



St Michael's Church - Meadowbank

The Parish Bulletin

The Passion of the Lord C/1



Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Jn 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. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

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.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Communion Antiphon:

Mt 26: 42

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

Gospel for Blessing of Palms

Luke 19: 28-40



Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?"' you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.'

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

Reflection by Father James McCarthy

At the time of Jesus, nearly 25,000 lambs were sacrificed every year during the Passover Festivities in Jerusalem. Over a million people descended upon Jerusalem every year to celebrate the Passover. But every year there was one very special lamb. It was the lamb which was sacrificed by the high priest on behalf of all the Jewish people. Before this lamb was slain, it was taken to the temple in a triumphal procession four days before the main feast day. When the lamb was taken in procession, the people would fill the streets, put their coats on the ground and palms from the trees to honour the presence of this special lamb.



On Palm Sunday, Jesus - the true Paschal Lamb, was also taken to the temple in a large procession and was welcomed in a similar way to the special lamb. Jesus comes as the King who brings peace but also comes as the Lamb who will be sacrificed for the salvation of the whole world.

During this Holy Week, let us make this week a truly blessed week.

Lent is often incorrectly described as preparing for Easter. To skip straight to Easter Sunday misses the true significance and gift of what Jesus has

Acknowledgement of the land

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoiria nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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1st & 3rd SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

2nd SUN 8am - Muntia Gouw

2nd SUN 10 am - Peter & Jenchris

1st & 5th SUN 10am - Mary Towers

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4th SUN 10am - Muntia Gouw

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Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTIONCONTINUED**

done and continues to do for us. It is more correct to say that Lent prepares us for Holy Week and for the three day liturgical event – the Easter Triduum - that is the highest point of the Church's year. Gathered around one altar and in one liturgical space over three days, we are brought together to celebrate the mysteries of Jesus Christ and the mysteries of the altar. We commemorate Jesus giving his body and blood at the table of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, we proclaim Jesus giving his body and blood on the altar of sacrifice that is the cross on Good Friday, and we remember our salvation history and profess Jesus rising from the tomb of the altar that is the burial and memorial for the dead at the Easter Vigil. This coming week is our High Holy Days. Let us enter fully into the experience of these High Holy days.

Our liturgical space for the Easter Triduum will emphasize the continuity of the one altar that is both a table, a place of sacrifice and a tomb.

On Holy Thursday, the altar is dressed for the Passover Meal, Good Friday the altar is stripped naked as Jesus was stripped, and for the Easter Vigil, the altar is shrouded with cloths representing the burial clothes, reminding us that Jesus was wrapped and laid in the tomb.

If you have not participated in the full Easter Triduum before, or it has been a while, I encourage you to attend this year. They are hard liturgies but they are full grace and mercy. The Easter Long Weekend can easily become about watching the footy, relaxing with friends and going to the Easter Show.

Make Holy Week 2019 a time to renew and strengthen your relationship and your family's relationship with Jesus Christ – the King, the bringer of peace, the lamb that is sacrificed for the salvation and the redemption of the world.

Change of Mass Time for Saturdays

After wide consultation, the Parish has agreed to move the **Saturday evening Mass time (outside of daylight saving) from 6pm to 5pm**, to assist families and the elderly get home in some light during the winter months. This change will come into effect from Palm Sunday (Saturday 13 April). There will be no 5pm Mass on Saturday 20 April as the Easter Vigil will be at 7.30pm. From 27 April until 5 October 2019, Mass on Saturday evenings will be at 5pm with confessions prior.

Tuesday morning Mass will now be scheduled at 9.15am with the first Tuesday of the month scheduled at 8.15am.

