

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 14: 1-15:47.**



Days of Penance!

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
	Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS:	Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

16th / 17th March 2024

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.

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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.

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

16 / 17 MARCH 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM – FAMILY MASS	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVID ELLIS	ANTHONY STANTON
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ / HANNY WIDJAYA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		SCOTT & SONYA DIMICHIEL
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		BUDY WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		
COUNTERS	GROUP 7: THOMAS DABBAH QAISSER DABBAH GABI BAYEH		
ALTAR FLOWERS	ANNE MARIE NAGANATHAN	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

23 / 24 MARCH 2024 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	MARC MORELLI	JOHN RAPER
READER	JOY PERERA / LUEN UYMATIAO / BARBARA CLARK	YVONNE LEUNG	PAUL MCLACHLAN / SCOTT DIMICHIEL/ HELEN VAZ
OFFERTORY	WONG FAMILY	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ AND DOMINIC MCLACHLAN.
WELCOMERS	TINA CHAMISA		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	EVAN GRIFFITH		
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: FRANK KURNIAWAN DANIEL TAN ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	JAN KEYSER	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	



MASS TIMES

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER – 20th March
Wednesday at 7.30pm

PALM SUNDAY – 23rd / 24th March
Saturday Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am.

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK
Monday to Wednesday - 9am Mass.

HOLY THURSDAY – 28th March
Mass of The Lord’s Supper at 7.30pm with prayers and adoration till 12 midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March
Stations of the Cross at 10am.
(Reconciliations will be available after the Stations.)
The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

EASTER MASSES – 30th / 31st March
Easter Vigil at 7.30pm – *followed by Refreshments and finger food in the School Hall*
Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have died recently.
We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially for: **Peter Bugeja and Fr David Nies** (*former parish priest*).

Reconciliation for Easter.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful means to bring about ongoing renewal and conversion. So, take the time to prepare for the coming of the Lord and come to confession **NEXT WEEK:**

Eastwood – Tuesday 19th March at 6pm OR Denistone – Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm

Working bee.

Our working bee to prepare the church for the Easter celebration will be held **NEXT SATURDAY THE 23RD MARCH FROM 9.30AM.**

We will also cut up the palms for the Palm Sunday Masses. Come along and help, bringing your rakes, gloves and secateurs.



Lenten programme.

The group discussion evening continues on **Tuesday the 19th March at 7.30** in the St Therese School Hall.

Seven Churches Visitation on Holy Thursday.

The Seven Churches Visitation is especially Roman Catholic, Lenten tradition to visit seven churches on the evening of Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar of Repose in the church for Adoration. During the Seven Churches Visitation, the faithful visit several churches to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in each church. This year our parish is on the list of churches open till midnight for pilgrims to visit. To find out other churches that will be open for visitation please see the noticeboard.

The Seven Churches Visitation (also known as “Visita Iglesia”) is a pious Roman Catholic Lenten tradition to visit seven churches on Maundy Thursday. The number seven mainly signifies the seven holy sites related Jesus’ arrest and trial:



- 1) Garden of Gethsemane
- 2) The House of Annas
- 3) Tribunal of Caiphas the High Priest
- 4) Trial before Pilate
- 5) Trial before Herod
- 6) From Herod back to Pilate and
- 7) From Pilate to Golgotha (Calvary)

Stations of the Cross.

Will continue on **Friday the 22nd March** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7pm.

Project Compassion.

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

To make your donations please use the envelopes or money boxes from the front foyer.

Easter Vigil Celebration.

Our community will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a catch up in the school hall after the Vigil on Saturday 30th March.



Due to the lateness of the Holy Saturday Vigil we suggest it be a night of casual drinks and nibbles. So please bring a bottle of wine or finger food to share with everyone.

Palm branches are needed.

Please bring them to the Church on Friday 22nd March or Saturday 23rd March *before the 9am morning Mass* and leave the palms at the **Church entrance closest to the presbytery.**

Volunteers for Holy Week Roster.

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



Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday is on the 7th April 2024 from 2-4pm here at St Therese Denistone.



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