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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD 1 - 2 April 2023

HOLY WEEK CALL

"This weekend marks the commencement of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. This is the week of weeks during which we celebrate the Triduum: Holy Thursday (recalling the Last Supper), Good Friday (commemorating the passion and death of the Lord), and Holy Saturday (celebrating the glorious resurrection). There are also other services lined up during the week, for instance the Chrism Mass and Tenebrae. I hereby draw your attention to the Easter timetable on page 3 of the bulletin. Let us make this Holy Week a week of true encounter with the Lord by actively participating in the various activities as outlined in the timetable. Please put your name down in the sign-up sheet in whatever capacity/ministry you can help. May the Lord give us all a grace-filled Holy Week and a glorious Easter."

WORKING BEE

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who came on Thursday to help clean up the Cathedral inside and outside. Truly appreciated. May God bless you all. On another note, you will notice as you walk past the Bishop's house that the flowers/garden bed is overgrown with weeds. We do need help to tidy up the place. If anyone or group of people is able to help that would be very much appreciated.

Francis

ART INSTALLATION & BLESSING

The St Mary's School community gathered with Fr Francis this week (Friday 31st March) for the Blessing of the commissioned art piece, "Mother- Nurturer of Faith and Education".

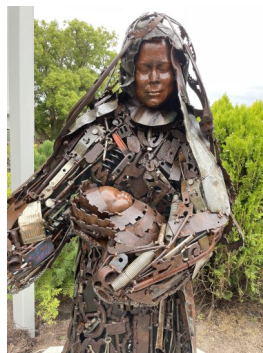
Positioned within a garden bed at the front entrance of the school, the sculpture honours the mothers of St Mary's Primary School who have nurtured students in Faith and Education. It is a tribute to the Notre Dame de Sion Sisters (the school's first Order), the Brigidine Sisters, the Sisters of St Joseph and the former female principals who have led the school for more than 150 years.

Sponsored by the school's Parents & Friends Association with the support of past and present school families and parishioners, the sculpture includes metal items that were donated by the students. It speaks to the bonds of love that exist between mothers and their children and the partnership of school and parish.

The rusty steel recognises the rural background and contributions of the school's first families who gave manually and financially to ensure a Catholic education for their children and generations to come.

We thank the artist, Mr Ben Hoekstra, and acknowledge his skill and effort to create such a unique piece.

The school is grateful to Fr Francis for attending and officiating the blessing. We thank all who were able to attend this special Liturgy, including Mr Paul Velten (Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Sale), Fr Jithin Anto, Fr Peter Bickley, former principals Mrs Diane Ward and Mrs Ann Vaughan, representatives from the Sion, Brigidine and Sisters of St Joseph orders, family members of Mrs Cathy Mesaric, current and former school staff and families. Parishioners are invited to take a prayer card from the Cathedral foyer and visit the school (during school hours) to view the art in the garden.



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 1 & Sun 2 Apr: Palm Sunday

Tues 4 - 10 Apr: EASTER WEEK SERVICES

- refer to timetable on opposite page.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION preparation will commence after Easter and the school holidays. Anyone who has a child ready to make their confirmation can contact the parish office on 5144 4100 or by emailing Sale@cdsale.org.au for an enrolment form and information.

31 CLUB REMINDER 3 - 9 April. Please pray for vocations

ROSTERS for welcomers, readers and commentators in the Cathedral continue until Easter when we will call for volunteers once again. The new roster will commence on **15-16 April**. If you believe this is a way you can provide a service to our Parish Community please call Clare on 5144 4100. Training will be provided for all volunteers later this year.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION will be held at every weekend Mass in the Cathedral from now on. Please offer at the Mass if you would like to take up the offertory procession. **If there are no volunteers can the welcomers at each Mass ask someone to do this.**

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Paityn Rathnow** daughter of Brendon & Stevie-Lee, **Elkie & Billy Collins** children of Taylor & Allison, & **Freya Collins** daughter of Simon & Katie. We also welcome for Baptism at St Patrick's Stratford, **Jace Fischer** son of Kayla & Nick. Congratulations to the families from us all.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) each weekend between the third and fifth Sundays of Lent our RCIA catechumen and candidates will be undertaking scrutinies at Mass. Please keep **Shari, Faye, Kirby, Sam and Adam** in your prayers as they journey to Easter.

SERRA CLUB there will be no April meeting of the Serra Club. Back to regularly scheduled meetings in May.

SIGN UP SHEETS for Easter Week Ceremonies are available in the Cathedral. There are still a number of positions to fill so please sign up if there is a role you can take.

PLEASE PRAY FOR area of the bulletin. If you have notified the Parish Office of the need for someone to be prayed for in the bulletin can you **also please notify the office when it is time to remove the name of the person we are praying for.**

BISHOP GREG BENNET On 23rd March Bishop Greg Bennet, Bishop of Sale, received a further appointment as a Member of the Dicastery for the Clergy from His Holiness, Pope Francis. The announcement can be read at <https://tinyurl.com/yckxpjds>.

