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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C - 3 April 2022

HOLY MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am,
9:00 am
and
5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

**Monday,
Wednesday,
Thursday and
Friday** 6:30 am
**Saturday & Public
Holidays** 8:00 am

Benediction and Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On every Friday
7:00 am
to Saturday
7:30 am

RECONCILIATION

**After Mass
Mon, Wed, Thurs,
Fri and Sat (am)
or by appointment**

*"I like
the silence of a church,
before the service
begins better than any
preaching".*
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

**2nd Rite of
Reconciliation
for Easter
on
Monday 11 April
at 7.00 pm**

In Communion...

As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal feast of Easter, it is important to remember that part of our Lenten observance is to make our sacrament of reconciliation.

Lent offers us a perfect opportunity to do so, since of its very nature we enter a penitential time. Therefore if you would like to make your reconciliation before Easter, we have:

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Monday 11 April at 7:00 pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation: After the Holy Mass every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning.

What is the Sacrament of Penance?

The Sacrament of Penance is often referred to as Reconciliation. In the past, it was usually called Confession. These different titles are all aspects of the meaning of the Sacrament. The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration of God's love and mercy. It celebrates the call to repentance after a process of conversion of heart. This includes confessing our sins and receiving the forgiveness of God through the ministry of the priest.

There are three forms of the celebration of penance.

1. Reconciliation for Individual Penitents, or 'First Rite of Reconciliation', is celebrated by an individual in the presence of the priest, usually in a Reconciliation Room (what used to be called a 'Confessional').

A bible, a crucifix and candle are placed on a table. The person may choose to sit facing the priest or to kneel behind a screen and remain anonymous.

The liturgy begins with a greeting, and the person reflects on his/her circumstances, confesses his/her sins and seeks reconciliation. The priest offers advice and gives a penance that is meant to help in starting a new life and to remedy any weakness. The priest pronounces absolution.

2. The 'Second Rite of Reconciliation' is often celebrated in parishes during Advent and Lent. This communal form of the Sacrament of Penance begins with a celebration of the Word – readings from scripture, hymns, prayers, a homily and an examination of conscience – followed by a call to repentance.

3. The 'Third Rite of Reconciliation' is a communal prayer of confession and general absolution. This form is restricted to emergencies and other special circumstances. (An extract from *Reconciliation*, published by Liturgy Brisbane, 2013.)

Easter Vigil with families and children

At the Easter Vigil this year, we will have the blessing of the fire outside the church as we did pre-COVID time, also, all the children will be lighting the lamps proclaiming the victory of light. We are looking for children for the Easter Vigil Mass. The presence of children with young families during the Vigil Mass will be a blessing for the community as well as they will be specially blessed by our prayers.

There will be blessing of water and the Holy Water blessed on Easter night will be available for those who would like to take to their homes.

Altar servers who would like to join the Easter Vigil Mass please contact Ike Soo Choon or Fr Biju.



Why do we have two collections at Mass?

This is a question I often get asked. Both collections are equally important, and the first collection you offer is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond.

The second collection, which includes the planned giving program, is the main source of our parish income. The second collection offerings are used for the day to day running of our parish: to pay for repairs, wages, insurance, utilities, repayment of loans, and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning.

When people give to the offertory, this is **an act of worship and an act of faith**. We know as Christians we are taught to share what has been given to us with those who have less. We share our gifts, talents, time, ourselves and, yes, even our financial resources.

"The people of God — you and me — give to the church and to God because of our gratitude to him. We give back to God what is God's so that through our gifts the love of God can become a tangible reality in our world. Our giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ." (Harnish)

Three days with the Community

Immediately after the Easter celebrations and the 9 am Holy Mass, Fr Biju will be joining with his religious community and will return on Friday. Fr Joe McKay will be helping the parish during Fr Biju's absence.

Commissioning of New Extra Ordinary Communion Ministers

There will be a commissioning for the new Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion on Sunday, 24 April. If anyone would like to be an extraordinary minister to serve our Lord and community, please contact Fr Biju.

ADORATION – Every Friday 7:30 am – Saturday 7:30 am

Will you not watch one hour with me? This Lent, adore in Peace and Quiet.
Adoration hours required – Friday – 8 - 10 am; 1 - 3 pm; 5 pm and midnight.

It is a blessing to have the perpetual adoration in our church. To continue to have this blessing, we need to follow the guidelines below:

1. Three people at night, one person must be the Marshal.
2. The doors must be locked at night, if somebody knocks at the door, the Marshal may take care of it.
3. The roster must be kept in the office.
4. Take care of the safety and security of the people who come for the adoration.

Your full cooperation may make our community gracefilled and glorious.

