



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday of LENT Year B, 16-17 March, 2024

2024 HOLY WEEK MASSES

PALM SUNDAY 23rd-24th March Masses as per usual

HOLY THURSDAY March 28th Mass at 7pm
Solemn Prayer 8pm to Midnight
(No reconciliation on this evening)

GOOD FRIDAY March 29th
Station of the Cross at 10am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Services are at 3pm and 5.30pm

EASTER VIGIL March 30th Mass at 7.30pm
(no reconciliation on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY March 31st
Dawn Mass at 5.30am
And 9am and 11am *(no evening Mass)*

EASTER MONDAY April 1st Mass at 9am

HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION TIMES

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (Second Rite)
Monday, 25 March at 7pm
(There will be 4 priests available)

GOOD FRIDAY RECONCILIATION 11am to 12pm

Masses

*(This schedule does not
apply during Holy Week)*

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 is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
[https://youtube.com/live/
qsvTLOFcySE?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/qsvTLOFcySE?feature=share)

Reconciliation Saturdays

*(NO reconciliation on
Saturday 30th March)
10am—10.30am*

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP
Dcn Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

St Paul Apostle North

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Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for Next Week

PALM Sunday Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

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 wakens—
wakens 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;

Psalms

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

who, 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

Mark 14:1-15:47

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him.

The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass this year will be on **WEDNESDAY, 20 March 2024** at 10.30am at **ST PATRICK CATHEDRAL**.

If you are planning to go, please contact the parish office 97003781 so we can do 'car-pooling'

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our children in Grade 4 will be receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **TUESDAY, 19 March 2024**. We will keep them in our praying as their faith journey continues on

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

YOUTH 4:12 (our Parish Youth)

This group is to accommodate our Youth who are in grade 5 up to year 9. All activities in their gathering are design for this age group. Their next gathering is on **FRIDAY, 22 MARCH** at 7pm in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. Please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350, if you wish to attend

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Our Young Adults gathered last Sunday and everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening. The group will be having a run-through of the Stations of the Cross from Good Friday on **MONDAY the 18th of March**. If you would like to join in, please do. We will be meeting in the Parish Office at 6pm

CYRENE CENTRE COLLECTION

We held the collection one week earlier than planned, sincere apologies for the error with timing and any confusion caused. The Cyrene Centre works with the local community to assist in dealing with the harmful effects of alcohol and other drug use. Last weekend we had a special collection to assist the work of this group in helping the community. Thank you for your generous support, we have generated \$747.95

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Reminder)

We welcome all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. ***Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-STREAMED every week.*** We ask that children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling. Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic

responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team

SETTING UP CHURCH

From Saturday the 23rd of March until Easter Vigil, we will be very busy setting and resetting the Church for the Holy Week. If you are able to spare some time to assist us please come along on the following dates:

- **On Saturday the 23rd of March**, we are setting up the Church for Palm Sunday. Starting at 9am and finishing prior to 10am due to Reconciliation. This day will be especially busy, we need as many helpers as we can get.
- **On Thursday the 28th of March** at 10am for Holy Thursday
- **On Saturday the 30th of March** from 9am for Easter Vigil

SAFER INTERNET DAY

(This article is provided by The Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese)

On 6 February 2024, we observed Safer Internet Day, dedicated to raising awareness about online safety across all age groups. While online platforms serve as invaluable tools for education and communication, they also harbour potential risks, particularly for children and young people. Children and young people may encounter online abuse, unsolicited contact, exposure to inappropriate content and even the fostering of inappropriate relationships with adults.

According to the eSafety Commissioner's [Mind the Gap report](#) (2022), nearly half of children aged 8–17 experienced hurtful or malicious behaviour online in a 12-month period, with 62 per cent being exposed to potentially harmful content such as graphic violence, hate speech and self-harm encouragement.

Our communities can help to protect children and young people by acknowledging these safeguarding risks and prioritising online safety. Fortunately, many resources are available online to assist in this task, including from:

- [the eSafety Commissioner](#)
- [Think U Know](#)
- [The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#)

Readings:

Fifth Sunday of LENT Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ;
Hebrews 5:7-9 ;
John 12:20-33

PALM Sunday Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7 ;
Philippians 2:6-11 ;
Mark 15:1-47

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent ***and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues***

Those who have died

Alice Money, Jose Bearreto Martins, Ofelia Lim Abad, Mofiz Ahmad, Olivia D'Silva, Selena Leroux, Domenico Serra, Colleen Foran, Jonas Hoareau, Donald Macleod, Nigel Macleod, Sandra D'Costa, Colleen Nunes, Colleen Foran, Patrice Bonhomme, Philomena Hickey, Joseph D'Argent, Stephen D'Souza, Brendan Sutton, Natalie Bonnefin ***and all who are named in our church memorial book***

May they rest in peace

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Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*****here all kneel and pause for a short time *****

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to

follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid. for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Lenten Station of the Cross

Every Friday evening at 7pm in the Church

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GOOD FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS

Traditionally, the Good Friday Station of the Cross is lead by our **YOUNG ADULT group**. We are aiming to do the same for this year's Good Friday.

The run through of the Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be on **MONDAY the 18th of March**.

If you would like to join in, please do.

We will be meeting in the Parish Office at 6pm

Please don't hesitate as we have many roles to cover