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8th/9th April 2017

Holy Week is the most important week of the year (Pope Benedict – Apr 8 2009)

It was on an occasion when thousands of pilgrims had gathered in St Peter's Square to hear Pope Benedict's weekly Audience and catechesis. That the pope discussed Holy Week offering the world the chance "to immerse itself in the central event of Redemption, to relive the Easter Mystery, the Great Mystery of Faith."

The Pope exclaimed how Jesus did not wish to use the fact of His being God, His glorious dignity and His power, as an instrument of triumph and a sign of distance. Out of Love for us "He wished to 'empty himself' and become our brother. For love, he shared our condition, the condition of all men and women."

The Pope described the Chrism Mass and referred to the moving 'renewal of Priestly Vows by priests and Deacons before their Bishops and referred to the supreme gift of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, "which must be welcomed with devotion and adored with living faith."

He discussed "Good Friday" - saying "Christ's death recalls the mass of pain and evil weighing upon humanity in every epoch "If Good Friday is a day full of sadness," he emphasised," it is at the same time the best day on which to reawaken our faith, to strengthen our hope and the courage to carry our cross with humility and trust, abandoning ourselves to God in the certainty of His support and His victory."

The Holy Father noted how: this hope is nourished in the great silence of Easter Saturday as we await the resurrection of Jesus." The Church keeps prayerful vigil, like Mary and with Mary, sharing her feelings of pain and trust in God." he stated. "Rightfully we are advised to spend the whole day in an atmosphere of prayer one favourable to meditation and reconciliation. The faithful are encouraged to avail themselves of the sacrament of penance so that, thus renewed, they can participate in the Easter celebrations."

The Easter Vigil which Pope Benedict called the "mother of all vigils" proclaims to the faithful "once again the victory of light over darkness, of life over death." At the Easter Vigil, said Pope Benedict, "the church will rejoice at the meeting with her Lord. Thus we will enter the atmosphere of Easter Day.

I offer Pope Benedict's words for your prayerful preparation into Holy Week.

I wish you every Care through this Easter Holy Time – with the invitation to Refresh and Renew

Dean Peter

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2017

Monday 10th April:

Mass Cathedral 9.30am

Tuesday 11th April:

Mass of the Holy Oils, Cathedral 11.00am

Wednesday 12th April:

Mass 10.30am, Ashleigh House

Reconciliation 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Tenebrae 7.00pm St Paul's Cathedral

Holy Thursday 13th April:

Reconciliation Cathedral 9.30am – 10.30am

and 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Watching with the Lord till 10.30pm

Good Friday 14th April: (A day of fasting and abstinence from meat)

Stations of the Cross 9.30am Cathedral - Dean Peter.

Ecumenical Walk of the Cross to St Paul's Cathedral – Commencing at St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am.

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Rosedale – Fr Solomon Reconciliation to follow.

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Stratford – Stanly.

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm Cathedral (followed by reconciliation)

Holy Saturday 15th April:

Reconciliation 10.30am-11.30am.

Easter Vigil 7.30pm

(please bring your own candle with drip proof holder)

Easter Sunday 16th April:

Mass Loch Sport Community Hall 9.00am

Mass Cathedral, 9.30am

Mass St Patrick's Stratford 9.30am

Mass Seaspray Community Hall 11.30am

Mass St. Rose of Lima Rosedale, 11.30am

PARISH DINNER: Today Palm Sunday, hoping it's not too late for you to come and gather with Bishop Pat, Dean Peter, Fr Solomon, Stanly and parishioners informal lunch at Legends – looking forward to being with you.

CHRISM MASS: Tuesday 11.00am Cathedral come and be part of this beautiful Mass as we witness Priests and Deacons renew their Vows. Followed by the procession ceremony of the blessing of the Oils

WE WELCOME Mark Hughes, Jithin Anto, Confidence Masvosva, Paul Zahar, Hiep Mguyen, Avinash George and Stanly Devasia to Sale Parish our Seven Seminarians, arriving in time for the Serra Club dinner on Monday and ready helpers as servers for the Easter Ceremonies.

RECONCILIATION: A further opportunity for Parishioners will be this Wednesday in the Cathedral with three priests available – 5.30pm – 6.30pm

REMEMBER : SERVICE OF SHADOWS will be held at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral 7.30pm Wednesday April 12.

Holy Thursday – no morning Mass – The Mass of the Lords Supper, with the washing of feet – Service and Institution of the Eucharist major themes at 7.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of The Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm Cathedral

ECUMENICAL WALK OF THE CROSS: We have an Ecumenical Walk of the Cross – commencing from St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am Good Friday, following the 9.30am Stations of the Cross.

PROJECT COMPASSION:- Please return your Project Compassion boxes on a most appropriate day Easter Sunday
Easter Sunday Masses: April 16th
Loch Sport :- 9.00am,

Seaspray 11.30am.,

Stratford 9.30am

Rosedale 11.30am

St Mary's Cathedral Easter Vigil Saturday 7.30pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 9.30am

NO EVENING MASS

DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners who would like to make a donation for the Easter flowers may do so by placing your donation in a envelope clearly marked "**Donation for flowers**" and placing it on the plate at Mass or leaving it at the parish office.