*As you enter the church, would you please come forward to sit closer to the altar.
Those who arrive late can sit behind, keeping the social distance.*

LITURGY CORNER

Liturgy Corner article: 2/3 April 2022

Holy Week Part 2 – Good Friday

One of the key elements of our celebration of Friday of the Passion of the Lord is the Adoration of the Holy Cross. Whilst we have traditionally used a crucifix for this celebration in our parish, it is important to understand the nature of this rite.

In the early church, it was natural that the cross, the instrument of our salvation, should become the object of reverence and veneration. The focus, however, was on its saving role in God's plan and not on the physical suffering and death of Jesus. The first evidence of Christ being depicted on the cross did not appear until the 6th century. The church's instructions and texts for the Adoration of the Holy Cross are clear that it is the cross that is being venerated. For example, on displaying the cross, Fr Biju will sing, 'Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world'.

Whilst we will again use the crucifix in our celebration on Good Friday this year, it is important to focus our attention on the cross that embraces all the paschal mystery - Christ's suffering, death, resurrection and his coming again.

SPECIAL NOTE:

To comply with COVID-19 protocols and to protect the health of our fellow parishioners, please venerate the cross by genuflecting or with a profound bow. Touching and kissing the cross should be avoided.

HOLY WEEK TIMES

PALM SUNDAY

9 April 6:00 pm Saturday
Mass in anticipation of Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday

10 April 9:00 am Procession Mass
7:00 am and 5:00 pm Mass

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

11 April 7:00 pm Monday
Reconciliation (Second Rite)

HOLY THURSDAY

14 April 7:00 pm Mass the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

15 April 10:00 am Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

16 April 6:00 pm
Easter Liturgy of Light and Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

17 April 7:00 am and 9:00am Holy Mass

In our prayers we remember

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

And those who are unwell: Kate Clayton, Rosslyn and Michelle O'Brien, Father Peter Luton (former Parish Priest).

Those who have died recently: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones or whose anniversary occurs at this time, **especially:** Mary Heffernan, Dorothy, Greg and Charles Lennon, Carmelo Bucolo, Nunzio Perricelli, Elliott Fletcher, William (Bill) Crowley, Shane Flynn, Carmela and Angela Perricelli and Palma Bucolo.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish Office.

Prayer for the sick

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that being restored to health, they may render thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Catholic Leader—Our Parish in print April 2022

One of our parishioners, Mary Mennis is featured in April's Catholic Leader on page 51. It tells of her work in Papua New Guinea and what she has discovered about 'the land and it's people as well as the missionaries who have spread the Gospel there'. If you are interested to find out more, please purchase a copy of the Catholic Leader or subscribe for the electronic version. Sign up at – catholicleader.com.au or call 3324 3555.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish.

*** ROSTERS ***

9—10 APRIL	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6:00 pm Mass in anticipation of Sunday	M. Cafe (B) D. Salvati	First Reading S. Cuaycong Second Reading L. McGorry Prayer of the Faithful E. Arpon	D Edmonds C Edmonds	B. McGorry	Judith Suzan/Di
7:00 am Mass	R. Volter (B) D. Volter	First Reading I. Spanevello Second Reading M. Delbridge Prayer of the Faithful A. Spanevello	J Alderton K Lara K Lara	D. Francis	Nancy Sylvester/David
9:00 am Mass	S. Lopez (B) J. Ferris	First Reading K. Tuutu Second Reading P. Surawski Prayer of the Faithful E. Tuutu	D Gee M Soo Choon M Pama I Pama C Soo Choon I Soo Choon	Volunteer please	Easter Choir Instruments: Soo Choon Family
5:00 pm Mass	J. Bissell (B) F. Gowans	First Reading K. O'Donnell (B) Second Reading T. Fernando Prayer of the Faithful R. Fernando	M Orcullo M Orcullo	B. Hopewell	Rod

COUNTERS

10 April
D Francis
D McCudden
C Leung
17 April
S Sherwood
D Jago
T Salvati
M Scott
24 April
B Donohue
Junker
T Gillam
M Hopewell

CHURCH CLEANING

16 April
Savio and Jinella
23 April
Volunteers please
1 May Volunteers please
7 May David Francis
13 May Volunteers please
21 May Savio and Jinella

PALM SUNDAY HYMNS 10 APRIL 2022

Entrance - All Glory Laud & Honour
Preparation of Gifts - Ashes
Communion - Table of Plenty
Thanksgiving - Prayer of St Francis

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022

Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, **Luke 23:1-49**

BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For further information, please phone the parish office on 3862 9402.

Palm Sunday Gospel Readings with Fr Biju

6:00 pm L. Dutton, F. Xavier
7:00 am G. Bortuzzo, J. Frayne
9:00 am K. Brough, K. Taatu
6:00 pm R. Meekoms, R. Fernando

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