

Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)

5 April 2020

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Readings for this week:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8
John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



Liturgical Jottings Easter Triduum

The following instructions were issued recently due to Covid-19 since the Rites of Holy Week and Easter Triduum cannot be celebrated publicly

The Date of Easter cannot be transferred. ...

The faithful should be informed of the times of the celebration so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. In this occasion, the means of live (not recorded) TV or internet broadcasts are helpful. ...

Expressions of popular piety and processions (eg Way of the Cross), which enrich the days of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, can be transferred to other suitable days in the year.

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Looking at the Readings

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 to 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. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Good Idea for the Week

Celebrate the Easter Triduum with the family at home with a prayer table of symbols: Holy Thursday - bread, wine, jug, bowl & towel; Good Friday - cross alone; Easter Vigil - candle, water, bell, flowers and read the scriptures and prayers for each day.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020

A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry. (#4)

On the Lighter Side

Why can't you tell Easter egg jokes more than one at a time?
You are likely to scramble them up!



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Rosario Sorbello (1 month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Pat Kerrins, Vera Kerrins
	Our sick and their carers	Cecilia Bannan



PALM SUNDAY

5th April 2020



Dominic, 47 is a former teacher and father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with the Caritas Australia's Safe House and Family Anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around. The program provides gender-based violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives. Dominic and his wife, Christophylda say that their relationship has been transformed – and their family life is now harmonious, happy and safe



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can still donate at this time by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES AND BOXES

Please either mail your cheque for your Project Compassion Donation to PO Box 110, Tatura VIC, 3616 or alternatively you can drop them into the Presbytery on Wednesday 8 April, between 10 am and 11am.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving envelopes and receipts will be mailed after Easter. In addition to the planned giving envelopes and statement, you will also receive a direct debit form. It would be wonderful if you could please consider setting up a direct debit for your future planned giving program.

Palm Sunday Mass - On-Line

This Sunday at 9:30 am you will be able to watch Fr John Paul celebrate Mass for Palm Sunday via our Facebook Page or visit our website

Website: www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au

EASTER OFFERINGS

If you normally give an Easter Offering you can still do so by:

Mailing a cheque to the Presbytery

Drop in your Easter Offering envelop to the Parish Office on Wednesday 8 April, between 10am and 11 am

Direct Deposit into Sacred Heart Parish Bank Account

BSB No: 083-543 Account No: 58775 2454



Sandhurst Prayer Resources During Corona Virus Pandemic

Faith @ Home Resources to support personal and family prayer.

HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES LIVE-STREAM OR TV

- **Mass Streamed from St Kilian's Parish Bendigo. Holy Week Ceremonies** www.catholic.org.au and <https://www.facebook.com/stkiliansparish/videos/201775217751135/>
*St Kilian's Facebook page also live-streams Daily Mass and further Prayer Times
- **EASTER CEREMONIES ON TV FROM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY - CHANNEL 7 TV**
https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/channel-7-to-broadcast-st-marys-cathedral-easter-liturgies-nationally/?fbclid=IwAR0jcw2MMsNRZGUc_gwHTj5JgSKEu-OI-oi8XuDpKgDreoJ0Ymyu3SIIHXk

PRAYER PAGES & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- **HOLY WEEK AT HOME** from Liturgy Brisbane
<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer>
 - **Family Prayer** pages for: **Palm Sunday, End of Lent, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday** (can also be accessed directly from the link below).
 - **For Children:** 'Family Prayer' for children with activities:
<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer>
- **SPIRITUAL COMFORT FOR TROUBLED TIMES & HOLY WEEK** from Emmaus Productions
<https://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/spiritual-comfort-for-troubled-times-holy-week-2020/>
- **FREE E-RESOURCES FOR CORONA VIRUS SHUTDOWN & HOLY WEEK** The Pastoral Center (US)
<https://pastoral.center/>

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR HOLY WEEK

- **WAY OF THE CROSS** Redemptorists https://www.cssr.org.au/pray_with_us/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=263
 - Way of the Cross by Fr. Anthony Kelly, C.Ss.R., STD (or PDF download)
 - Way of the Cross by Fr. Kevin O'Shea, C.Ss.R., STD (PDF download)
- **'WAY OF LOVE' (WAY OF THE CROSS)**
<http://www.lagleder.net/easter/lent/stations.htm>
- **WAY OF THE CROSS AND WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN** – slides, words and music
Monica Brown: <https://www.icatholic.ie/emmausproductions/>
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES**
<http://www.foryourmarriage.org/stations-of-the-cross-for-marriages-and-families/>
- **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Carmelites: Printed traditional with historical background.
<http://www.carmelites.ie/Stations%20of%20the%20Cross%202013.pdf>
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fr Rob Galea <https://store.frgministry.com/collections/resources>
digital download to pray at home (\$15 contribution to costs)