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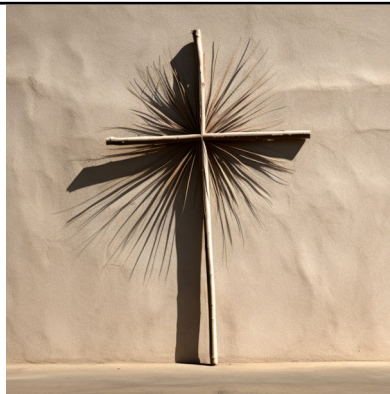
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PALM SUNDAY YEAR C - 13th APRIL
2025

The Palm Sunday liturgy can be a rough ride for our hearts and minds, we start on a high, hearing in the Gospel at the beginning of the Palm Sunday Liturgy, Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem the air thick with the echoes of 'Hosanna!' as the people exclaim 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' The waving palms, brought into our churches, connect us directly to that ancient scene, a tangible symbol of hope, victory, and the anticipation of a new era. We, like those who lined the dusty road to Jerusalem, are caught up in the moment of triumph. However, this exultation is short lived as we find ourselves brought low as we hear the Passion of the Lord. The joyful cries are replaced by the agonizing details of betrayal, abandonment, false accusations, torture, and the ultimate humiliation of the crucifixion. This dramatic shift is a deliberate and powerful liturgical choice, forcing us to confront the stark reality of human fickleness and the brutal cost of our salvation. The waving palms and joyful acclamations, initially symbols of hope and Messianic expectation, now stand in stark and painful contrast to the betrayal by a close friend, the denial by his most ardent disciple, the indifference of the powerful, and the mob's bloodthirsty demands. This jarring juxtaposition isn't meant to be comfortable; rather, it serves to underscore the profound mystery of Holy Week – the journey from earthly triumph to ultimate sacrifice. It reminds us that the path to glory often involves immense suffering and that the same crowd that hailed Jesus as king would soon call for his death. This liturgical whiplash challenges us to hold both realities in our hearts, the joy of Christ's entry and the agony of his Passion, it prevents us from cherry-picking the glorious parts while ignoring the painful ones. It prepares us for the even deeper and more profound reflections of Holy Thursday, where we will witness the institution of the Eucharist and through the washing of the feet be shown a true example of leadership through service, and Good Friday, where we will stand at the foot of the cross, confronting the full weight of sin and sacrifice. Looking upon an example of love so profound that it has and continues to change the world freeing many as they come before the cross. This Palm Sunday sets the stage for the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death, and glorious resurrection of our Lord.



MASS TIMES - HOLY WEEK

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am Tuesday and Wednesday
6.00pm: Tuesday **Chrism Mass**
7.00pm: Thursday **Lord's Supper**
9.00am: Friday **Stations of the Cross**
3.00pm Friday **Passion of the Lord**
7.00pm: Saturday **Easter Vigil**
10.30am: **Easter Sunday**
NO 6pm Sunday Mass

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Wednesday
NO 9.15am Tuesday Mass
10.30am: Good Friday **Stations of the Cross**

NO 8am Saturday Mass

8.30am: **Easter Sunday**

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

NO 10.30am Friday Mass

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS
AND MARRIAGE*

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

NO SATURDAY RECONCILIATION

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact 62086236



Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2025 – CATHEDRAL PARISH



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HOBART

13th April - PALM SUNDAY – 10.15 am / 6.00 pm

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15th April (Tuesday) CLERGY RETREAT at LUTANA - 9.00 am

15th April - CHRISM MASS- 6:00 pm

16th April - Holy week Wednesday Mass – 7.30 am

16th April – RECONCILIATION and BENEDICTION – 6.00 pm- 7.30 pm

17th April - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER -7.00 pm

18th April – GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 9.00 am

NB: Priests will be available for RECONCILIATION (10.00 am -12.00 noon)

Passion of the Lord – 3.00 pm

19th April – EASTER VIGIL- 7:00 pm

20th April – EASTER SUNDAY- 10.30 am

NO 6 pm Evening MASS

SACRED HEART CHURCH, NEW TOWN

13th April - PALM SUNDAY – 8.20 am

14th April - Holy week Monday mass- 9.15 am

16th April - Holy Week Wednesday Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9.15 am

18th April - GOOD FRIDAY Station of the Cross – 10.30 am

NO MASS ON SATURDAY MORNING (19th April)