PULPIT POINTS 14-April

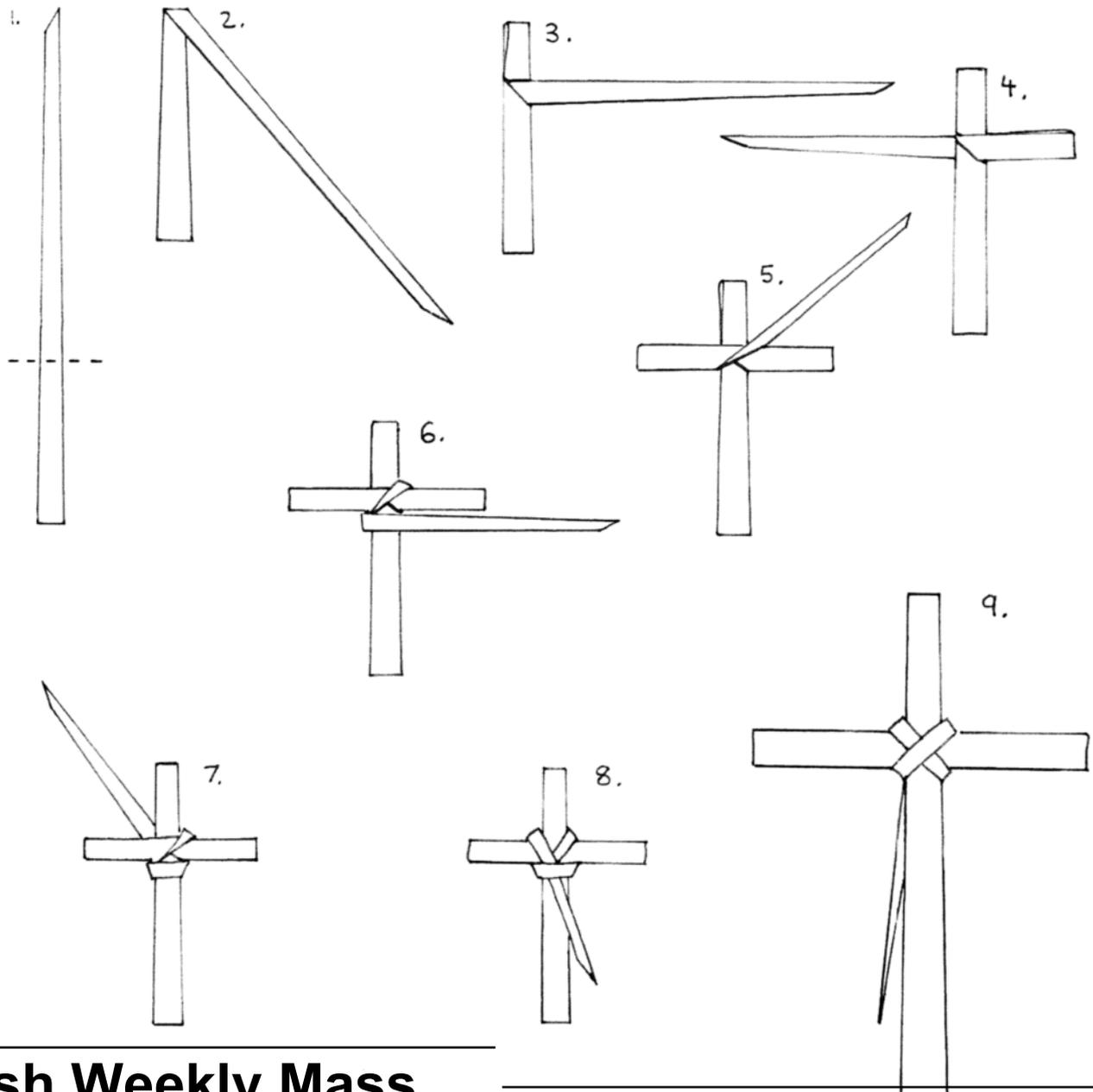
- A father's plea on drugs
- A vision for the future: New Director for Parish 2020
- Onwards & upwards: St John's College charts a new course
- Pray for them: Persecuted Christians need our prayers
- Movie review: Dumbo
- Lent, sans the makeup

Funeral of Sister Veronica Earls on Tuesday, 16th April at 1:30pm at Parramatta Mercy Convent. She is the former Principal of St Michael's Primary (1978-1981).

