

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:**

**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: Philipians 2:6-11**  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philipians**  
**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: Philipians 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 14:1-15:47**  
**A passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**  
Please listen attentively to the Gospel as read by Fr Simon and our readers at each Mass.

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

**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.**



**A Message from The Archdiocese of Sydney.**  
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest or our Support Officer, Helen Vaz, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance. The archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Mobile phones at Mass.**  
To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.



**PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE**

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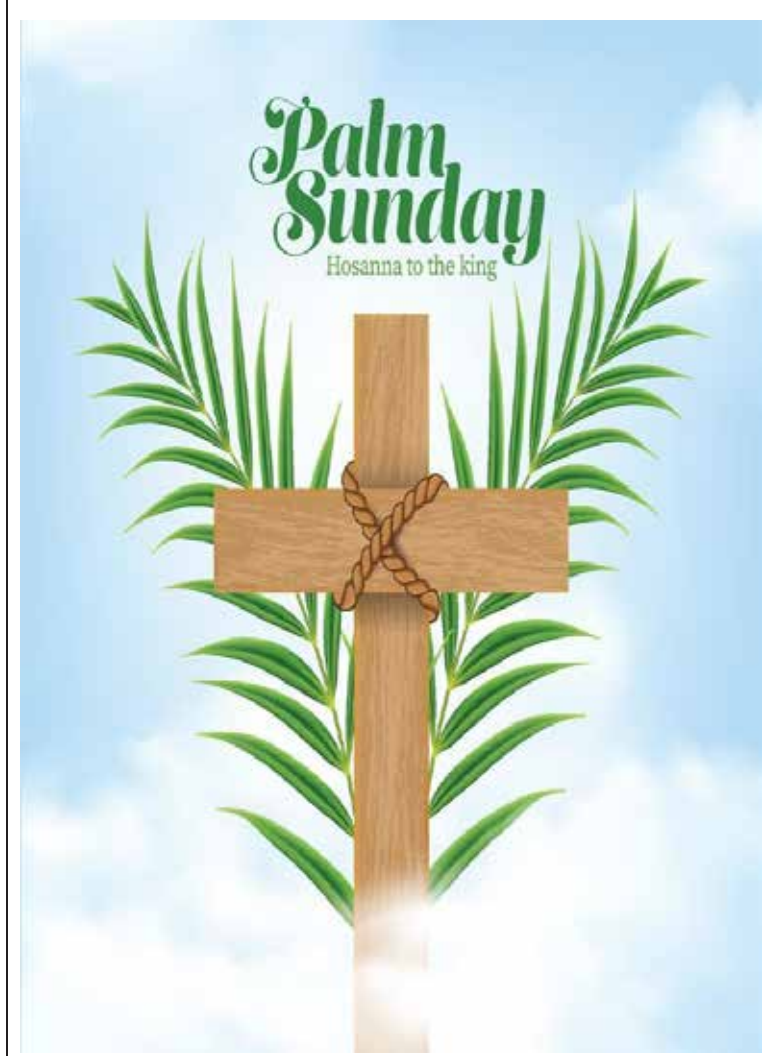
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**MASS TIMES:**

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.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



**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



**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	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	EVAN GRIFFITH		
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: FRANK KURNIAWAN	DANIEL TAN	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN
ALTAR FLOWERS	JAN KEYSER	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**Holy Week Rosters.**

All volunteers should check the rosters that are displayed in the front foyer. There are still a few vacant spaces, so please check out the rosters and see if you can help out!



**MASS TIMES**

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

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

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

**GOOD FRIDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Stations of the Cross at 10am.  
*(Reconciliations will be available after the Stations.)*

The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.  
**EASTER MASSES – 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> 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 especially:  
**Frank Hutchinson.**

We also pray for the departed: **Mary Saad.**  
And we pray for those who celebrate anniversaries, especially: **Ted Cotter, Petra Strappazon, Denis Secco, Michael Cesasini, and the Morfuni family.**

**Holy Week.**

HOLY WEEK is four special ceremonies that commemorate the events of Christ’s Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ’s body lay in the tomb. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ’s Paschal Mystery. So please take your time and view our Mass Times and plan the week ahead, so we can all journey together reliving Christs’ journey for our salvation.

**Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage.**

Parishioners are invited to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 with prayer. One way of entering into prayer during Holy Week is to visit an altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition in keeping with this liturgical practice. 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.



**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Project Compassion.**

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. With the support of compassionate people like you, they families and communities we support can forge a path to a better future. There is still time to donate to Project Compassion 2024 as 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.



**Thank you.**

A big thank you to all those who delivered palm branches to the church for this weekend and also to those who came to our Working Bee on Saturday. The church and gardens always shine after these days of preparation and cleaning in readiness for Holy Week.



**Divine Mercy Sunday at St Therese.**

Is on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Reconciliation 2pm to 2.50pm and Holy Mass at 3 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet leaflets and sheets with requirements to receive the Gift of Divine Mercy i.e the COMPLETE CLEANING of Our Soul like Baptism will be left at the entrances of the church. The Novena of Chaplets to the DIVINE MERCY to commence on Good Friday. 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.

