



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

In the course of our busy week, we most likely have times set apart for certain things that are important so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church's liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word Holy refers to anything that is set apart for God's purposes. Holy Week is Holy precisely because it is an opportunity for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This is the

### Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which results in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies deepens our relationship with God, increases our Faith and strengthens our resolve as disciples of Jesus.

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of our faith tradition. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. As I mentioned before, this year our Holy week liturgies will be shared between Birkdale and Manly Parishes. We begin with the Mass on Thursday of the Lord's Supper, a most beautiful Mass that will be celebrated at our St. John Vianney Church, Manly at 6.00 pm. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice as disciples of Jesus. A period of silent adoration will follow for those who can remain. On Good Friday we will have the Stations of the Cross at 10 am, at Manly. The Liturgy of the passion of the Lord on Friday at 3.00 pm at St. Mary MacKillop's Church, Birkdale takes us deeply into the mystery of the power of Christ's love for us expressed perfectly in His complete self-offering on the Cross. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus overcomes everything, even death. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence when we particularly unite ourselves to the Lord's passion. All Catholics in good health aged 18 to 60 are required to fast.

The Great Vigil of Easter is a service held in both Manly and Birkdale at 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm respectively as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is an opportunity for all of us to get together as one parish community and celebrates the great mystery of our faith. Then on Easter Sunday there will be normal Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in all the Triduum Liturgies. Have a blessed Holy week.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### ***This Week's Readings:***

**First Reading:** *Isa 50:4-7* – I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**Psalm Response:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** *Phil 2:6-11* – He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even in death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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**Gospel:** *Mark 14:1 – 15:47*– The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

*Life is a Bank Account in God's hands. Nobody knows the balance of the remaining days. Keep depositing with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*



**Next week's Readings**

**First: Acts 10:34,37-43**

**Second: Col 3:1-4**

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### **A VOCATION VIEW:**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Roma Piper, Leontia Markey

**Anniversaries & Remembrances March** Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, John Scholtes, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Seanson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooley, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Rafferty, Rosa Tucket, John Kelly, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrok, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal, Martin Salvatierra.

**Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

Roster	Readers		Counting	Group 1	Group 2			
3rd & 4th April	6:15pm	(1st) Tom M (2nd and POF) John E	8:00am	(1st) Hilda A (2nd and POF) Peter L	7:00pm	Gp 3 Alan B	8:00am	Gp 2 Chris M

**Mass Celebrations** Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

**Saturdays** at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

**Sundays** at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

**EAST TIMOR EASTER RAFFLE** Tickets will be on sale at Masses \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lots of great prizes!!!! Many thanks for your support.

**Good Friday Collection 2021** - 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. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday Collection. This collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Please also pray for peace and harmony in the birthplace of Jesus.**

**Weekday Masses** there will be no Parish Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April or Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please note the Parish Office will be closed on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Marriage Encounter Weekends - Virtual or live-in** Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. **Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2 May 2021**, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday. Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc: 0437 388 513 Email: [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au) **Live-in weekend** Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston. Contact Maria and David Murphy: (07) 3342 1456, [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au) Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Prayer  
2:00pm Activities Group

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

7:30am HEARTfit  
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

*Thursday of the Lord's Supper*  
NO RECONCILIATION  
NO MASS

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

3:00pm The Passion of the Lord

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

*Holy Saturday*  
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

*Easter Sunday*  
8:00am Mass

**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**

**EASTER MASS TIMES – Bookings are essential for all celebrations**

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	6:00pm Mass - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLN">https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLN</a>
<b>Good Friday</b>	10:00am - Stations of the Cross - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLX">https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLX</a> 3:00pm – Passion Celebration - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBL">https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBL</a>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - St John Vianney's Parish - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLZ">https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLZ</a> 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBO">https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBO</a>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	7:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Jude's Church, Gumdale 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBT">https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBT</a> 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass - St John Vianney's Parish - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BPPMB">https://www.trybooking.com/BPPMB</a>

**Palm Sunday**

**First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel:**

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**