

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Response

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

Response

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

Response

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Response

SECOND READING: **Philippians 2:6-11**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Philippians 2:8-9**
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: **Mark 15:1-39**
A passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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

WEEK 6 – An Australian Icon.

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation’s longest running charity campaigns.



For many, Project Compassion’s iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it’s time to support Caritas Australia’s annual appeal.

Margaret Moriarty can’t remember a time without a Project Compassion box in her house during Lent.

“Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition,” Margaret says.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, local partnerships have helped Caritas Australia to respond quickly to minimise the spread of the coronavirus.

This year, Caritas Australia has presented five stories from people striving to **‘Be More’** – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion.

We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Please bring back your Project Compassion money boxes and envelopes and remember to be generous with your donation as this worthy appeal makes a difference to those suffering and hungry in our world.

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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.

PALM SUNDAY (Year B)
27th / 28th March 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the Passover when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am
MAR 27 / 28 Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Readers	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	H VAZ
	J KENNY	L WHEELER	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.**

HOLY WEEK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holy Week is the most important week of the year. These days will give you a great opportunity to fully participate in the central events of the Salvation; you will be able to relive the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, which together make up the great mystery of our faith. Christ is the Son of God, who has paid the debt of this humanity's sins through his incredible sacrifice. This Palm Sunday is an introduction to the week ahead, as it will prepare us to enter into the mystery by welcoming Christ into Jerusalem where the greatest story ever told took place. On Holy Thursday and the vigil afterwards help us to relive those special moments, when the Lord prepared the apostles for the battle ahead, leaving us a most wonderful inheritance: the Eucharist, his permanent presence till the end of the world, the ministerial priesthood and the new commandment. On Good Friday, we will walk the Via Crucis with him till Calvary where we will hear his last words and will see the blood and water flowing from his side, blood that he shed for you and for me. Then, we will wait close to the great silence of the tomb till the moment when we will celebrate the holy night of the Easter Vigil, the moment when the Lord destroyed death's grip forever, where the devil was vanquished and all our sins were remitted. I invite you my friends to get immersed in the liturgy and experience of these days, and pray that our faith continues to grow in the love that not even death can ever destroy or diminish. Blessings to you all, Fr Roberto.



Easter Triduum

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Ted Cotter. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Betty Blyth.

Easter Rosters!

All volunteers should check the Holy Week volunteer roster lists in the foyer. We still need more Readers and Wardens!



One Voice - The Voice

Continues after Easter for April Only.

Every Thursday and Sunday @ 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Also, as Disciples invite others to reconnect to Christian Life thru these Catechesis.

Easter journey of Jesus Christ provides answers to the

questions in our daily life.



Working bee.

Many thanks to all who came and helped at the working bee.

Daylight saving ends next weekend on Easter Sunday.

Please note on your calendars that NEXT Sunday morning your clocks need to be turned back ONE hour.



Covid19 update.

We are grateful that things are getting better everywhere. We have made a couple of changes in the church this week:

- Pew barriers have been removed.
- Church capacity updated to 125 people.
- Must maintain the appropriate social distance from people we don't live with.

Please note that if any of these changes makes you feel uncomfortable, please know that you are welcome to wear a mask.

More changes to the rules are expected on Monday and we'll update you again next weekend.

Catechist Helpers needed!

Our catechists at Denistone East Public School need your support. Can you help in the classroom by giving them 30 mins of your time each Tuesday? Please consider this! Please speak with Fr Roberto after Mass.



Reconciliations at surrounding Parishes.

Holy Spirit at North Ryde - 30th March 6pm to 8pm.
St Michael's at Meadowbank - 2nd April 11am to 12pm.

Extra Masses for Palm and Easter Sunday.

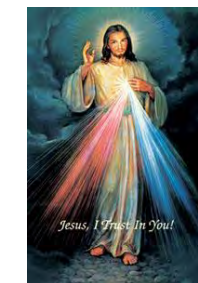
We have added **TWO** extra Masses for Holy Week. One Mass on **Palm Sunday** and the other on **Easter Sunday**, both at **5pm** on the appropriate Sundays.

Divine Mercy Sunday 11 April 2021

St Therese Church Denistone 2-4 pm
2-2.50 pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament - Reconciliation available.

3pm - Mass

Novena Of Divine Mercy Chaplets to be prayed from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday.



Holy Week Reminders:

EASTER ROSTERS: Please see the volunteer sheet on the paper table at the front of the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY: We request **THREE** apostles who will be having their feet washed please be at the church 10 minutes before Mass begins.

EASTER VIGIL is the most important Mass of the year because it is a very solemn celebration. If you have children please be aware that the Mass will be longer than usual.

Throughout the coming week please pray for our Catechumens who will be baptised: *Abby Qiu / Andy Qiu / Kirsty Catania*
CONFESSIONS will be available on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross. There will be **no confessions on Holy Saturday.**



Holy Week collections.

- **HOLY THURSDAY:** the liturgy says that on this day we should bring gifts to the poor. With this in mind, a collection will be taken for your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to enable them to be part of the offertory gifts at Mass.
- **GOOD FRIDAY:** there will be collections at all the services for the Holy Land. These collections are a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

Mass Attendance Count for 2021.

This will take place over 4 weekends in May. This will be a very useful tool in helping us to more accurately gauge the impact of COVID on parish attendance.

