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*"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."*

## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C**

### **20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

#### **From the Pastor's Desk**

#### **Luke 22:14-23:56: Walk With Jesus and Follow the Way**

Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in 305 AD was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. When he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the Government and in the court. So he issued an executive order to all those Christians: " Either give up Christ or give up your jobs." The great majority of Christians, to his surprise, gave up their jobs rather than disowning Christ! The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them saying: "If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either."

The Son of Man hanging on the Cross is what Passion Sunday is all about. This Sunday is also Palm Sunday, since palm branches are distributed. However, the focus is on betrayal, arrest, suffering, and crucifixion of Jesus rather than his triumphal entry into Jerusalem just before his death. And we join today with the crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Jesus Christ and fidelity to his teachings by this active participation in the Palm Sunday liturgy. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah, shows us that even before Jesus, holy people could begin to understand that someone could give his life for others and accept suffering for their sake. The second reading is from the letter to Philippians and teaches us that God is even willing to take on our humanity to suffer with us and for us - and ultimately willing to die so that we might live. Then we return to the Passion narration of Jesus, this year from the Gospel of Luke. Most of us never have to see the reality of someone being put to death. So we have to be united with Christ and with those who are killed because they believe, who are willing to die for their faith than to renounce it. Do I want to follow the way of the Lord? It may cost me my life, but that is the way our Lord Jesus walked.

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

<b>Readings</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Year C</b>
<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:4-7</b> I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.	
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Philippians 2:6-11</b> He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.	
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 23:1-49</b> The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.	
<b>Readings for Easter Sunday</b>		
	Acts 10:34, 36-43	Colossians 3:1-4      John 20:1-9



**IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:**

<b>MON 21st March</b>	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 7.30pm Choir & Musician's practice for Easter
<b>TUE 22nd March</b>	8.00am Mass with Children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
<b>WED 23rd March</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 24th March</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>FRI 25th March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 10.00 am Way of the Cross at John Paul College 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>SAT 26th March</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Note later time!)
<b>SUN 27th March</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9.00am Mass (Note no 6pm Mass)

**Year Of Mercy**

"Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it (the great river of mercy, because the mercy of God never ends."

- The Face of Mercy #25



**Little White Books & The Word**

Among Us available. \$3.50 each. Both offer short daily reflections from Easter to Pentecost. Highly recommended.

**Cuppa:** Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March after the 6pm Mass.

There will be no cuppa over the Easter weekend.



**Easter Volunteers:** Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists. We particularly need **8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night.**

**Easter Choir/ Musicians:** All singers and musicians are invited to come to a music practice for the Easter ceremonies on Monday March 21 at 7:30pm in the Church. We would love to have many singers and musicians to help us make wonderful music this Easter so please come along. Please phone Liz Fort 3341 0852 for any further details. Thank you!

**Good Friday Collection:** The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place at our 3pm Good Friday service as usual.

**Training for Readers** will now take place on Thursday 14th April. Arrive 7pm for 7.15pm start. Please write your name on the list

**Caritas: Remember Project Compassion this Lent.** Caritas has notified us that extra help will be given to hurricane victims in Fiji through Project Compassion. 1800 024 413 [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

**Children's Liturgy** continues this weekend and then will take a break for the school holidays.

Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.) Leaders, please advise Jodie of any dates you are unavailable during Term 2.

**Care and Concern** are looking for volunteers who could help with visitations especially to the Freedom Aged Care Facility (formerly Tall Trees) or maybe to people's homes.

We are slowly becoming low of people to make visits. It may only be once a month or every two months. Please see Jo Cullen if you are able to spend a little time to share with some of the elderly or home bound. Contact Jo on 0419733878

**Palm Sunday Procession:**

As usual we will begin our 9am Palm Sunday Mass with the Procession with palms.

**Blessings on the King**

**Refrain:**

Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King!  
Hosannah! Hosannah! Son of God, we sing!  
Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King!  
We praise you, we bless you,  
our gifts to you we bring.



