



Readings  
for  
this week:

Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56



Readings  
for next  
Sunday

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



## Liturgical Jottings Palm Sunday Prayers

### Prayer for Illumination:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

### Prayer for Grace:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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## Looking at the Gospel for Blessing of Palms

The Sunday before Easter is most often titled Palm Sunday since on this day the palms are blessed and distributed to the assembled people. It is also titled Passion Sunday since the reform of the Lectionary in the 1960's. The Passion of the Lord is read or sung today, in full, in part or in dialogue with three voices and the congregation who take the part of the crowd. In cycle C of the Lectionary this year we read the Gospel according to Luke for the blessing of palms and the Passion Narrative.

The Gospel of Luke has particular emphases: the poor, like the shepherds at Jesus' birth, the forgiveness of sinners as in many parables especially the prodigal son and encounters with Levi and Zacchaeus, and sense of the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, from unbelief to faith.

Also significant is the emphasis on the Temple. The Gospel begins with Zechariah in the Temple (Luke 1:9) and ends with the disciples returning to the Temple (24:53) after the Ascension of the Lord. Therefore, it should be no surprise that Gospel today has Jesus approaching the Holy City (19:37) and while still outside the city he wept as he looked over it (v41-44), then he immediately entered the Temple (v 45). Yet as he approached the temple via the Mount of Olives (situated outside the city's walls), the people greeted him. Luke's Gospel is the only one of the four that does not mention palms or branches of greenery, only cloaks. They do not acclaim: "Hosanna!" but rather: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Very reminiscent of the angels' chorus at Jesus' birth (Luke 2:14).

What is our acclamation, imagine yourself in the crowd welcoming Jesus. Does Jesus' coming fill you with fear and trepidation or with joy and hope?


## Pope Francis on the passion for evangelisation

The Church must be a Church that dialogically encounters the contemporary world, that weaves fraternal relationships, that generates spaces of encounter, implementing good practices of hospitality, of welcome, of recognition and integration of the other, and that cares for the common home that is creation. Without the Holy Spirit we can only publicise the Church, not evangelise. It is the Spirit in us that drives us towards evangelisation, and this is the true freedom of the children of God. *Papal Audience, April 2023*

## On the Lighter Side

A couple were celebrating their golden anniversary of marriage. Someone asked the husband: "50 years is a very long time." He immediately replied: Not nearly as long as it would have been without her!"



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	For the intentions of	Gaetano Basile, Mariannina Basile, Angelo Peluso, Mariannina Peluso
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Guiseppina Peluso, Bill Corrigan
	Our sick and their carers	

## EASTER ROSTERS

There will be special rosters for the volunteers / Ministries during for the Easter Triduum.

Volunteers will be contacted directly as the rosters are not available at this stage. Please add your name to the list in the Narthex if you are able to help out. Thank you.

### SAFEGUARDING - WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

This is a reminder to ALL Parish Volunteers that you are required to have a current WWCC linked as a volunteer to the Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura and have also completed the Safeguarding Training (SALT) as implemented by the Diocese of Sandhurst. For further information or assistance please contact Debbie Worm or Debbie Turvey.

If you would like help applying for a WWCC please contact Debbie Worm, please note a passport is needed for the 1<sup>st</sup> ID and Drivers Licence and/or Medicare Card is needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ID to apply. The WWCC application can be found on the Services Victoria App.

*Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.*

### Saturday Mass times for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar)                  5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

## Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> April

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April                  9:15am  
 Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April              6:00pm  
 Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April                10:00am (Stations of the Cross)  
    3:00pm Service

### Easter Weekend Masses

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April                      6:00pm  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April                        10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April                 No Mass  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April                         No Mass

### Weekend Masses

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April                        10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April                 9:15am  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May                            9:15am

### Weekend Masses

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May                          10:30am

### Monthly events

**Anointing Mass** every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Mass at 9:15am  
**Italian Rosary** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 2pm in the Church  
**Reconciliation** every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)  
**Saturday evening Masses:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

The next shared Parish Lunch in St Mary's Hall is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April following the 10:30am Mass

### Plate Collection and Envelope

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$618.70



*Thank You*



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## Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Luke 19:38

**Rosters for Holy Week are in the Narthex.**

Please add your name if you can help with the Ministries during this special time of the year.

**Shared parish lunch.** Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall after Mass each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The next one will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Please bring a plate to share.

**Chrism Mass (Mass of Holy Oils):** will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am. If you would like to attend and represent the parish please let Trish know.



Along the daily way of the cross, we meet the faces of so many brothers and sisters in difficulty: let us not pass by, let us allow our hearts to be moved with compassion, and let us draw near.

Pope Francis

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**Project Compassion boxes and envelopes:** please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the Church during Holy Week.

**Good Friday Collection:** There will be a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land.

**On Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday), we reflect on the sentencing of Jesus and His journey to the cross. This reflection helps us understand the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice. As we read the scripture and imagine ourselves in the scene, we are challenged to consider how we would respond if we were there. Jesus faced false accusations and remained silent, showing His trust in God's plan.**

**When we feel powerless or afraid, we can remember that Jesus invites us to be with Him in His suffering, giving us the strength to face our own challenges.**



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*Sacred Heart Tatura  
Holy Week and Easter  
Celebrations 2025*

**Holy Thursday 17th April: 6:00pm**

**Good Friday 18th April:**

Stations of the Cross 10:00am

Service 3:00pm

**Easter Vigil Saturday 19th April: 6:00pm**

**Easter Sunday 20th April: 10:30am**



**SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS and PROCLAMATION OF THE JUBILEE**

The Chrism Mass for 2025 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, 15 April, at 11.00am. Diocese Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. Oils will be supplied by the Cathedral; Parishes to bring their own bottles for collection of oils after Mass.

This year's Chrism Mass will also be an occasion to celebrate the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, calling us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Held every 25 years, the Jubilee Year is a sacred time for prayer, pilgrimage and conversion. The five designated pilgrimage sites in our Diocese will be proclaimed during Mass and resources for the Jubilee Year will be available for Parishes to collect.

All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby streets.

Lord Jesus, as we remember your journey to the cross on Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday), help us to welcome you into our lives with open hearts. Grant us the strength to follow your teachings and trust in your plan for us. May we always seek to serve you faithfully. Amen.

**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.

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