

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.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24  
**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:**  
**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:** Mt 26:14 – 27:66  
**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.**

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

**Safeguarding our community:** If you or a person  
close to you has been abused by someone working  
or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney  
please call the appropriate authorities OR The  
Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02  
9390 5812 OR **Speak with our Parish Safeguarding  
Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of  
whom will be able to provide support and  
guidance.**



## PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE

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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.  
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.  
MONDAY: 9.15am Communion Service.  
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.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023



### 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:

Is 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;

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**1 / 2 APRIL 2023 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	M MORELLI	A STANTON
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Projection	A SHEEKA		P TREACY
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Counters	GROUP 1: B. CLARK	A. STANTON	P. BRODERICK
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

## Easter Rosters!

All volunteers should check the rosters sheets at the front of the church.

We still need more Volunteers so just write your name on the sheet to fill the vacant slots. Please do so this weekend. Thanks.



## HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> April

Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7pm with prayers and adoration till 10pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY – 7<sup>th</sup> April

Stations of the Cross at 10am. *(Reconciliations will be available after the Stations.)*  
The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

### EASTER MASSES – 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Vigil at 7pm – *followed by Supper in the School Hall*  
Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

### Reconciliation for Easter in the Ryde Deanery.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation will be available at:

NORTH RYDE – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.

### Thank you.

We sincerely thank all our wonderful volunteers who came to help clean the church in preparation for our Easter celebrations.



## PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

### Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Peter Bugeja. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Joseph Saba.



### Family Mass and Cuppa this weekend.

Family Mass this weekend will be supported by Kindy families. All Parishioners are welcome to stay back for the parish "Cuppa" after this 10am Mass.



### Project compassion

Don't forget to bring back your Project Compassion envelopes or money boxes. All donations are 100% tax deductible. Don't forget the poor this Lent!

### 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.



### Chrism Mass at St Marys.

On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am you are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass. At this Mass each priest is given the blessed holy oils for use in their parishes for baptism and anointing of the sick.



### New members at Easter.

Keep in your prayers Leon Watanabe who will become Catholic at the Easter Vigil Mass next weekend.

### Divine Mercy Sunday.

Will be celebrated at St Therese Church Denistone on 16<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm-4pm. Please view our noticeboards for more information. The novena leaflets will be in the front foyer for you to take home.



- Reconciliation & Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass.

## Easter Vigil Supper Celebration – 8<sup>th</sup> April.

To make this a success we need **VOLUNTEERS** to help organise the supper with setting up tables, heating up food and the clean-up. Please write your name on the appropriate clipboard at the front of the church if you can help out.



Also, if you and your family are coming to share in this supper please bring some yummy food to share with people. It would be helpful if you could **write your name and what you will bring on the night – savoury or sweet dishes.** Thanks everybody!

### Lenten sessions thank you.

Thank you to those who attended the Lenten Sessions. We had close to 30 people participating in all the sessions. I truly hope you all found the discussions and prayers rewarding and with great moments of reflection.

### Washing of the Feet:

We need 12 people (*men or women*) to volunteer to have their feet washed as part of the Mass on Holy Thursday. **Please put your name down on the list at the front of the church.**



### Easter Triduum.

**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, helps 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.

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.