

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE GREAT WEEK

Monday 15 Apr 4.30pm-5.30pm: Adoration
(Reconciliation Available)
5.30pm: Mass

Tuesday 16 Apr 7am: Mass
7pm: Solemn Mass of the Chrism
(At the Cathedral)

On the eve of Holy Thursday, the day when Our Lord instituted the Priesthood, the Bishop and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment, and the Sacred Oils to be used in the Sacraments for the coming year are consecrated. All are most warmly invited to this Mass so that they may pray for the Bishop and their priests, and for vocations to the priesthood.

Wednesday 17 Apr 4.30pm-5.30pm: Adoration
(Reconciliation Available)
5.30pm: Mass

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 18 Apr 7.30pm: The Mass of the Lord's Supper

According to ancient custom, only one Mass is celebrated today. On this sacred day when Our Lord instituted the Blessed Eucharist, one community gathers around one altar as a sign of our unity in Christ. With this Mass the Church begins THE SACRED TRIDUUM, her celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ – this one event is celebrated over three days.

In the ancient Church the people showed their concern for the poor by taking up a special collection at this Mass in obedience to Our Lord's command (mandatum): "Love one another as I have loved you" – hence the traditional name for this day, **Maundy Thursday**. **And so, this is the appropriate time to offer our Project Compassion sacrifice.**

After Holy Communion the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration continues until 10pm. The Church invites us to return and spend some time with Our Lord: "Could you not watch one hour with me?".
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PALM SUNDAY – YEAR C

14 APRIL 2019

READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-25:56

Isaiah speaks of a prophet suffering in carrying out his mission, but confident that God will vindicate him (**FIRST READING**).

Because Jesus took on himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has made Him Lord of heaven and earth (**SECOND READING**).

Saint Luke gives his version of the Passion. Luke presents a Christ who is merciful and forgiving, even to His executioners (**GOSPEL**).



**We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise you ✠
Because by Your holy
Cross You have
redeemed the world.**

ROSTER — NEXT WEEK

Sat 20 Apr	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, A Gollop, S Chavez	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 20 Apr	EASTER (Please see Easter Roster below)		
Sun 21 Apr 7am Mass			
Sun 21 Apr 9am Mass			
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		

ROSTER — EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet <i>(12 Volunteers — More Volunteers Needed, please!)</i>		
1. Aidan Calvert	2. Colleen Walsh	3. Patrick Briscoe
4. Sue Briscoe	5. Elizabeth Walker	6. Margaret Paton
7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.
Holy Thursday – Mass 7.30pm		
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Readers (3)</i>	<i>Servers</i>
Neil Dwyer	Colleen Walsh	Josh Walsh
Mark Walsh	Sr Joan	Zali Calvert
	Elizabeth Walker	
Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 10am		
<i>Cross Bearer</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Servers</i>
	M Gillis	Josh Walsh
Good Friday – Service 3pm		
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Readers (2)</i>	<i>Servers</i>
George Attard	M Gillis	
	Colleen Walsh	
Easter Vigil Saturday – Mass 7.30pm		
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Readers (6)</i>	<i>Servers</i>
A Carlotto	1. A Kelly	Josh Walsh
M Walsh	2. Colleen Walsh	
N Dwyer (fire)	3. Mary Carolan	
	4. Roger Baxendale	
	5. Sr Joan	
	6.	
Easter Sunday – Mass 7am		
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Welcomers</i>
A Michielin	S Walsh	Menly Fien
Easter Sunday – Mass 9am		
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Welcomers</i>
Neil Dwyer	Gabriella (singing psalm)	P De Battista
Cormac Carolan	J De Battista	

Gospel Reflection

This week each year Christians are drawn to Jerusalem, if not in body, at least in mind.

They stand at the foot of the Cross, beating their breasts, and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth.

They listen with reverence, as He prays for His killers: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

But when the week is over they return to their homes to resume their deep rooted spites and the burden of things they can't forgive.

Let us not then weep for Jesus.

Let us weep for our sins.

Then maybe, like Jesus, we will be able to forgive others who sin against us.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room
New members always welcome!
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** 2nd Monday of alternate months 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Nursing Home Masses**
- Hillside Nursing Home:** 1st Tuesday of the month - 2pm
- Figtree Nursing Home:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:45am
- Villa Maria Nursing Home:** 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

Refreshments after 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Donations of prizes are required for the Mother's Day Raffle! Money raised will go towards Mgr Graham's Golden Jubilee celebrations in August. Enquiries re donations, please contact Gloria Simmonite (4271 3634). A box will be provided in the church for the next two weeks for donated prizes — please provide your items by Sunday 28 April at the latest. The Mother's Day raffle tickets will then be sold on the weekends of 4-5 May and 11-12 May — it will be drawn by Mgr Graham after 9am Mass on Sunday 12 May.





“Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive ‘crosses’ and know that we also give them.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1882)

DISCIPLES SCHOOL OF MISSION

23-28 April 2019

Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2019? If so, then join us for Disciples School of Mission. This 5-day live in school calls young people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation.

Short term missions available to PNG, Indonesia, Townsville, Port Pirie, Darwin and back into your own parish. Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith – you won’t regret it – it’s an adventure!

For more info, please contact therese.mgl@gmail.com



KEY REGISTER

I am creating a Key Register to keep track of who is in possession of keys to the Church/Presbytery. Can you please contact me to let me know, so that I can put your name/contact phone number/email into the register.

Please either email: unanderra@dow.org.au
OR

Telephone parish office: 4271 1068
(Mon/Thu/Fri 9am-3pm)



*From
Sue Briscoe
Parish Secretary*

CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS LIBRARY

Parents — a wonderful library has been set up in St Joseph’s Room containing over 400 Religious Books. It caters for children from the age of 3 to young teenagers. It operates each Sunday after the 9am Mass or by arrangement with parents. The Library is stocked with over 100 books on suitable Holy Week and Easter stories. Enrol your children and provide



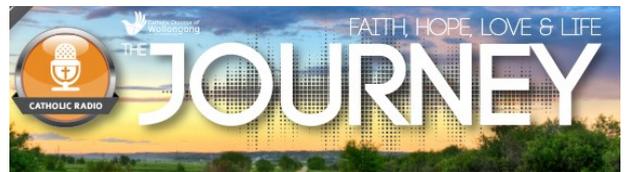
them with books to help them grow in their Catholic Faith. A special library bag is provided.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019 –

This week on The Journey we celebrate the joy of Palm Sunday, and our Responsorial Psalm is again from our Lenten Programme *TRUST*. Mother Hilda from the Abbey reminds us that “This Is Your Life”; Pete Gilmore encourages us to Payback with Love in his Living the Gospel God Spot; and we have taken a small piece of advice from our MenAlive Program entitled “The Slippery Slope”. Our music is a fabulous reflection of moving forward on your own journey.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen any time and subscribe to weekly shows via email



ADOPT A GARDEN BED!

The gardens surrounding the church need a little bit of TLC. Can you please lend a hand; or better still, a green thumb?! You can “Adopt A Garden Bed” by choosing a particular garden bed to look after, then just weed and prune when needed. **If you’re interested, please ring Fiona Fernandez on 0408 496 385 for more details.**



PROJECT COMPASSION

Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Yet, since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

THE GREAT WEEK (CONT'D)

Good Friday 19 Apr 10am: Stations of the Cross & Sermon on the Passion
3pm: The Solemn Commemoration of the Death of Our Lord

This afternoon's ceremony has three parts:

- (i) The readings from Scripture and the Intercessions.
- (ii) The Veneration of the Cross.
- (iii) Holy Communion.

Today, by ancient tradition, a special collection is taken up in every Church in the world for the preservation of the Holy Places in Palestine. This collection is sent to the Franciscan Fathers who have the custody of the Holy Places.

Holy

Saturday 20 Apr By tradition, no Sacraments are celebrated today. The Church waits at the tomb. Therefore, no Reconciliation – all should have confessed before the beginning of the Triduum.
7.30pm: The Easter Vigil and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

You should bring a candle to this Mass to receive the Easter Light. Make sure you have a protector to prevent the wax dripping.

The Liturgy has four parts:

- (i) The Service of Light: All is in darkness – the Easter fire is blessed and the Easter Candle lit from it. The people take a light from the Candle as it is carried into the Church. The celebrant then sings the Hymn of Easter Praise.
- (ii) The Readings from Scripture: The Church recalls God's creation of the world, His promise to Abraham, His rescue of His people from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea, His promise of a Redeemer.
- (iii) The Liturgy of Baptism during which the Font is blessed and we renew our baptismal vows, the culmination of our spiritual preparation during the weeks of Lent.
- (iv) The Mass of the Resurrection

Easter

Sunday 21 Apr Masses: 7am and 9am
Polish Mass: 10.45am



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lord, remember not only people of good will but also people of ill will.

Do not remember only the sufferings that have been inflicted on us, but remember too the fruit we have bought as a result of this suffering: the comradeship and loyalty, the humility and courage, the generosity and greatness of heart that has grown out of it.

And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.

(Prayer found in Auschwitz)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Janina and Tadeusz SEWERYN

Elizabeth RAY

Dorris MURPHY

Mary GRECKO

Fr Leo STEVENS

