

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Joel 2:12-13

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

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.***

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing

on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Entrance: Lk 19: 28-40; Is 50: 4-7;
Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14-23:56.**

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
 SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.
 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 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 C)
2nd / 3rd April 2022**

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: Isaiah 43:16-21

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah
*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.***

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 125

RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **RESPONSE.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **RESPONSE.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **RESPONSE.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **RESPONSE.**

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2 / 3 APRIL 2022 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A SHEEKA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
Altar Flowers	K PERERA / T CHAMISA – no flowers during Lent	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

9 / 10 APRIL 2022 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	A STANTON	M MORELLI
Reader	B CLARK L SAMONTE	P TREACY L WHEELER	C LAYOUN H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	T MORFUNI	NIL	TO BE ADVISED
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHIEL M PEARCE		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Michael Stack. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.

Please also pray for John Higgins who is very sick, he is a faithful and long standing member of this parish.



Holy Week Ceremonies and Easter Masses



PALM SUNDAY - 9th / 10th April

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

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK

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

HOLY THURSDAY – 14th April

Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7.30pm with prayers and adoration till 9.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY – 15th April

Stations of the Cross at 10am.

The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

EASTER MASSES – 16th / 17th April

Easter Vigil at 6.30pm – followed by Supper in the School Hall

Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

On Friday 18 children from within the parish made their First Reconciliation. The candidates and their families were very committed to the programme and I thank you all for the sincerity that you showed by your attendance. Congratulations to all the children and their families.

**Annabelle Boger,
Alexander Borg,
Mervyn Cheung,
Sienna Daher
Charlie Griffith,
Lennox Ho,
Natalia Jones
Gian Luca Loiacono,
Anna Mirabile,
Alice Hyun Joo Na,
Isaac Nieto,
Joshua Ong,
Reuben Pola,
Abby Qiu,
Ethan Rajaratnam,
Riccardo Strydom,
Chloe Yu and
Christopher Zulian.**

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

Our NEXT Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Friday 8th April from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Project Compassion.

Jesus always taught the importance of helping those who are poor and need help.

“Don't delay giving to those in need” (Sirach).

Stations of the Cross.

Stations will continue on **Friday the 8th April** at 7.30pm.

Lenten programme.

Our LAST session will be on **THURSDAY the 7th April at 7.30pm** in the Church.

Volunteers for Holy Week Roster are needed.

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



Eucharistic Ministers in Holy Week.

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers may be called up at any of the Masses if they are needed.

Reconciliations at surrounding Parishes.

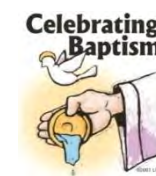
St Kevin's at Eastwood on the 5th April at 6pm.

Chrism Mass at St Marys

On Thursday the 14th April at 10.30am you are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass. At this Mass the holy oils used for the sacraments are blessed and given to each priest attending.

Baptisms this weekend

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Penelope Baxter. We congratulate her parents Bradley and Daniella and their families.



EASTER VIGIL SUPPER.

Please don't forget to put your names on the clipboards for the Easter supper:

- Setup volunteers
- Tell us what food you will be bringing on the night – savoury or sweet dishes.



Palms branches are needed.

This year we request you bring your own piece of palm or olive twig when you attend Mass for Palm Sunday on the 9th or 10th April. Please note that we will have a small supply of palms for those who forget to bring their own.



Working bee.

Our working bee will be held NEXT Saturday the 9th April at 9.30am. We will be cleaning the church and preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter. It's always a great opportunity to meet other parishioners. Morning tea will be served.



Holy Water for Easter.

Once again we need volunteers to happily help fill the little bottles on Tuesday the 5th April in the presbytery after the Morning Mass and prayers. We will have a cuppa and some hot cross buns too!

Holy Week collections.

- Project Compassion: don't forget to bring in your money boxes and envelope donations.
- 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 & instability in this region.