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY ROSTERS: The new Cathedral Sunday rosters for April to June are now available to be picked up from the assembly area of the Cathedral. Special Ministers please take a moment to pick your copy up after Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FOR THE HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT: Our parishioners, Parish priests and Bishops have always been most generous. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in the Custody of the Holy Land.

EASTER VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 15TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

Parishioners, please bring your own candle with a drip proof protector for the vigil Mass. Also please bring a plate of food to share for supper after mass. Thank you.

MEN ALIVE: You are invited to a "Men Alive Week-end" on 6th and 7th May, 2017. at St Mary' Parish hall, Maffra. Brochures with more information are available in the Cathedral or by contacting John 03 5148 6220, Charles 0408 032 232 (contact after 5.30pm weekdays) Lindsay 0407 338 203, Bert 0427 492 351. Come and experience the faith and friendship of other Catholic men.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 8th April

Cathedral 5.30pm—Lourdes & Raymundo, Nicasio & Adel, Gloria & Florentino Jovencio.(Remembering their souls)

Sunday 9th April

Cathedral 9.30am Brian Corbett (A)

Cathedral 5.00pm Albert Dagondon Snr (RD)

Monday 10th April

Cathedral 9.30am—Francisco Jnr, Francisco Snr, Sening, Arnel, Donio, & Simang - (Thanksgiving)

SACRISTY:

Team 2: (16th April) Anne Fleming, Shirley Slater, Rosie Collins

Team 3: (23rd April) Emmy Van Berkel, Lana Nedelko, Carmel Allman.

COUNTERS:

This Week: Team 6: Pat and Betty Bourke, Brenda Bowden

Next Week: Team 7: Mike Hickey, Sue Harvey, Margaret Hickey.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$ 1,752.50

House: \$ 1,019.20

Direct Debits \$1,685.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral:

Friday after Mass from 11.30am—12noon
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am to 4.00pm

Reconciliation:

Cathedral: Saturday.

Following 9.30am Mass to 10.30am.

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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**Mass Timetable this week
Palm Sunday - Year A - 9th April 2017**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 8th April	11.00am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 9th April	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm	Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
Monday 10th	9.30am	Cathedral
Tuesday 11th	11.00am	Cathedral
Wednesday 12th	10.30am	Ashleigh House
Thursday 13th	7.30pm	Cathedral
Friday 14th April Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Cathedral Stratford Rosedale
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm	Cathedral
Saturday 15th April Easter Vigil	7.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 16th April.	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.30am 11.30am	Loch Sport Cathedral Stratford Seaspray Rosedale

PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENTS.

MISSION STATEMENT.

We the parish of Sale believe in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As a Parish, we seek to live out this belief by enriching the quality of our Parish life and providing opportunities to grow together in God's love.

MOTTO.

Believe! Live! Give!

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks 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.

*May we be a welcoming and serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for one another.*

*Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our
lives together.*

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE
CHRISM MASS (MASS OF THE OILS) 2017**

Dear Friends

The Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) 2017 will be concelebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan and the priests of the Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 11th April at 11.00am

At this Mass the sacred oils (catechumens, sick and chrism) are blessed by the Bishop. The clergy of the diocese also recommit themselves to ministerial service. The Mass is one of the important liturgical occasions where the Diocesan community gathers for worship and we are extending a warm welcome to all parishioners to join their bishop, priests and deacons for this beautiful ceremony.

In addition, I am inviting anyone who wants to come and sing in the Diocesan Choir to be part of this Mass.

Choir rehearsals will be from 9.30am-10.30am on the day (choir loft) Please email call me so I can send music to you. Contact details email: smorley@sale.catholic.org.au Phone 03 5622 6677 Mobile 0413 590 007

With kind regards,

We remember those who have died especially **Albert Dagondon, Shane Geraghty Bernard Saunders and Tony Hurley, Tom Rigg and Pat Phelan**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Brian Corbett**. We pray for those who are sick including, Eric Tabuteau, Luke Packham, George Gatica, Rosa Maria Santos, Sam Rizza, Liz Gross, Sr Teresa Lyne, Bill Harkin, Daniel Waugh, Fr. Frank Freeman SDB, Joyce Leeds, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Noreen Waud, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date 16/04/2017	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
7.00pm Saturday	See Vigil Mass Roster				
9.30am Sunday	John Egan	Sue Mattson	Jeff Hobbs Carmel Kuizenga	John & Teresa Cooper	Lenie Smolenaars, Mirella Segafredo John Vermaelen
5.00pm Sunday		No Mass			

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Six days before 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! He is 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: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

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 Matthew 26:14 -27:66

N When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

N They replied:

C What is that to us? That is your concern.

N And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

C It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.

N So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O Are you the king of the Jews?

N Jesus replied:

J It is you who say it.

N But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at this time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered Pilate said to them,

O Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Christ?

N For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N They said:

C Barabbas.

N Pilate said to them:

O What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N They all said:

C Let him be crucified!

N Pilate asked:

O Why? What harm has he done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C Let him be crucified!

N Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C His blood be on us and on our children!

N Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet

cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C Hail, king of the Jews!

N And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothes by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

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

C So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C The man is calling on Elijah,

N and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people, Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C In truth this was a son of God.

N And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C Your Excellency, we recall that this imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N Pilate said to them:

O You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Easter Sunday - Year A

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4;

Gospel: John 20:1-9