How to make a Palm Cross

Palm crosses are traditionally made and given to church attendees on Palm Sunday – the Sunday before Easter when Christians remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and being cheered by the people shouting ‘Hosanna’.

To make a Palm Cross, You need a single strip of palm about 60cm long and 2 cm wide. If you don't have a single palm big enough, you can cut two strips and join them together. Taper one end. Fold this long strip as outlined in the diagram.



Parish Weekly Mass Offerings

Saturday 13th April 2019 9:15am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 16th April 2019 9:15am

Recently Deceased Avelina Somosierra

Wednesday 17th April 2019 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for Isabelita Buenviaje

NOTE: Only one Mass offering is permitted per day.

Roster sheets for Easter Liturgies

For Acolytes, EOMHC, Readers and Altar Servers. The completed roster sheets are posted in the notice board.

New Roster for Readers & EOMHC.

Please pick up your new roster from the table at the foyer of the church.

Cleaners for April: Cherise Cavalleri, Robin Meehan, Christina Dutturi, Rose & Moussa El Bayeh.

LINEN: Joan D'Souza

End of the month: Maureen Richardson

**NEXT
WEEKEND**

Roster: 20 / 21 April 2019

Please refer to separate Roster Sheet for Easter Liturgies For Acolytes, EOMHC, Readers and Altar Servers

On Holy Thursday there will be a procession to altar of repose located in MULTI-purpose room near school library following Mass, with prayer until 11pm.



Prayer to St Michael the

Archangel. Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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HOLY WEEK

TIMETABLE 2019

Palm Sunday 13/14 April

Masses start in school playground with Blessing & Procession of Palms)

5pm - Vigil Mass on Saturday

8am and 10am - Masses on Sunday

Holy Monday 15 April

9.15am – Communion Service

Holy Tuesday 16 April

9.15am – Mass

Holy Wednesday 17 April

9.15am Mass

9.45am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7.30pm: 2nd Rite of Penance (St Charles Church, Ryde - All Welcome)

Holy Thursday 18 April

(No Morning Parish Mass)

10.30am Chrim Mass (St Mary's Cathedral)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Please return Project Compassion Boxes)

Adoration continues until 11pm

Good Friday 19 April

10am Stations of the Cross

(Includes Collection for the Holy Land)

11am to 12pm – Confessions available

11am – Servers/Acolytes Practice

2.30pm Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

3pm Service of the Lord's Passion

(Includes Collection for the Holy Land)

Holy Saturday 20 April

9:15am The Seven Sorrows of our Sorrowful Mother

10am – Servers/Acolyte Practice

7:30pm...Easter Vigil

(Candles will be provided. No entry to the Church prior to Mass)

Mass will start in carpark with Paschal Fire)

Easter Offerings for Priests in Other Ministries.

9.30pm – Easter Supper (Parish Hall – please bring food to share.)

Easter Sunday 21 April

Masses: 8am and 10am

Includes Easter Offerings for Priests

Liturgy for this week (15 - 21 April 2019)

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:15pm-5.45pm

Devotions: Prayer for Priests: 8:45am every 1st Saturday

Morning Prayer: 7:40AM every Sunday

Rosary: 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)

Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

8:30am-9:15am every Friday

8:15am-9:15am every Saturday (with Benediction at 9.05am)

Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Wednesdays after AM Mass

Weekday Services this week:

9:15am - Monday: Communion Service

8.15am - Tuesday: Communion Service

9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday to Saturday

Weekend Masses (EST):

5:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday Masses

(10am with Children's Liturgy)

The Piety Stall is open on the 1st & 3rd weekends of the month. We will be open again on Saturday 20th April (Easter Saturday) & Sunday 21st (Easter Sunday)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2019

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 also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.