

Palm Sunday, Year B 27 - 28 March 2021

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 2 April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Our Parish collection will take place at services in the Parish on Good Friday.

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 30 March:	MASS OF THE HOLY OILS: 11.00am Cathedral (Bookings required)		
Wednesday, 31 March:	SERVICE OF SHADOWS: 7.00pm Cathedral		
Thursday, 1 April:	HOLY THURSDAY: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Cathedral		
Friday, 2 April:	GOOD FRIDAY: 9.30am Stations of the Cross - Cathedral, Rosedale & Stratford		
	Ecumenical Walk of the Cross 10.30am Cathedral to St Pauls		
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Cathedral		
Saturday, 3 April:	HOLY SATURDAY: THE EASTER VIGIL 7.30pm Cathedral		
	(Bookings required)		
Sunday, April 4:	EASTER SUNDAY:		
	9.00am Loch Sport,		
	9.30am Cathedral		
	9.30am Stratford		
	11.15am Seaspray		
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Please note: There will be no Easter Mass at Rosedale this year.

I encourage you all to attend the Service of Shadows as our Parish is hosting this Ecumenical Service at **7.00pm in the Cathedral on Wednesday 31 March**.

As numbers are still limited to 140 in the Cathedral please book to ensure your place for the Easter Masses in the Cathedral.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday 30 March from 11.00am** as Parish staff will be attending the Mass of the Oils.

Prayers and Love, Dean Peter

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

PALM SUNDAY: Masses at Cathedral Sat 27 Mar 5.30pm, Sun 28 Mar 9.30am, 5.30pm Sat 27 Mar Loch Sport - 11.00am Sun 28 Mar Rosedale - 9.30am MASS OF THE HOLY OILS: Tuesday March 30 11.00am Cathedral (Bookings required) SERVICE OF SHADOWS: Wed 31 March 7.00pm Cathedral HOLY THURSDAY: April 1 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Cathedral GOOD FRIDAY: April 2: 9.30am Stations of the Cross - Cathedral, Rosedale & Stratford Ecumenical Walk of the Cross 10.30am Cathedral to St Pauls Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm Cathedral HOLY SATURDAY: THE EASTER VIGIL April 3 7.30pm Cathedral (Bookings required) EASTER SUNDAY: April 4 9.00am Loch Sport, 9.30am Cathedral 11.15am Seaspray 9.30am Stratford Please note: No Easter Mass at Rosedale

CATHEDRAL OPEN DAILY Churches can be open for private prayer. Please adhere to sanitising and signing in requirements. The Cathedral will be open from after 9.30am or 11.00am Mass and closes usually at 5.00pm unless services are being held. MASS REQUIREMENTS: Mass can now be held for up to 140 people in the Cathedral. All standard Covid-19 directives to be strictly followed. Mark your attendance by using the QR code to register or use the sign in sheet. Please social distance and use the hand sanitisers' provided. Bookings and masks are no longer required to attend most Masses.

ALTAR SERVERS – Fr Jithin, with your help, desires to build a very efficient team to serve at the Altar - please encourage your children in a generous response to assist. Contact Fr Jithin anytime on 5144 4100.

IN SEARCH OF AN EASTER GIFT? The book "Three Springtime's —Chronicles of St Mary's Cathedral Sale," by local historian Peter Synan, beautifully brings alive the history and beauty of our own Cathedral. It is an ideal Catholic gift for any occasion and is available from the Cathedral Piety stall, for \$20.00

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Enrolments closed on Tuesday 9 February 2021. For those who missed the deadline and still wish to enrol your child for Confirmation or First Communion please call Jennifer Fitzgerald, Sacramental Coordinator, by Thursday 1 April on 5144 4100 to discuss enrolment.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES will be available for collection from the Cathedral or vour local Church this weekend of 20 and 21 March. Please collect your receipt and/or your receipt and envelopes by Sunday 28 March. Collecting your envelopes/receipts saves the Parish the cost of posting these out. Any envelopes left will be posted on Monday 29 March. If you are choosing to pay your planned giving by directly crediting at your bank to the Parish please let the office know if you no longer require envelopes.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP Are celebrating their 10th birthday at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 11 April. Parishioners are invited to join us afterwards a BYO picnic/BBQ at the Fauna Park in Guthridge Parade at **12noon**. concluding with a cake.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED for Easter Masses in the Cathedral. Please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 between 9.15am and 3pm on weekdays to book your seat. Please note the Parish Office will be closed from 11.00am on Tuesday 30 March to allow Parish staff to attend the Mass of the Oils.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on Thursday 8 April at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies can be sent to Maureen on 5149 2443. 31 CLUB REMINDER for 29 March to 4 April. Please pray for vocations.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday. New members are very welcome.

and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation. Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist. Enrich us in our faith, hope and love. Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace. Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together. May we be a welcoming and servina community. always discerning and doing your will for

PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father, we give you thanks

one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS:

Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows: Venue: St Ita, Drouin

Dates: Saturday. 17 April. God's promise of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg Time: 10.30 am each day.

