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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



infinite love for mankind: "Knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1). Son of Man suffered (Lk 24:26). The believer is therefore looking for another person responsible for Christ's death; he feels that there is an implacable accuser behind him, who, even before his arrest, has already prepared the cup for Jesus to drink. The passion story has strange interlocking inserts that seemingly break the thread of the narrative: the story of Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, Pilate's washing of hands, Barabbas, the two thieves. But they are not extraneous bodies; rather, in them lies the explanation of everything. Those stories express and symbolise the one great reality that brought Jesus to the cross: "He bore our sins in his body on the wood of the cross" (1 Pet 2:24). Jesus bore our sins on the cross and our sins carried Jesus to the cross: "He was crushed for our iniquities" (Is 53:5)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mon, Wed, Fri 8am & Thurs 9.30am including Sche			
St. Paul's Int. College (Sat) 8am			
Confessions: 1st Friday of each month following morning Mass. After Saturd			
St Paul's M	loss Vale	St Brigid's Bundanoon	St Peter's Bu
Saturday V	'igil - 6.30pm	1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday Vigil –5pm	2nd, 4th Satu
Sundav	- 10am	2nd, 4th Sunday –8am	1st. 3rd. 5th 9







St. Paul's Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours: MON, WED, THURS, FRI 10:00am-1:30pm. The office will be closed on Tuesday.

Our celebration today begins with 'Hosanna!' and culminates in 'Crucify Him ' The mystery to be proclaimed is this: Jesus voluntarily surrendered himself to his passion; he did not find himself crushed by forces greater than himself. "No one takes it [life] from me; but I offer it of myself" (Jn10,18). It was he who, following the will of the Father, understood that the hour had come and accepted it with the free obedience of a son and with infinite love for mankind: "Knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1).

His Eminence Raniero Cardinal Cantalamessa

hool Mass (During School Term Only)

day 8.00 am Mass at St Paul's International College or by appointment.

Burrawang

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park Sunday - 8am, 9.30am, 11am , Weekday 11am

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st, 3rd, 5th Sunday- 8am

St Francis Xavier, Berrima

St Patrick's, Sutton Forest





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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: * Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed. The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. **The Word of the Lord**.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name

which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **The Word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:8-9

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 St Mark 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do vou want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saving, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION AT ST PAUL'S PARISH MOSS VALE



Palm Sunday (24 March)

We ask parishioners to bring your own palms or olive branches. Blessings of palms will be done at all the Masses. The procession to the church will start at 10am on Palm Sunday next to St Joseph's statue.

Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale—Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Mass at St Peter's Burrawang – Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass at St Brigid's Bundanoon – Sunday 8am Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale – Sunday 10am

Holy Thursday (28 March)

No Morning Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm (Moss Vale) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm to 9pm

Good Friday (29 March)

Novena of Divine Mercy and the Stations of the Cross at 10.00am. (Moss Vale) The Lord's Passion Liturgy at 3pm (Moss Vale) After the Liturgy will follow the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm.

Holy Saturday (30 March)

No Morning Mass and no evening Mass at station churches. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 12noon Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 6.30pm (Moss Vale)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (31 March)

Mass at 8am at St Brigid's Bundanoon & St Peter's Burrawang

Mass at 10am at Moss Vale to be held in the school hall. No Evening Mass in our parish.

Divine Mercy Sunday (7 April)

Mass at St Brigid's Bundanoon – Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass at St Peter's Burrawang – Sunday 8am Mass at St Paul's Moss Vale – Sunday 10am

Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotion to the Divine Mercy will be at 3pm at St Paul's Church.

Easter Octave: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—No Mass Thursday and Friday—8am (Moss Vale) Saturday 8am at St Paul's International College

Regarding any update for the Mass times during Easter please visit the parish website or facebook.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PALM SUNDAY) 23 & 24 MARCH

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages.

It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income, please pray for peace in the Holy Land.

PPC - MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The PPC would like to run a raffle each year for Mother's Day and Father's Day to boost parish funds. We have one prize donated for the Mother's Day Raffle.

We would be very grateful if, parishioners who were able to, could donate new goods suitable for use as prizes.

Suggestions are toiletries, heated throws, knee rugs, special treats for hampers etc - anything that you feel would make a nice treat for a mum. The only stipulation is that goods must be new.

Donations can be left at the parish office until the end of March. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES Sunday 24 March at 8.30am. Followed by Mass at 10am. Attendance of Mass is compulsory. OR

Monday, 25 March at 4pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION St Paul's —Thursday 11 April at 10am State Public Schools - Friday 12 April at 5pm

Thank you to the Parents of our children, Catechist's, Sr Maria Goretti, Catherine DuBois, Bernadette Taylor and Jim Maloney for their voluntary assistance and help.

WORKING BEE FOR ST PATRICK'S SUTTON FOREST



A working bee is planned for St Patrick's on Saturday 6 April from 8am to 12noon.

Jobs will include weeding, pruning and a general clean up of the property etc, please bring your own tools. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated, even if you can only come for an hour or two.

Prayers needed: Janet Laverty Recently Deceased: Mary Mizzi, Betty White Anniversary: Michael McCarthy. Eileen Cummins, Bernadette Biggs