



Readings for this

week:

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



Readings for
next week

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

Hymn to Christ the King

On this day the people and ministers process with palms into the church singing some or all of Psalms 24 & 47 and antiphons and Theodulph of Orleans' 8th century hymn to Christ the King: "All Glory, Laud and Honour." John Mason Neale (1818-66) gave us the English translation and Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) adapted the current tune.

The hymn is found in most hymn books: Catholic Worship Book II no 303; Gather Australia no 309 and the New Living Parish Hymn Book no 10 and in the Roman Missal p. 307. Each of the texts have slight variations. The Antiphon is:

All glory, praise (laud) and honour,
to you (thee), redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

On the Lighter Side



What do triangle palms
like to study in school?
Trigonometree.

Looking at the Readings

In Cycle B of the lectionary Reading for Sundays we read from St Mark. Today we have an option for the Gospel for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem, the first is from Mark's gospel and the alternative is according to John. This account quotes the Prophet Zechariah 9:9. Matthew is the only other evangelist to do so. The Lord is riding upon a donkey, the animal which Old Testament kings ride in Jerusalem and in the time of peace. Zechariah also associates the donkey as a creature of the poor and humble whom Christ is close to in his ministry.

John's account is the only one that specifies palms branches. Matthew simply describes them as branches, Mark as leafy branches and Luke does not include any.

The readings for the Mass are more associated with the Passion: Isaiah Suffering Servant song, the Psalm which Jesus quotes when dying on the cross (Ps21:2) and Hymn from St Paul's letter to the Philippians centring on Christ's humanity, humility, passion, death on the cross, and his glorification. Mark's Passion is read.

Origin of the Commemoration

The remote origins of the procession with palms can be found in Jerusalem in the 4th-century practice of processing with song and carrying palms down the Mount of Olives to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the afternoon of Palm Sunday. This particular day was chosen on the basis of John's gospel: "Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany" (John 12:1,12). The procession with palms did not enter the papal form of the Roman rite until the 12th century and then to the rest of the world.

Pope Francis on Palm Sunday

Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the "forsaken" Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation. *Sunday, 2 April 2023*

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

(Roman Missal, Passion Sunday)

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Silvano Sgammotta, Giuseppe Casuscell
	Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Jillian Taylor

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 25 March

Weekday Mass

Mon 25 March	No Mass
Tue 26 March	11am Chrism Mass
Bendigo	
Wed 27 March	9:15 Mass
Thur 28 March	6pm Holy Thursday
Fri 29 March	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of Christ

Weekend Mass

Sat 30 March	7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sun 31 March	10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 1 April	No Mass
Tue 2 April	No Mass
Wed 3 April	9:15 Anointing Mass
Thur 4 April	No Mass
Fri 5 April	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 6 April	6pm Mass
Sun 7 April	10:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 April 5 pm

Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

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Easter Timetable

Sunday 24 March	10:30 Palm Sunday 11:30-12:30 Individual Reconciliation
Tuesday 26 March	11am Chrism Mass Bendigo
Thursday 28 March	6pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday 29 March	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Passion of Christ
Saturday 30 March	7pm Vigil Mass

Volunteer Parish Secretary – Vacant Position

We are looking for someone or a few people who can take on the duties as Parish Secretary.

The role requires the person to be competent in:

- The Microsoft suite of packages especially WORD, EXCEL AND POWERPOINT
- One Drive
- Bookkeeping (using both a manual and computerised package).

If you are interested in helping Sacred Heart Parish on voluntary basis as parish secretary please speak to me.

Fr Uday



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.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

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 envelops available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Reflection Questions for the Palm Sunday

<https://young-catholics.com/>

Do you turn to prayer first when you face suffering in your life? In what ways can you deepen your prayer life and trust in God during times of difficulty?

Do you really trust that God loves you, even in the midst of your struggles and pain? How can you remind yourself of God's love and faithfulness, especially when you feel alone or overwhelmed?

What can you do to deepen your trust in God? Are there any specific practices or disciplines that can help you grow in your faith and reliance on God? How can you cultivate a deeper sense of surrender and obedience to his will?

Are there times when you find it difficult to trust in God's plan for your life? What are some of the obstacles or challenges that get in the way of your faith and trust?

How do you respond when you face suffering or adversity in your life? Do you turn to prayer and rely on God's strength and comfort, or do you try to handle things on your own?

In what ways can you deepen your relationship with God and grow in your trust and faith? Are there any spiritual practices or disciplines that you would like to incorporate into your life?

Do you believe that God can transform your pain and suffering into something good and meaningful? How can you open yourself up to this possibility and trust in God's loving plan for your life?

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years.

We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Attention all Volunteers

Just a reminder if you are a volunteer at Sacred Heart Parish you need to have the following:

- 1) a current Working With Children's Check that is linked to Sacred Heart Sandhurst Safeguarding Training.
- 2) completed the Sandhurst Safeguarding Training.

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you have any questions speak to our Safeguarding Officer is Debbie Turvey 0407 804 317

Positions Opened for the Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Uday is seeking additional people to join the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC Provides support and advice to Fr Uday in fostering the spiritual growth of the parish.

If you are interested in becoming part of the PPC you will need to have or a willing to obtain a Working With Children's Check and undergo a formal interview including reference checking.

For more information, please speak to Fr Uday.

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Office Hours 8:30 am – 1 pm
Wednesday & Friday

Easter Rosters

Holy Thursday – 28 March– 6pm

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Peter Crombie
Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg
Gifts: – J Caiafa/B Miller
Special Minister: –Debbie Worm
Oil Presentation: M Vraca,
A Ciavarella, D Hamilton
Washing of the Feet: 12 Volunteers
TBC

Good Friday – 29 March Stations of the Cross — 10am Station Readers TBC

Passion of our Lord – 3pm
Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Readers: Narrator: Denice Bourke
Other: Peter Crombie
Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca
General Intercessions: Carol Coulston
Gifts: – J Caiafa/D Hamilton
Special Minister: –Debbie Turvey

Saturday Vigil – 30 March 7pm
Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Readers: – Reading 1 – Sheila Gregg
Reading 2 – Peter Crombie
Reading 3 – Mary Vraca
Epistle – Debbie Worm
Gospel Procession: Barabara Miller
Gifts: – TBC
Special Minister: –Debbie Worm

Easter Sunday – 31 March 10:30
Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – TBC
Gospel Procession: TBC
Gifts: – TBC
Special Minister: –Anna Ciavarella

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. 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 and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on the assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

