

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I

will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Entrance Mk 11:1-10;

Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 15: 1-39.

Days of Penance!

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
- (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)
20th / 21st March 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me,

the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50:3-4. 12-15

RESPONSE: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **Response.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **Response.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **Response.**

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ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am
MAR 20 / 21 Acolytes	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Readers	V PERERA	S JAYAMANNE	C LAYOUN
MAR 27 / 28 Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Readers	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER



PALM SUNDAY - 27th / 28 March

Saturday Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am and **5pm.**

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday to Wednesday - 9am Mass followed by Reconciliations from 9.30am.

HOLY THURSDAY - 1st April

Mass of The Lord's Supper at 6pm with prayers and adoration till 8pm.

GOOD FRIDAY - 2nd April

Stations of the Cross at 10am.
The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

EASTER MASSES - 3rd / 4th April

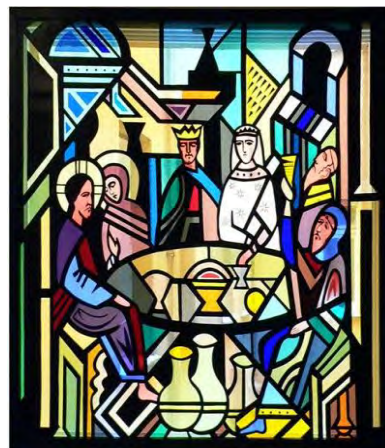
Easter Vigil at 8pm
Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am and **5pm.**

Extra Masses for Palm and Easter Sunday.

We have added **TWO** extra Masses for Holy Week. One on **Palm Sunday** and the other on **Easter Sunday**, both at **5pm** on the appropriate Sundays. Please take notice of this and pass on the news to others. That way there is enough room for everybody to be able to attend these special Holy Week Masses this year.

One Voice - The Voice

Different catechesis each Sunday and Thursday Night in Lent @ 7.30 pm in the Church.
COME and LISTEN,
and spread the word to others
to help them believe
"we are God's work of art"
in these trying times.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Connie Machnica, Evonne Nour (*Aunt of Fadwa Dabbah who passed from Covid 19 in Jordan*) and Tamar Marterossia Haftvani (*40 days since her death*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Carmelo Raffaele (*6th anniversary*) and Fr David Nies.

Working bee.

Our working bee will be held NEXT Saturday on the 27th March at 9.30am. So bring your feather dusters and enthusiasm as we prepare the church for Easter.



Project compassion 2021 – "Aspire not to have more, but to be more".

WEEK 5 – Halima from Bangladesh.

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Halima earns a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school. Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.



"My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, to live with pleasure, they will find their happiness - that will bring wellbeing for them," Halima says.

Don't forget brothers and sisters that through Caritas we are helping people like Halima. Please put your envelopes in the baskets provided.

No Tuesday Mass next week.

Fr Roberto has to attend a conference next Tuesday so is unable to celebrate Mass on Tuesday the 23rd March at 9am.

Lenten programme.

Our last session will be this week in the Church.

Stations of the Cross.

Stations continue on Friday the 26th March at 7.30pm.

Anointing of the Sick this weekend after Mass.

Holy Week Rosters for Volunteers.

Our Holy Week volunteer roster sheets for all our Easter Services are in the foyer. So in add your name if you able to help at any of the Masses.



Divine Mercy Sunday 11 April 2021

The special Grace Of Divine Mercy Sunday is the Removal of all Sins and the Punishment or debt of those sins. This Grace or Gift is the same as a complete renewal of Baptismal Grace. In simple terms the soul of a person who receives this Divine Mercy Grace would be in a state to enter into Heaven at this moment. They would not need to be purified in Purgatory.



St Joseph.

This week we celebrated St Joseph, and because this is a year dedicated to St Joseph I would like to share with you some of the ideas that Pope Francis expressed in his apostolic letter about this our great saint.



St Joseph is a beloved Father that offered his life to serve Mary and Jesus and at the same time, he was at the service to the mystery of the Incarnation, fulfilling God's will by accepting the role of a father for the Son of God. And he devoted himself to them in his life and work, as a servant. As such we Catholics should look up to Joseph as our Father too, who is dedicated to look after us who are the body of Christ. He was also an obedient Father who in his own situation always declared his own 'fiat' (yes) to the heavenly Father.

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*