



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
1st / 2nd April 2023**

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PARISH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

We begin this year's Holy week with Palm Sunday or "Passion Sunday, which unites us all to the royal splendour of Christ with the proclamation of his Passion". The celebration of Eucharist begins with the blessing of Palms and the procession, commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem. I remember in growing up, our Palm Sunday celebrations began in a small shrine close to my home and we used to walk nearly half a kilometre through the main streets with the palms in our hands to our parish church singing and waving palms. I used to walk so proudly carrying and waving Palms through the streets to my Parish church. Palm Sunday Liturgy is very important in our faith life. In medieval times people used to believe that blessed palms will protect them from dangers. But, I think, more than keeping them as amulets, palms or olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the Messianic king, and in His pascal victory.

This coming week, as Christians we will participate in many events that are central to our faith. On Wednesday evening at 7 pm in our cathedral the bishop will bless the three Sacred Oils at a special liturgy known as the Chrism Mass. These Oils are then distributed to the parishes to use throughout the year. The Oil of Chrism is used during Baptisms, Confirmation, Ordination, and the Consecration of altars. The Oil of Catechumens is used at the Easter vigil. The Oil of sick is used to anoint people during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

I invite you all to prepare ourselves for the Sacred Triduum. This coming Tuesday we have arranged for the Second Rite Reconciliation at 7 Pm. God's Mercy and compassion is calling us back to the confessional to reconcile ourselves which will help us to enter Holy week more profoundly. On Holy Thursday at 7 pm we will celebrate the Lord's supper. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which is central in the Easter vigil. During Easter vigil Mass at 7pm, we will bless the Easter fire, the lighting of the Pascal Candle, the reading of salvation history, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for catechumens and the acceptance of candidates to the full communion of the Catholic church. The renewal of baptismal promises for the faithful is once again an integral part of Holy Week celebrations. This year we have five catechumens for baptism and two candidates entering into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Let us continue to pray for **Imelda, Tae Young, Jessica, Rikki Ellis, Riley Ellis, Charlton Ryan and Michelle Ellis** as they continue their faith journey together with RCIA team.

I invite you to enter fully into the Sacred Triduum. The Great three Days of **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter** call us to be transformed by love.

I wish you all a blessed Holy Week.

Fr Joe Manjaly
Parish Priest



Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 2nd April remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.



With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes to Church this week and placed in the tubs provided at each mass.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Rodolfo Severino
and for his family

His funeral will be held on
3rd April at 11.30am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
George Marabouti
and for his family

His funeral will be held on
4th April at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: George Marabouti, Rodolfo Severino, Anatolio Tecson and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Gurtrudes Sajonia, Rosalind D'Souza, Agnes Whitten, Jessie MacDonald, Maria Bugeja, Cyril Burborough, Sr Mary Joseph, Helena Mary Armstrong, K. K. Lukose, Chorbishop John Trad, John Goro Trad, Assad Karam, Anna Karam, Peter Ryan and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Felicitas Castillo and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Ivan Topic, Michelle Zotz, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, Ricardo Limjap, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Michael Nolan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Bob Hardy, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, John Wakeling, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Robin Harkin, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecila, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL



Support our Seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.

"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding"
Jeremiah 3: 15

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Holy Spirit Seminarians through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal last weekend. Your gift will ensure that we can train more visionary young men to become priests and Good Shepherds of Christ's flock. We continue to seek your generosity if you have not contributed to this charity appeal. Envelopes are at the doors of the church. Every donation over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

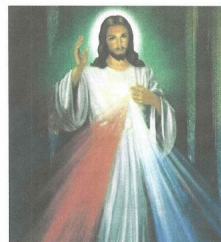


Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

You can view Bishop Vincent's Easter message at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=331B11hZSWo>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

COME & CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY WITH OUR PARISH AT

**ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH,
326 HIGH ST, PENRITH
2:30PM on 16th APRIL 2023**

- ❖ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- ❖ Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ❖ Stations of the Cross
- ❖ Homily and Benediction
- ❖ Reconciliation till 5PM
- ❖ Afternoon Tea from 4:15PM – 5:15PM
- ❖ Divine Mercy Mass 6PM

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Jesus Promised – "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." *Diary 1109*

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times
FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation

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PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 9th / 10th April Easter Sunday

1st Reading	Acts 10: 34, 37 - 43
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 117: 1 - 2, 16 - 17, 22- 23
2nd Reading	Colossians 3: 1- 4
Gospel	John 20: 1 - 9

Holy Week Liturgies

Sunday 2nd April	PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY Vigil, 7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm
Monday 3rd April	Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 4th April	Mass 9.30 am 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7.00pm
Wednesday 5th April	Mass 9.30 am Individual Reconciliation 10.00 am – 11.00 am No 7.00 pm MASS
Thursday 6th April	HOLY THURSDAY No 9.30 am MASS Individual Reconciliation 9.30am - 10.30am Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm
Friday 7th April	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 10.00 am The Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm
Saturday 8th April	EASTER VIGIL 7.00 pm
Sunday 9th April	EASTER SUNDAY 7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 6.00 pm

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed on Friday 7th April and Monday 10th April and will reopen on Tuesday 11th April at 9.00 am.

In an emergency please ring 4732 3039 or contact the priests.

The Altar of Repose

Will be open for prayer and adoration from the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 6th till 12 midnight in PMR1

La Salette Seminarists Collection

Dear friends, On Holy Thursday, we will have a special collection for our La Salette seminarists in India. As you know Fr. Joe, Fr. PJ, and Fr. Matthew belongs to the congregation of La Salette. They have got more than 30 seminarists who are studying for priesthood. They are being educated and formed in the seminary to become like Christ the Good Shepherd in order to serve the Church. Your support is vital for their education and formation to become priest. Please be generous to this collection. Thanks in advance.



Good Friday Holy Land Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15th. 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 as well as parishes, schools, orphanages and medical Centres. Please remember the Christian of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.



Sacramental Program

Holy Communion

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Holy Communion open on our Website on Wednesday 5th April. All other information regarding dates is already on the website

Catholic Outlook

The Autumn edition is available after all masses this weekend outside the doors of the Church

CALENDAR

Monday 3/4	Tuesday 4/4	Wednesday 5/4	Thursday 6/4 Holy Thursday	Friday 7/4 Good Friday	Saturday 8/4 Easter Saturday	Sunday 9/4 Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	9.30am Mass 10.00am - 11.00am Individual Reconciliation 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 7.30pm Chrism Mass St Patrick's Cathedral	9.30am - 10.30am Individual Reconciliation 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord	7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Parish Roster 8th / 9th April

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Separate Roster						
7.00am	J French A Ruzgas		M Scicluna	Y Baccan	R Bru L Davie	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	M Tolentino C Walsh	G Peters	O Plucinski	R Walsh	B Brainwood P Wheller	Jeffrey Mizzi	Carol Gill
10.00am	M Cobden R Wood	A Joseph	L Alimangohan	O Kiss	A Alimangohan A Kosman	AMDG Adult Christine	Volunteer Needed
6.00pm	C Clark R Esteban	J Esteban R Esteban	D Whalen	C D'Mello	L D'Lima K Wrightson	CFC Janet	CFC

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