"May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service." (Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

CHURCHES OF SALE GATHERINGS:

There are a number of opportunities for the churches of Sale to come together in shared prayer - this year 2021, these are:

- Ecumenical Service of Shadows (St Mary's Cathedral) Wednesday March 31, 7.00pm.
- Walk of the Cross: Good Friday from St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am April 2, visiting Uniting Church, Salvation Army and stopping at the Park across from St Paul's Anglican Cathedral
- Anzac Day (Sunday 25 April) at the Sale War Memorial

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am-12.00noon First Friday of the Month 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass . Saturday After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

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Planned Giving: Presbytery: Credit Cards: **Direct Debits:**

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

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MASS INTENTIONS Sun 28 Mar 5.30pm: John & Marshall McLinden

Mass Timetable this week Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B 20 - 21 March 2021

		20 - 21 Mar
Day/Date	Time	Place
Weekend Masses		
Saturday 27 March	9.30am	Cathedral
·	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 28 March	9.30am	Rosedale
Palm Sunday	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Weekday Masses	-	
Tues 30 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Diocesan Mass of the Oils	11.00am	Cathedral
(Bookings required)		
Wed 31 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Service of Shadows	7.00pm	Cathedral
Thurs 1 April	9.30am	Cathedral
Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Cathedral
Fri 2 April Stations of the Cross	9.30am	Cathedral
Stations of the Cross	9.30am	Stratford
Stations of the Cross	9.30am	Rosedale
Walk of the Cross	10.30am	Cathedral
The Passion of the Lord	3.00pm	Cathedral
Weekend Masses		
Saturday 3 April	7.30pm	Cathedral
Easter Saturday (Bookings	7.50pm	Catheurai
required)		
Sunday 4 April	9.00am	Loch Sport
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Cathedral
(Bookings required Cathedral	9.30am	Stratford
Mass only.)	11.15am	Seaspray
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm RECONCILIATION: Cathedral Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You: never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

YEAR of ST JOSEPH

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

By Pope Francis

COMING TO COMMUNION – COVID RESTRICTIONS

SOCIAL DISTANCING: It is very important dear parishioners we don't become distracted in keeping to the Covid restrictions – especially in keeping to the social distancing directions as we come forward to receive Communion. The Tapes on the floor in the centre isle are there to assist you in keeping to social distancing (1.5 metres).

A practical way of doing this would be to have communicants come forward **one row and one side of the row at a time**.

As you look to the Altar, my suggestion is the **right hand side** be the first row to come forward. The procession to communion to start from the **front seat proceeding to the back seat**. I repeat please be conscious to keep your distance in line with the Social distancing directions as per Covid 19. You will notice the tapes on the floor set there to clearly determine our correct distancing. Come to the tape, stop there until the person in front processes on, then and only then proceed in your turn to the next tape and so on, then to the Priest to receive Holy Communion.

Once the back row of the right hand side is reached, then the back row on the left hand side falls in behind (start from the back row proceeding to the front row of the left hand side).

I am grateful for your co-operation. Should you be available after Mass, would you be so kind as to help in the wiping down of seats and doors and windows – there will be a person to guide you in what is necessary to do – please don't wait to be asked this would be a great help to them. Let us not take their generosity in cleaning and sanitising, for granted. The best way we can show our appreciation is by offering to ease their load.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died Sue (Durrant) Barr, Hiske Deschepper, Mally Parer, Drew Pretty, Allan Douch, Wil Waanders, John Henderson, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Bernard Peavey, Fr Walter Silvester SAC, John McLinden, Marshall McLinden, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson. We pray for those who are sick Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Noreen Waud, Diliana Toonen, Mary Bailey, Barbara Webster, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Daryl Leggett, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Angela Jones, Cynthia Freshwater, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS? Please let us know we'd like to meet you! NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: EMAIL: Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program If you would like to join a Family Group Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office	Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232 www.lettsfunerals.com.au Member Australian Funeral Directors Association
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

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 human hands, and in three days build another, not made by 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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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.' (R.)

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. (R.)

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! (R.)

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.' (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:6-11

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.

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:

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-15:47

It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Ν Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

С It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at Ν dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly.

Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have С been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;

.....On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was

sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

С Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

......The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by С human hands.'

.....And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die. Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting.

С Play the prophet!

.....But he again denied if. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter.

С You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

...But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews? They shouted back. Ν

- Crucify him! С
- Ν Pilate asked them,
- 0 Why? What harm has he done?

Ν But they shouted all the louder,

Crucify him! С

......The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Hail, king of the Jews! С

.....The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three С days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

......The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said.

He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the С king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

С Listen he is calling on Elijah.

....But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last

ALL KNEEL

and took note of where he was laid.

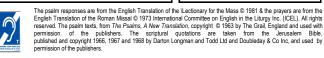
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

EASTER SUNDAY First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel: John 20:1-9

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.30pm Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome.



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month) Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am **Sunday:** Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month) **Sunday** Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sundays of the Month) Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month) Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm