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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD, Year B 23 - 24 March 2024

PALM SUNDAY MESSAGES

This weekend begins the solemn celebrations of the Holy Week in our liturgical calendar. This is the Week of weeks during which we commemorate the highest point of our salvation history. As a Christian community we are invited and encouraged to actively participate in the liturgical celebrations marking this week.

PALM SUNDAY: This commemorates the solemn entry of our Lord into the city Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11). There in the ancient city Jesus faces his last week on earth. He sees the pains and hardships of the coming days, yet for the sake of humanity he embraced everything warmly, lovingly, and cheerfully. Let us then join the Lord on this journey as we commemorate this day in our Masses.

CHRISM MASS: It is a blessing that we are the Cathedral parish and we get to be part of this Mass annually. During this Mass, the bishop, in union with his priests, blesses the oils that will be used for the sacraments throughout the rest of the liturgical year and until next Chrism Mass. Our clergy also get to renew their solemn promises/vows. Let us unite with our bishop at this Mass in praying for our priests. This Mass will also be live-streamed from the Cathedral for anyone who is unable to be physically present. See inside for details.

TENEBRAE: Last year, we hosted the Service of Shadows. This year it will be hosted by the Anglican Cathedral community. This is an ecumenical service which draws people from the churches in Sale to jointly reflect on the "shadows of the cross." It is always a very solemn service recalling the deep pains of our Lord during his last moments on earth. As a community of the faithful in Sale, let us unite in this commemoration. It is on **Wednesday in the Anglican Cathedral at 7.30pm.**

THE EATER TRIDUUM: Everything we do this week, in fact since the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, is geared towards these three days called the TRIDUUM. It begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday at 7.30pm.** This commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. During the celebration we recall the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before heading to the cross. On **Good Friday** we mark the supreme price that the Lord paid for humanity on the cross. This service commences at **3.00pm**, the hour at which Jesus cried out on the cross over two thousand years ago (Mark 15:34). Prior to this Service, we have the Stations of the Cross at **9.30am**, and then the Walk of the Cross at **10.30am from our Cathedral to the Anglican Cathedral.** The climax of the three days is Holy Saturday which commemorates the resurrection of the Lord. It is for the resurrection that we are able to come together as believers in the Lord Jesus. Yes Jesus died. Yes, Jesus was buried. But yes, he rose from the dead. This is the good news that establishes us in this joyful, spirited and faith-filled Christian community. The details of these celebrations are on the inside of this bulletin. Let us look them through and come out en mass to celebrate our faith. If anyone is unable to join the community due to ill health or some other grave reasons, no worries. The Masses and Friday Service will be live-streamed from the Cathedral. We are also hoping that the age-care facilities will be able to avail residents the opportunity to be part of the services through the livestream (details in the bulletin). On Easter Sunday there will be Masses in the Cathedral, at Stratford and at Seaspray.

May our experiences this week bring us closer to a deeper appreciation of what our Lord accomplished for us on the cross of Calvary. May they deepen our awareness of God's love for us, and our resolve to keep loving one another. Peace and blessings.

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR.

26 - 31 March EASTER SERVICES: Refer to timetable opposite.

CHRISM MASS (MASS of the OILS) All people of the Diocese of Sale are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week 2024. This ancient and symbolically rich liturgy manifests the unity of the priests of the Diocese with Bishop Greg as they renew their priestly promises. During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism) which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese for the year. The Chrism Mass is a great way to come to a deeper appreciation of the sacramental life of the Church.

LIVE STREAM LINK TO CHRISM MASS this year's Chrism Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral. If you would like to watch this Mass please see the link and details below:

- Tuesday 26 March 2024
- Livestreaming will commence at 10:45 AM.
- Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdFFyhx0D4> (copy this link into your browser)

VOLUNTEER ROSTER SHEETS FOR THE CATHEDRAL FOR HOLY WEEK have been placed in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Please volunteer if you are available during this Easter period. You must sign up by 6.30pm Sunday 24 March.

HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICE Livestream links for the Cathedral Holy Week Masses & Service are available below if you are unable to attend in person.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.15pm <https://youtube.com/live/akezk5XyT80>

Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion 2:45pm <https://youtube.com/live/tuYnBm7MHCQ>

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 7.15pm https://youtube.com/live/_ZU7ocU7zoY

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **Tuesday 26 March** as Clare is busy with the Diocesan Chrism Mass on this day. As she will be in and out of the office please call and leave a message if you need parish assistance on Tuesday.

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 at 2.00pm on **Sunday, 7 April 2024** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

ST MARY'S PARISH MAFFRA CHURCH CENTENARY Join us in celebrating the Saint Mary's Maffra Church Centenary on **Sunday, 28 April 2024, with a Mass at 11am in Maffra**, followed by lunch at the Parish Hall. Kindly RSVP to 5147 1921 for catering purposes.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 29 March**. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

WORKSHOP AT NARRE WARREN: Experience transformation at "Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples'" hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O'Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Engage in mission focused workshops, gaining practical skills, equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish. Don't miss this transformative experience! Reserve your spot today and take the next step in becoming a missionary disciple in your parish community.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 • 9:15 AM (Mass) – 4:30PM (lunch, morning and afternoon tea included) • Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren, VIC 3805 Email (sale@cdsale.org.au) or call Clare in the Parish Office 5144 4100 if you would like to register for this event.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Cathedral Friday 10 - 11am

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*

DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL: Meeting Report 16 March 2024. The Diocesan Council met for the second time on Saturday, 16th March at Sion House, Warragul. The meeting began with Eucharist in the Sion House chapel. Bishop Greg began the first part of the meeting by reporting on a number of recent developments in the Diocese concerning personnel, policies, finance and initiatives. A significant section of the meeting was then devoted to looking into the Synthesis Report from the First Session of the Synod on Synodality held in Rome in October 2023. Members were asked to identify the different ways we, as a Diocese, can promote co-responsibility for the mission each baptized person is called to share in. As well as the ideas presented, the members valued the experience of using the method of contemplative listening. The next DMC meeting will be held on **21 May**.



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 10.30-11am 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:

Planned Giving:	\$1,157.00
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Mass Timetable this week
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD, Year B
23 - 24 March 2024

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 23 March	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 24 March <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 25 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 26 March <i>CHRISM MASS</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
Wednesday 27 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 28 March <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7.30pm	Cathedral
Friday 29 March Stations <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Stratford
<i>Walk of the Cross to St Paul's</i>	9.30am	Rosedale
<i>Service of the Lord's Passion</i>	10.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 30 March <i>EASTER VIGIL</i>	7.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 31 March <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.15am	Loch Sport Cathedral Stratford Seaspray

Date & Time	Sat 23 March 5.30pm	Sun 24 March 9.30am	Sun 24 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Faye Flint	Nick Hall	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Rosemary Webster	Anna Allen	Len Althaus
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Date & Time	Sat 30 March 5.30pm	Sun 31 March 9.30am	Sun 31 March 5.30pm
Welcomer			
Commentator	PLEASE	VOLUNTEER	FOR ALL ROLES
Reader	BY	SUNDAY	24 MARCH
Eucharist			
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

MASS INTENTIONS:
Sat 23 Mar 5.30pm: John Toonen (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **John Toonen, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, 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 and SERVICES TIMETABLE:

Saturday 23 March:	9.30am Mass - Cathedral 11.00am Mass - Loch Sport 5.30pm Mass - Cathedral 5.30pm Mass - Rosedale
Sunday 24 March:	9.30am Mass - Cathedral
Palm Sunday	9.30am Mass - Briagolong 5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
Monday 25 March:	NO MASS
Tuesday 26 March:	11.00am Mass of the Oils - Cathedral
Wed 27 March:	9.30am Mass - Cathedral 7.30pm Service of Shadows - <i>St Paul's Cathedral</i>
Thursday 28 March:	Cathedral
Holy Thursday	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 29 March:	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 30 March:	7.30pm Easter Vigil - Cathedral
Sunday 31 March:	9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday	9.30am Mass - Cathedral 9.30am Mass - Stratford 11.15am Mass - Seaspray Fire Brigade Hall

YOUTH CORNER:

Activity tubs & books: available in the Youth Corner for all children attending mass.

Youth Mass: The next youth mass will be held on this **Saturday 20 April 2024 at 5.30pm.**

Children's Liturgy: Running every Sunday on school term during **9:30am Mass** (If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office - a WWCC & a Parish Code of Conduct are required).

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt - 31st March after mass. RSVP essential so please sign up via the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220.

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: 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 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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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

N It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened 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,

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

N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at 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,

C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have 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,

C 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,

C We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by 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,

C Play the prophet!

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

C 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?

N They shouted back.

C Crucify him!

N Pilate asked them,

O Why? What harm has he done?

N But they shouted all the louder,

C Crucify him!

.....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,

C Hail, king of the Jews!

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

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three 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,

C He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the 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,

C Listen he is calling on Elijah.

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

ALL KNEEL

..... Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

EASTER VIGIL

First Reading: **Genesis 22:1- 18** Second Reading: **Exodus 14:15-15:1**

Third Reading: **Ezekiel 36:16-28** Fourth Reading: **Romans 6:3-11**

Gospel: **Mark 16:1-7**

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.