1. Your people are gathered on this holy day, to lay down before you, branches on your way. We sing of your glory as you enter in. Come now, Lord Jesus, wash away our sin.
2. O Lord, you are King now, King of all the earth. The stars in the heavens shine on our rebirth. Your death and your rising gives to us new life. No longer in darkness, now we have your light.
3. You are our brother, brother and friend, sent by the Father, all our hearts to mend. We pray now, Lord Jesus, as you come today. Please guide us now with you as you go your way.
4. The meek and the lowly gather now to sing. To sing out their praises to the humble king. Yours is the Kingdom of peace and joy and love. The Father has sent us his Spirit from above.



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**Vinnies News:** 1. We will be running an Easter raffle to be drawn on Easter Sunday. Tickets available after Masses this weekend.  
2. Can anyone help? Some of our clients need their lawn to be mowed occasionally (usually a small job). Please contact us if you are able to help. Brian 0419992294

**Music Ministry Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm. Please bring your copy of Break Open the Word to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. Phone Liz Fort if you have any questions. 3341 0852.

**Altar Servers** please indicate any dates not available for Term 2 on the form at the back of the Church. New servers welcome.

**Church Toilet Renovations** will commence after Easter. The toilets will be unable to be used for 3 to 4 weeks. We will be able to use the school toilets during weekend Mass times. The Parish Office meeting room toilet will be made available at other times such as weekday Masses, rosary etc.

**Senior's Invitation:** All Seniors are invited to join with St Edward's Seniors on a day outing bus trip Friday April 15th. Bus (\$28) will leave St Edward's at Daisy Hill at 8.30am. Morning Tea (provided) at Wivenhoe Dam, lunch at the Toogoolawah Hotel (\$10). Raffles \$3. Return by approx. 3:30pm. Write your name on the form on the back table if you are interested or contact Julie in the Parish Office.

**Cursillo weekends for women and men** are being held this year on the following dates:

**Women's Weekend** Friday evening April 22nd to Monday evening April 25th.

**Men's Weekend** Friday evening April 29th to Monday evening May 2nd.

The venue for both weekends is Bribie Island Retreat and Recreation Centre, 2-12 Third Avenue, Woorim. Each is a 3 day live-in experience where you will learn about a useful method of support in living out your Christian life. You will experience Christian Community, hear talks and participate in discussions on God, life and spiritual development, and have loads of fun. You will leave with a vision of how to live as a Christian. This course is recognised by Brisbane Catholic Education for seven hours of Professional Learning towards Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School. For more information contact Rosemary on rhaydock@live.com.au or 0431 464 211 or Michael on magold-en@optusnet.com.au or 0427 555 776.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Pat McErlean, Grete Magiera, Alma Calabria

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitz-Gibbon, Robbie Movick, May Neilsen, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Betty Settree, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Nassib Jabbour, Teodolfo Cruz, Ronald Mack, Bella Agnas, Ramona Cruz, John Bochniak, Terry Naughton, Debra McKenna, Terri Mills, Mary Scholes, Johnny Summers

**Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectern.**

**Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.**

**EASTER SERVICES**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** Thurs 24th March at 7:30pm

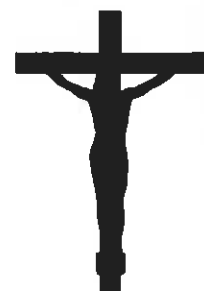
**Good Friday** - 25th March

*Ecumenical Way of the Cross* 10:00am at John Paul College  
(Bring a hat and sunscreen)

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion* 3:00pm at St Peter's

**Easter Vigil Mass** Sat 26th March 7:00pm (Not 6.00pm!!)

**Easter Sunday Mass** 27th March 9:00am NOTE: NO 6:00pm Mass



Rosters 26th & 27th March 2016

**Church Cleaning:** 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Michael Porter, Dona Thomas

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang      **Counting:** Carl's Team

**Cuppa**—no cuppa will be held on the Easter weekend



## Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators

In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.

**Baptism Preparation:** Julie Hondroudakis  
**Bereavement Group:** Contact the Parish Office  
**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337  
**Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent  
**Family Groups:** Alan & Kristy Scanlon  
**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Les O'Gorman 3341 3862  
**Mothers' Prayers:** Trish Bakker  
**Music Liturgy Group:** Liz Fort  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll  
**Play Group:** Kristy Scanlon  
**RE Teachers in State Schools:** Rita Bishop  
**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)  
**Social Justice Group:** Erika Meerwald  
**St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:** John Blake

Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878

Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

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Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcaroll580@gmail.com

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