



**Holy Family
St. Joachim's
St. Anne's**

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

The theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "... for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions



the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death. Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who

were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.

THANKSGIVING OPTIONS

If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:
St. Annes Church (CDF)

BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>

Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 22/03/2026 \$ 3967.50



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

“Child Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility”

Welcome to St Anne’s Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

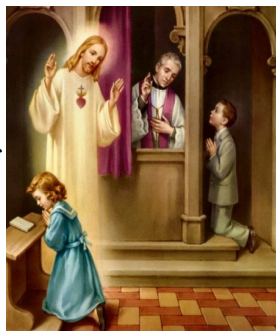
Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Jacqueline Ware, Allyson Joel, Frank Bartosy, Siyumi, Eliza Wilmot, John McCready, Yeng Omo, Myra Buyco, Patricia Upton, Alex, Jay Sulton, Kerry Marshall, Frances Kinna, Philomina, George Paul, Tracy Dalmau.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time especially **Florina Palma** and for all those who have died recently deceased **Assuncao Palma.**
Rest in Peace. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As you may be aware of the Reconciliation or Confession times at our church every weekend is on Saturday before Mass and other dates for the Holy Week. Please see the information in the last page. We encourage you to take advantage of this time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It’s a wonderful opportunity to seek God’s forgiveness, reflect, and renew your spiritual journey.

However, we understand that there may be instances when this time is not convenient. In such case, please know that you can always make an appointment for Confession with our priest. Your spiritual well-being is of the utmost importance, and we are here to accommodate your needs. To schedule a Confession appointment, simply contact the parish office.



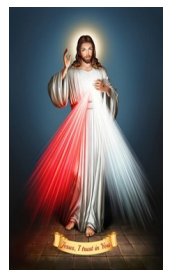
ROSTER FOR THE HOLY WEEK & NEXT WEEKEND

2nd, 3rd, 4th April & 5th April

Please refer to the Email from the office Or Notice Board for the **Easter Triduum roster.**

Divine Mercy Sunday Novena 2026

03 April Good Friday .. 7:00PM
 04 April Holy Saturday 5:45PM (followed by Rosary and 7:00PM Vigil Mass)
 05 April Easter Sunday 7:00PM
 06 April Monday 7:00PM
 07 April Tuesday 7:00PM
 08 April Wednesday .7:00PM
 09 April Thursday 7:00PM
 10 April Friday 7:00PM
 11 April Saturday 4:45PM (followed by Rosary and 6:00PM Vigil Mass)



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY-Year A **Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord**

1st Reading: Is 50:4 - 7
 Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.
 2nd Reading: Phil 2: 6 - 11
 Gospel: Mt Ch 26: 14 - Ch 27:66

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-Year A **Sunday of the Resurrection**

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 43
 Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord as made, let us rejoice be glad.
 2nd Reading: Col 3: 1 - 4
 Gospel: Jn 20: 1 - 9

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the sacred and grace-filled time of Holy Week, I warmly invite all to take part in our parish celebrations. These liturgies are the heart of our faith, where we journey with the Lord through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we will enter into the mystery of Christ's love and sacrifice. During Holy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. On Good Friday, we gather first for the stations of the Cross in which we also take a journey reflecting the events happened on the way to Calvary and secondly, we join in the solemn remembrance of the Lord's Passion. Finally, at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the victory of Christ over sin and death.

May I remind you that during these liturgies we will see a full church throughout so, welcome all visitors and friends and these liturgies go more than an hour. Please plan ahead. On Maundy Thursday there will be opportunity for spending time with Eucharist at the chapel after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday there will be a collection taken to support the Holy land. We are also supporting Red Kite: Childhood cancer charity, Australia. Please donate generously.

On Holy Saturday service will begin at the lawn area of the office. Car parking spots will be blocked off.

If you have the tradition of bringing the new Fire and Water after Easter Vigil, bring containers and carry them safely.

(Holy Week schedule is published in our newsletter).

I encourage you and your families to participate actively in these beautiful ceremonies. Let us come together in prayer, reflection, and gratitude, allowing this Holy Week to renew our faith and deepen our relationship with Christ.

Please contact us if you have any concerns. May this sacred time be a source of grace and blessing for us all.

NEW PLAN FOR MEMORIAL WALL

After the latest theft, we are able to share an update regarding our parish memorial wall. After careful consideration, we are preparing to proceed with the order and installation using a new, more cost-effective material, while still ensuring a dignified and lasting tribute to our loved ones.

At this stage, we kindly ask any families who have already ordered a plaque to please confirm their details with the parish office. Or if you know any family who has a plaque placed, please ask them to contact us. This will help us ensure accuracy before the final order is placed. If you have already done that's fine. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN DONATE

- Easter Egg for children.

WASHING OF THE FEET

We want 4 more volunteers possibly young parishioners for the washing of the feet for Holy Thursday, please write your name on the sign-up sheet that is placed in the foyer of the church.

Rev Fr Martin Jeramias

**Next Weekend
April 5th 2026**

**Daylight
Savings
Ends**



LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

**Lenten Program Wednesday 6:30 pm at
St Anne's chapel during Lent. This is the Last
session
All are Welcome**

Melbourne Synod 2026

The Archbishop formally signed the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod. These frequently asked questions can help gradually build awareness about the Synod and what it means for the life and mission of our local Church.

Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

Synodality and the laity

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

Synodality is about mission

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.



MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday Silent adoration 5:30 - 6:30 pm

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS

On Holy Thursday with the collection, you can bring the Project Compassion boxes/ Envelopes. Good Friday collection is taken to support Red Kite.

EASTER VIGIL CANDLES

Our parishioner Nirmala Alphonse has made fresh candles from the left over candles. We thank her for making this. We will use these candles for Easter vigil procession. These candles will be available for a gold coin donation.

Piety Stall Notice

We have miniature Stations of the Cross available at the Piety Stall to help this Lenten season. Book for toddlers on the Saints and Prayers to the Saints for pre school children. Columban Calendars have been restocked, these have space for daily memos and give the name of the saint for the day as well as beautiful paintings for each month.

Some new children's booklets from "Little Golden Book. Call at the Piety Stall to view the selection. See all the various helps for Lenten prayers whether booklets or visual items.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NEW SEMINARIANS

We have 3 new seminarians enter Corpus Christi this year: George Becerra, Luke Rochford and Ambrose Meehan. Please keep them in your prayers.



Schedule for the Sacraments 2026

Dear Parishioners, Please see the dates for the sacraments this year. We need your help to let the families of non Catholic school know these dates as early as possible.

There are 56 students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 46 students for the First Eucharist this year 2026. Please pray for them.

Profile pages and sorry card for the sacrament of Reconciliation are already due this weekend.

Confirmation Enrolment form goes out on 31st March (available on our website). Enrolment Mass 1 & 2 May 16/17 & 23/24. Preparation evening, June 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church.

All non Catholic school children will need to do special Religious education program apart from the sacramental program of the parish. There will 2 session for the children for the preparation of Reconciliation.

☆ Wednesday, 6 May 2026 @ 6 -7 pm

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Holy Week SCHEDULE 2026



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APRIL 1 WED	9:15 am Mass up to 10:30 Individual Reconciliation
APRIL 2 THU	Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper until 10:30 pm Silent adoration
APRIL 3 FRI	Good Friday 10:30 am The Stations of the Cross At St. Anne's school ground 3:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena
APRIL 4 SAT	Holy Saturday 7:00 pm The Easter Vigil
APRIL 5 SUN	Easter Sunday 8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Mass



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Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

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Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*