

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: David Janszé, James Jackson Those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Carmelina Molluso, Trevor Jayetileke and Mykis Ferrazzini

Repose of the Souls: Therese Khoury and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 19th April — Vietnamese Community.
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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Thanksgiving Envelopes:

Dear Parishioners please collect your envelopes from the church as we can not post them any more. If you can distribute them in your neighbourhood, it will be much appreciated. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING
OFFERING ONLINE TO:
ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH
BSB: 083 347
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
67441 1404**

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Palm Sunday

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES & ENVELOPES. Thank you!

Jubilee Year 2025— St Dominic's Pilgrimage on 17th May to Bacchus Marsh.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Pilgrimage and the parish has organised a bus for those who would like to attend, the cost of the bus is \$35.00 per person. The bus will be leaving from St Dominic's at 8.30am and back at 3.00pm. Please bring a plate to share.

GOOD NEWS !!!

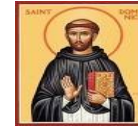
We would like to inform you that finally we got **new altar chairs for the church.** The **New Sound System is still in the process** and thank you to those who have donated toward these items.

Cost for the New Chairs: \$ 3,024.00

New Sound System with Screens: \$18,000.00

We are still accepting donations to cover those expenses. Thank you.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C

13th April 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21: 8-9. 17-20.23-24

R/ My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation: Ph 2: 8-9

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

Christ become obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all others names.

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

Gospel:

Luke 22: 14-23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Acts 10: 34. 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4 ; John 20: 1-9

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Lowly Prince of Peace*

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

Please Note: This Tuesday No Mass at 9.00am.
Also No Eucharistic Adoration this Wednesday.

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection— 18th April 2025

This is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when he shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. Can we use this occasion to recall our need to be in solidarity with those suffering around us, and in a particular way with the suffering Church of the Holy Land? Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

EASTER OFFERING:

Envelopes for the Priest are available in the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday 27 April 2025

Programme from 2pm—see flyer for details

Confessions: Sat 26th: 10am, 5:15 to 5:45pm

Novena: Good Friday 18th to Easter Saturday 26th

Jesus said "...so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation." Diary 1160



Passion and Easter Liturgy 2025

17th April: **Holy Thursday** (Combine Celebration)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

Holy Hour Adoration:

8.30pm to 9.30pm: All Communities

9.30pm to 10.30pm: Spanish Community

10.30pm to 11.30pm: Legion of Mary

11.30pm to 12.00 Midnight: Silent Reflection



18th April: **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

10.00am Stations of the Cross

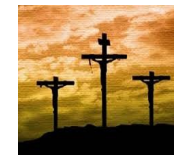
3.00pm The Lord's Passion—English

5.00pm The Lord's Passion—Spanish

19th April: **Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday Evening)**

7.00pm— Mass in English

10.00pm— Mass in Spanish



20th April: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Masses: 9.00am and 11.00am English Mass

1.00pm. Spanish Mass

Station of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm

Jesus' seven words from the cross:

.... "It is finished." (John 19:30) The word of triumph

This brief word follows hard after the previous one, equally brief. Knowing that his atoning work was complete and his ordeal almost over, Jesus drank the sour wine out of the sponge and exclaimed in triumph, "It is finished." There's a sense of joy and release in this cry. As Isaiah had prophesied 700 years earlier, "Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities." As a man, Jesus rejoiced that his awful suffering was nearly over. But as the divine Son of God, he rejoiced even more than any human could comprehend. He had accomplished the mission given him by his Father, for which he had been sent into the world. It was a mission planned before the creation of the universe, a mission to redeem a people from their sin, by his death, to the glory of God the Father.

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46; Psalm 31:5) The word of reunion

Jesus' final word before his death is a statement of confident resignation to the will of his Father. It's also a quote from Psalm 31, yet another of David's prophecies that foreshadow the coming Messiah. Throughout his time on Earth, Jesus demonstrated his dependence on God the Father, both in words and actions. As members of the Trinity, the Father and the Son, along with the Holy Spirit, have enjoyed an equal, loving relationship for all eternity. But at the right time, the Son laid aside his glory and humbled himself, becoming a man dependent on God. This dependence extended until his final breath when he commended his spirit into his Father's hands.

It's a sublime moment in which Jesus voluntarily relinquished his life, and a model for how we should entrust our lives to God, even in the face of death. But more than that, it's also an ecstatic moment in which Jesus anticipated his reunion with his Father. It's the fulfillment of his desire from his high priestly prayer: "And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed." Having died for our sins, Jesus would soon be raised for our justification and ascend to the right hand of the Father, from where he rules and continues to intercede for us.

Concluding thoughts

It has become customary to think of Lent primarily in terms of giving up something in order to restore healthy balance to our lives. But Lent is about much more than giving up Starbucks or Netflix for 40 days. Throughout church history and across various Christian traditions, the Lenten season is a time for sober reflection on our sinful shortcomings. But it's also an occasion for encouragement as we ponder God's mercy and love for sinners such as us, expressed through the sacrifice of his Son.

To that end, the seven words of Jesus from the cross form a microcosm of everything he came to do and to be for his people. As a meditation during Lent or Holy Week, they provide a small roadmap for our hearts and minds, helping us prepare to enter into the joy of our Lord at Easter.