

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Matthew Srinivasan, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

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

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 4th April — Spanish Community

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.**

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

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

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
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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**



Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

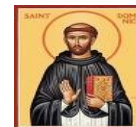
Please bring your project compassion box or envelopes.



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

**SALE OF FOOD ON 19TH APRIL
LED BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY AFTER EACH MASS.**

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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 Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

29th March 2026

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

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: Matthew 26: 14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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, another Gospel (Luke) 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.

By Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection April 3rd 2026

1. On April 3rd we celebrate Good Friday. 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?

2. 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.

Holy Saturday at Easter Vigil Mass the Catholic Church welcomes the catechumens into the Catholic Faith.

In St Dominic's We welcome Juvy Lavapiez and Asri Iskandar who will be receiving the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion as a culmination of the process of their preparation into the Catholic Church. Lord Look kindly on them as they listen to your voice, open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in them.

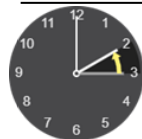
**EASTER ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR YOUR DONATION.
THANK YOU!**

PLEASE NOTE: Monday 30th March Vigil Prayer @ 6.00pm for peace in the world.
Tuesday 31st March, morning Mass at 8.00pm
Wednesday 1st April, no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Thursday Washing of feet

This year we will give the privilege to 12 sick members in our parish, to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper.

Please register their names with Fr Octavian as soon as possible. God bless them all.



5 Apr 2026 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, 5 April 2026, **3:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to **2:00:00 am** local standard time instead.

Sacramental Program 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 16 May 2026 at 6.00pm

The Sacrament for First Holy Communion: Sunday 26th July 2026 at 11.00am

Parish Synod Corner ...

12. Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

13. Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

14. Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

15. A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

16. Synodality and the margins

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disabled, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed...