernard points to the close union between laughter and lamentation on this day. The Church "shows us today the new and marvelous union between the passion and the procession; the procession produces acclaim, the passion, lamentation." [1]

Saint Josemaría said: "The palm leaves," writes Saint Augustine, "symbolize homage, for they stand for victory. Our Lord is on the point of conquering by dying on the Cross. Under the sign of the Cross, he is about to triumph over the devil, the prince of death." Christ is our peace because he is the Victor." [2] Reading the account of the Passion presents us with many persons who played a role in that scene, few of whom suspected the victory Christ would soon attain. We can ask ourselves this week as we relive these events: "Where is my own heart? Which of these people do I resemble?" [3] How strong is my faith when I contemplate the crucial events the Church invites us to appreciate more fully during these days?

"What is really happening in the hearts of those who acclaim Christ as King of Israel? Clearly, they had their own idea of the Messiah, an idea of how the long-awaited King promised by the prophets should act. Not by chance, a few days later, instead of acclaiming Jesus, the Jerusalem crowd will cry out to Pilate: 'Crucify him!', while the disciples, together with others who had seen him and listened to him, will be struck dumb and disperse. The majority, in fact, were disappointed by the way Jesus chose to present himself as Messiah and King of Israel. This is the heart of today's feast, for us too." [6]

The experience of those who received Jesus with palms that day can help us to consider what our own idea of Jesus is, what our idea of his reign is. It may happen, for example, that we are sometimes disappointed at how the redemption is being carried out, at its apparently slow pace. Sometimes we want God to triumph quickly, confusing our plans with his. We resist accepting that God is determined not to compromise our freedom nor that of those around us. His love is so refined that it is never imposed. He refuses to take advantage, for example, of the people's acclaim for his own benefit.

"The heart of Jesus was moving on another track, on the sacred path known to him and the Father alone: the path that leads from 'the form of God' to 'the form of a servant,' the path of self-abasement born of obedience 'unto death, even death on a cross' (Phil 2:6-8). He knows that true triumph involves making room for God." [7] It means making room for the silent and yet powerful action of God, who makes all things new through the Son's love for the Father.

And on this path we find the first and most faithful follower of Jesus, his mother Mary. "She is not to be found amid the palms at Jerusalem ... But she doesn't flee from the contempt at Golgotha; there she stands, juxta crucem Jesu, beside his Cross." [8] And we, by an undeserved grace, can be close beside her.

[1] Saint Bernard, Sermon on Palm Sunday, 1, 1.
[2] Saint Josemaría, Christ is Passing By, no. 73.
[3] Francis, Homily, 13 April 2014.
[6] Benedict XVI, Homily, 1 April 2012.
[7] Francis, Homily, 14 April 2019.
[8] Saint Josemaría, The Way, no. 507.

Hymns



Mass Setting
Missa Simplex
(P. Carmody)
For music notation/
lyrics, please
scan the QR code

Before Palm Blessing Liturgy: Hosanna to the son of David (CWBII 302)

Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest

Text: Matt 21:9 in The Roman Missal © 2010 ICEL

Procession: The children of Jerusalem (chant) – schola [Sunday 10 am mass only]

All glory praise and honour (CWBII 303)

Refrain: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and blessed One. R.

2. The company of angels are praising you on high, as we and all creation, exultant, make reply. R.

3. The people of the Hebrews, with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. R.

4. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. R.

5. Their praises you accepted, accept the prayers we bring, rejoicing in all goodness, our Saviour and our King. R.

Text: Gloria, laus et honor, Theodulph of Orleans (c. 760-820)

Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) alt.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Offertory: Hail Redeemer, King Divine (CWBII 400)

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine! Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine, King, whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

Angels, saints and nations, sing: "Praised be Jesus Christ, our King: Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Calvary."

2. King, whose name creation thrills, rule our minds, our hearts, our wills, till in peace each nation rings with thy praises, King of kings. R.

3. King most holy, King of truth, guide the lowly, guide the youth; Christ, thou King of glory bright, be to us eternal light. R.

4. Shepherd-King, from mountains steep, homeward bring the wand'ring sheep; shelter in one royal fold states and nations, new and old. R.

Text: Patrick Brennan, CSsR (1877-1952) alt.
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Tune: REX

Communion: Adoramus te Christe (Schola – Sunday 10am mass)

O sacred head, surrounded (CWBII 330)

1. O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn. O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn. The pow'r of death comes o'er you, the glow of life decays, yet angel hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze.

2. In this your bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me with your most sweet compassion, unworthy though I be: beneath your cross abiding for ever would I rest, in your dear love confiding, and with your presence blest.

3. Christ Jesus, we adore you, our thorn-crowned Lord and King. We bow our heads before you, and to your cross we cling. Lord, give us strength to bear it with patience and with love, that we may truly merit a glorious crown above.

Text: Salve caput cruentatum, attr. St Bernard (c. 1091-1153)

German hymn text by P. Gerhardt (1607-76)

tr. H. W. Baker (1821-77) & A. T. Russell (1806-74) alt.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

Soul of my saviour (CWBII 164)

1. Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast; body of Christ, be thou my saving guest; blood of my Saviour bathe me in thy tide, wash me with water flowing from thy side.

2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be; O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me; deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign; in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high, where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Text: Anima Christi, attr. Pope John XXII (1249-1334) tr. Anon.

Tune: ANIMA CHRISTI

Recessional: At the cross her vigil keeping (CWBII 318) [Verses 1, 2, 14, 15]

1. At the cross her vigil keeping, Mary stood in sorrow, weeping, when her Son was crucified.

2. While she waited in her anguish, seeing Christ in torment languish, bitter sorrow pierced her heart.

14. Saviour, when my life shall leave me, through your mother's prayers receive me with the fruits of victory.

15. Let me to your love be taken, let my soul in death awaken to the joys of paradise.

Text: Stabat Mater dolorosa, attr. Jacopone da Todi (1230-1306)

tr. Anthony Petti (1932-1985) © 1971 Faber Music

Tune: STABAT MATER

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO 12:30 PM MASS ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH.

ALL ARE WELCOME, AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE CHRISM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL AT 10:00 AM.

(More information on the noticeboard)

Mass Readings: Palm Sunday

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

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(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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

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

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

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: Philippians 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

PLEASE PRAY FOR:**The Newly Married**

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