



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday of LENT Yr C, 5-6 April, 2025

2025 HOLY WEEK MASSES

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND 12/13 April Masses as per usual

HOLY THURSDAY April 17th Mass at 7pm
Solemn Prayer 8pm to Midnight
(No reconciliation on this evening)

GOOD FRIDAY April 18th
Station of the Cross at 10am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Services are at 3pm and 5.30pm

EASTER VIGIL April 19th Mass at 7.30pm
(no reconciliation on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY April 20th
Dawn Mass at 5.30am (followed by breakfast)
And 9am and 11am (no evening Mass)

EASTER MONDAY April 21st Mass at 9am

HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION TIMES

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (Second Rite)
Monday, 14 April at 7pm
(There will be 4 priests available)

GOOD FRIDAY RECONCILIATION 11am to 12pm

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is

[https://youtube.com/
live/Y510m6sc0jQ?
feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Y510m6sc0jQ?feature=share)

**Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am**

Parish Priest:

Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
Valerie Ferreira
(Safeguarding & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North

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Readings for NEXT WEEK
Palm Sunday of LENT Year C

GOSPEL

Luke 19: 28-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought the colt to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As they rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully, and with a loud voice, for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

First Reading: Isaiah: 50: 4-7

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah
The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame

Psalm

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
"Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
I can count all my bones.

They divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Second Reading

Philippians: 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is 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 to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him the name above every name
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 23: 1-49

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The elders of the people, the chief priests and scribes brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Christ, a king." The Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldier treated him with contempt

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and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the peoples; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.” Now Pilate was obliged to release someone for them at the festival. The they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us.” (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevail. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released them man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the Cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us, ‘ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus,

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!”

The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked the first, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last

***** Kneel and pause for a short time *****

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance, watching these things

Readings: Fifth Sunday of LENT Yr C Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11 Palm Sunday Yr C Luke 19: 28-40 Isaiah: 50: 4-7 Philippians: 2: 6-11 Luke 23: 1-49 www.universalis.com	<u>This weekend we pray for:</u> <i>Those who are sick</i> Christina Williams, Annette Tanner, Pope Francis, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, “Horse” Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Anton Nadarajah, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell <i>and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues</i> <i>Those who have died</i> Paul Darbyshire, Michael O’Callaghan, Giuseppe Rubbino, Hasel Francisco, Joyce Raoul Fernandes, Arlene Roberts, V. Karunainathan, Priscilla Fernandes, Susanto Maria <i>and all who are named in our church memorial book</i> <i>May they rest in peace</i>
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THANK YOU

Anthony McArdle and his family have been long time members of our Parish community. The McArdle family have been actively involved in several fundraising activities (parish fair, parish raffles, etc) Anthony was in the Parish Finance Committee for 22 year, 20 years as chair of the committee.

This year Anthony has decided that it is time for change and announced his retirement as chair.

We thank Anthony for his many years of dedicated service to the parish. We wish him and his family well with their future plans, we have a feeling that this will greatly involve the Collingwood football club.

As we farewell Anthony, we welcome Alvita Dias and Ryan D'Souza as new members of our Parish Finance Council. We, as a community will keep the committee in our prayers as they diligently serve our parish

Thank you!

by our Young Adult group (18 to 25 Years). If you are in this age bracket interested in helping them, please contact parish office (97003781) by 9th April and we will give you more details on it. Practice will be on Saturday, 12 April start at 10am for about half hour.

LENTEN BOOKLET

We still have a few copies of Lenten booklet. Though we are almost at the end of Lenten season, you may still like to have a copy of the Lenten Reflection booklet for your private reflection. They are available in piety stall at \$7/copy

CHRISM MASS

This year Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) at St Patrick's Cathedral is on **TUESDAY, 15 APRIL, 2025** at 10am.



GARDENING AND SETTING UP CHURCH

We are gathering on **SATURDAY, 12th April** from 8.30am to around 11am to tidy up the Church garden. We will also set up the Church in readiness for Palm Sunday Weekend. All are welcome to join in. It is not necessary to stay for the entire duration, every minute you can give will be a huge benefit for us. Please remember to bring your garden tools along

GOOD FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS

Traditionally our Good Friday Station of the Cross is lead

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS 4:12 YOUTH

This group is designed to suit all children from grade 5 to year 8. Unfortunately, this will not suitable for older children.

The next gathering will be on **FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2025** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. If you r children are interested in joining the group, please come along. A variety of activities is arranged for each gathering. For planning purposes, please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350 if you wish to attend

Station of the Cross
At St. Paul Apostle Church
Endeavour Hills
Every FRIDAY during LENT
from 7pm in the CHURCH

During this Lenten Season,
come join us for a session on
SORROWS OF MOTHER MARY
April 11th, 2025

begins straight after 9am Mass, until 10.30am
Lead by Fr Sony CP
At St Paul Apostle Church,
Endeavour Hills