COME AND SEE Bishop Greg invites young men (+18yrs) of our Parishes of the Diocese of Sale to come to St Mary's Cathedral on Good Shepherd **Sunday, April 30th, 2.30pm - 4pm**, especially those who may have a call from God to life as a priest, or to simply meet Bishop Greg and other priests. It will be an opportunity to meet those living the priestly life, to pray with them and ask questions.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS: At the annual Chrism Mass, Bishop Greg is joined by the priests, deacons and people of our Diocese as he blesses the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which parishes will use for the celebration of the Sacraments. Our clergy will also renew their commitment to their ministry for the Church. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1 Apr 9.30am: Tom Read (recently deceased)

Wed 5 Apr 9.30am: Jacques Buttie (A)

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.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.

GO AHEAD AND INVITE PEOPLE TO EASTER

SERVICES: Easter is an excellent time for churchgoers to invite family and friends to join Christian celebrations and have respectful conversations about matters of faith. So, go ahead and invite and bring your family and friends this Easter. Source: Cath news <https://tinyurl.com/4hy47hsj>

WALKING TOGETHER: Catholics and Jews in the Australian Context: A new Australian Catholic Bishops Conference document highlighting Christianity's unique relationship with Judaism and celebrating the positive relationship the two faiths enjoy in Australia was launched in Sydney today. Walking Together: Catholics and Jews in the Australian Context builds on earlier Church documents – local and international – on relations between Catholics and Jews. Here is the link for more information and the document. <https://tinyurl.com/2p9654x8>

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BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10-11am before Mass. **At Other times:** Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Planned Giving: | \$1,463.00 |
| Presbytery: | \$1,323.30 |
| Credit Cards | \$30.00 |
| Direct Debits & Credits: | \$710.00 |
| Cathedral EFTpos: | \$110.00 |

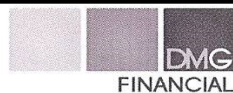
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**Mass Timetable this week
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
1 - 2 April 2023**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday 1 April | 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral |
| Sunday 2 April PALM SUNDAY | 5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral |
| WEEKDAYS | | |
| Monday 3 April | NO | MASS |
| Tuesday 4 April MASS OF THE OILS | 11.00am | Cathedral |
| Wednesday 5 April Service of Shadows | 9.30am 7.30pm | Cathedral Cathedral |
| Thursday 6 April Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7.30pm | Cathedral |
| Friday 7 April Stations | 9.30am | Rosedale |
| Stations of the Cross | 9.30am | Stratford |
| Stations of the Cross | 9.30am | Cathedral |
| Walk of the Cross | 10.30am | Cathedral |
| Service of the Lord's Passion | 3.00pm | Cathedral |
| WEEKEND | | |
| Saturday 8 April EASTER VIGIL | 7.30pm | Cathedral |
| Sunday 9 April EASTER SUNDAY | 9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.15am | Loch Sport Cathedral Stratford Seaspray |

| Date & Time | Sat 1 Apr 5.30pm | Sun 2 Apr 9.30am PALM SUNDAY | Sun 2 Apr 5.30pm |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| Welcomer | Theo Smolenaars | Marie & Nick Centra | Claire Everard |
| Commentator | Sandra Smolenaars | Christine Lyon | Veronica Stewart |
| Reader | Brenda Burditt | Susan Mattson | Brenda Bowden |
| Counter | John Dykun & John Vermaelen (from 10am Tuesday 4 April) | | |

| Date & Time | Sat 8 Apr 5.30pm | Sun 9 Apr 9.30am EASTER SUNDAY | Sun 9 Apr 5.30pm |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Welcomer | | | |
| Commentator | PLEASE OFFER SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE CATHEDRAL | | |
| Reader | | | |
| Counters | | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Jacobus 'John' Toonen**, **Michael Walsh**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Jacques Buttie**. We pray for those who are sick **Hurbert Somasiri**, **Rebecca Duck**, **Maureen Cunningham**, **Andrew Lyon**, **Madeleine Evans**, **John Schroeder**, **Jim Clottin**, **Nimal and Vajira**, **Dushyanthi**, **Helen O'Kane**, **Andrew Geary**, **Michael McGrath**, **Troy Barney**, **Bill Harkin** and **Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
EASTER MASS TIMETABLE**

Thursday 30 March: 6.00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation - Cathedral

Saturday 1 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Rosedale

**Sunday 2 April:
Palm Sunday** 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
9.30am Mass - Stratford
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral

Monday 3 April: **NO MASS**

Tuesday 4 April: 11.00am **Mass of the Oils** - Cathedral

Wednesday 5 April: 9.30am **Mass** - Cathedral
7.30pm **Service of Shadows** - St Mary's Cathedral

**Thursday 6 April:
Holy Thursday** Cathedral
7.30pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday 7 April:
Good Friday** 9.30am **Stations of the Cross** - Cathedral
9.30am **Stations of the Cross** - Stratford
9.30am **Stations of the Cross** - Rosedale
10.30am **Walk of the Cross** to St Paul's Cathedral
3.00pm **Service of the Lord's Passion** - Cathedral

Saturday 8 April: 7.30pm **Easter Vigil** - Cathedral

**Sunday 9 April:
Easter Sunday** 9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
9.30am Mass - Cathedral
9.30am Mass - Stratford
11.15am Mass - Seaspray



NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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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 Arimathaea, 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.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

EASTER SUNDAY

1st Reading: **Acts 10:34, 37-43**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

Gospel: **John 20:1-9**