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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"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 B)

### 25th March 2018

Readings: Mark 11:1-10 (*Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem*)

1st: Isaiah 50:4-7 2nd: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

### Reflection

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9

In this weekend's Liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! "Hosanna!" they cried out. "Hosanna in the Highest!" Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that, "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last."

How things can change in one short week. What happened to all the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem? How could they allow Him to enter into this Crucifixion and death?

At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn't do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Why would He do such a thing? Why would He choose suffering and death? Because in the Father's perfect wisdom, this suffering and death was for a greater purpose. God chose to confound the wisdom of the world by using His own suffering and Crucifixion as the perfect means of our holiness. In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our church and in many homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give us all divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect, today, upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.

*Deacon Mike*

**Readings for next weekend: Easter Sunday (Yr B)**

Acts 10:34, 36-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 26th Mar</b>	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Choir & Musician's practice for the Easter Ceremonies
<b>TUE 27th Mar</b>	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Final Lenten Discussion Group
<b>WED 28th Mar</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 29th Mar</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>FRI 30th Mar</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 10.00am Way of the Cross at John Paul College 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
<b>SAT 31st Mar</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Note: not 6pm!!)
<b>SUN 1st April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9.00am Mass only (Note: NO 6pm Mass)



**Crosses for Palm Sunday:** Thanks to those people who came along and made Palm crosses for us!

**Children's Liturgy** will be held this Sunday 25th March but then will break for the school holidays and will resume in Term 2. Leaders please contact Jodie with any dates you are unavailable for Term 2. Rosters will be prepared soon.

**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.

**Easter Services Flyers & RCIA Flyers:** Looking for volunteers who like to walk and do the Lord's work. We still have some Easter Services flyers and RCIA flyers that we would like to be dropped into mail boxes in the new Rochedale Estates (maps provided) to let the residents know about us. If you can help, please take a bundle or 2. There are about 50 of each flyer per bundle.

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

**Music Practice for Easter- Calling musicians and singers!** You are warmly welcome to come along and play/sing with us for the Easter liturgies.

We are practising on Monday 26 March at 7pm in St Peter's church. We would love to have you join us. Any questions can be directed to Elizabeth Fort on 33410852

**Lenten Reflection Groups:** Due to last week's Reconciliation, the Tuesday group will meet this week 27th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Office meeting room. All welcome. Thursday groups have now finished.

**ST PETER'S FAMILY GROUP CAMP:** All families welcome – Long weekend camp. Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May 2018 at the House of Happiness at Woorim, Bribie Island. Cost - \$15 per person per day plus contribution towards food which will be calculated by numbers attending. Please phone Malcolm Carroll 0438949099 or Jo Cullen 0419733878 for details. For catering RSVP 5 April 2018

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### Sixth Sunday of Lent

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.



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**YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:** "How beautiful it is to stand before the crucifix simply to be under the Lord's GAZE so full of LOVE."

Pope Francis

Based on *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 264

**Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Enquiry night Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm.



**Palm Sunday Procession:** As usual we will begin our 9am Palm Sunday Mass with the Procession with palms. The 6pm Masses will also have a Liturgy of Commemoration of Jesus Solemn Entry into Jerusalem

**Procession with Palms (9am Mass Sunday)**

**Hymn: 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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**Social Justice Group News:** Easter is almost here. Please purchase **fair trade** chocolate Easter eggs. **Entertainment Books for 2018-19** have now arrived! Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2019. Cost \$70 but the value is thousands of dollars in savings. Choose a traditional book or a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at [www.entbook.com.au/2224e97](http://www.entbook.com.au/2224e97) or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

### **Invitations from Around the Archdiocese**

**St Patrick's Beenleigh will be celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy on 8th April.** All are welcome to attend. 2:30 pm Exposition 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy Adoration & confession. 4:30pm Holy Mass

**Volunteer with Palms Australia-** Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty" Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? Ever thought of sharing them with our global family to reduce poverty and make a fairer world?

Palms volunteers help build capacity of overseas communities over the long term. They don't do quick fixes on short stays, but immerse themselves in another culture and exchange skills within trusting, mutually beneficial relationships. Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainably.

Are you ready to "Get out there?" Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/) Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa.

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**Easter Passion Play turns 60—The Iona Passion Play** at the IPAC Theatre, Iona College, LINDUM

Matinée: Sun Mar 25 at 2pm. Evenings: Sat Mar 24 & Good Friday Mar 30 at 7pm. Tickets: Early Bird: \$15-\$19 At the Door: \$20-\$22. Children (5-14) \$7 Children (under 5) Free on laps. Group discounts available.

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop—2018 National Pilgrimage:** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3rd November 2018. COST EX BRISBANE: \$3,360.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Johanna Whitten, Zhengchong Gong

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Betty Setttee, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon, Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Max Drummond, Esme Jensen, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Bonnie Dematillar, 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 29th March at 7:30pm

**Good Friday** - 30th March

**Ecumenical Way of the Cross** 10:00am at John Paul College

*(NOTE: Remember to bring a hat, sunscreen & an umbrella)*

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

**Easter Vigil Mass** Sat 31st March 7:00pm (Not 6.00pm!!)

**Easter Sunday Mass** 1st April 9:00am *(NOTE: NO 6:00pm Mass Easter Sunday)*

Rosters 31st March & 1st April 2018

**Church Cleaning:** 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Kathy Winter, Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

**Children's Liturgy:** none **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's Team

**Cuppa:** there will be no Cuppa on the Easter weekend. Next Cuppa & Chat will be 8th April after 9am Mass

## Other Parish Contacts

**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337

Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

**Family Group Facebook:**

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Mal Jensen 0411641312

**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:**

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