20th April - EASTER SUNDAY- 8.30 am

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Farewell Jane McKeown



As we are told in Ecclesiastes “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecc 3:1) And the time has come to say farewell to our beloved friend Jane McKeown, a departure that is truly bittersweet for us all. Bitter, undoubtedly, as we bid adieu to our dedicated Parish Secretary and Sacristan, roles she has filled with such grace and competence. Yet, it is also sweet, a comforting sweetness that comes from knowing she remains a cherished and faithful member of our St Mary’s Cathedral Parish family. Words alone cannot fully express the depth of our gratitude for her steadfast service, a commitment that has been the bedrock of our parish life for so many years. Her kindness, a gentle and consistent presence, her patience, a virtue tested and proven time and again, and her giving spirit, always ready to assist and support, have been a true blessing bestowed upon our community. Jane has been instrumental in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for our parishioners and guests alike, a place where all were made to feel valued, seen, and heard. Her professionalism and unwavering dedication have been invaluable to the smooth functioning of our parish, ensuring the seamless operation of countless activities and providing a reliable point of contact for everyone. We offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks for her years of unwavering commitment, the ways in which she shared a living example of the Gospel values and for the countless hours, the thoughtful gestures, and the quiet dedication that often went unseen but was always deeply felt. While her daily presence in the parish office and sanctuary will be profoundly missed, we are truly heartened that her connection to our St Mary’s family will continue, and we eagerly look forward to her continued presence amongst us in the pews. We wish her every happiness and blessing in this new chapter and pray that it is filled with joy and fulfillment.



Welcome Rev. Deacon Michael Smith and Mrs Fiona Rodrigo

Rev. Deacon Michael Smith has been appointed the DEACON to the Cathedral, and he will also be the permanent SACRISTAN in the Cathedral Parish Mrs Fiona Rodrigo has been appointed the temporary PARISH SECRETARY. Opening Hours of the Parish OFFICE TUESDAY to FRIDAY from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

Update on St Mary’s Cathedral Parish Raffle

The fundraising amount stands at **\$1275.00**. Thank you for those who have contributed. The **Raffle will be drawn on 4th May 2025**

From Our Anniversary Book:

Sarah Cooper, Dietro Vivarelli, Cecil Carter, Brian Harradine, John Benjamin Oldham, Amelio Cattaruzza, Arthur Gillam, William Proposch, Kathleen Cox, Margaret Cowen, George Cengia, Alipio Maccallini, Anne Tong Lee, Mary Smith, Brendan Cook, William Hartnett, Lily Rose, Christopher Richardson, Caroline Banks, Rosemary Monk, Sheila Mills, Annie McDermott, Eileen Cowie, Rhueben McCallum, Michele Chew, Abigail Carter, Anthony Chisholm, Brian Quigley, Fr. Peter Murphy, George Ward, Sr. Philomena Mary Healy, Ken Lowrie, Mary Johnston, Benedict Ambrose Mackey, Patricia McNeil (PBVM), Ignatius Traynor (PBVM) and Philomena Bourke (PBVM)



May they rest in peace!

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

A Universal Church Feast observed on the First Sunday after Easter Sunday, April 27, 2025. In her Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.



Sunday 27th April 2025

2pm-3pm HOLY HOUR

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, and Sacrament of Reconciliation

3pm Benediction

3.15pm MASS celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES

Thank you to those who have contributed for the Project Compassion for your generosity. The total stands at \$1315.05 as of 06/04/2025.

Please note: The Project Compassion Boxes can be brought back during the Holy Week



Children's Corner:

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunday



THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The April edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived. Please collect your own copy at the back of Cathedral/Church to take home and share with family and friends.

Here are the highlights from this edition:

- 'No Greater Love': Christ's passion brought to life
- Calvary steps in to care for mothers and babies amid healthcare crisis
- Fr Sony's Lenten Mission: 'Only God can heal you'
- Catechumens become members of the Elect
- Hope hopes for repair work at historic church
- Saying 'yes' to the Lord – Sr Monica celebrates 65 years of religious life
- Vale Fr Phillip 'Smiley' McCormack 'a pastor after the heart of God'
- Glenorchy parishioners mark Jubilee Year of Hope with pilgrimage to Ross
- Unity in faith marks pilgrimage for Richmond Parish
- St Pat's Pilgrimage: Walking in faith together on the journey towards heaven



Palm Sunday
12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



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READINGS OF THE DAY – PALM SUNDAY YEAR C

First Reading [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*

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2](#)

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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 [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.

Gospel Acclamation [Philippians 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 [Luke 22:14 – 23:56](#)

Let us prayerfully listen and reflect on The Passion of our
Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 14th April	- John 12:1-11
Tuesday 15th April	- John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday 16th April	- Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday 17th April	- John 13:1-15
Friday 18th April	- John 18:1 – 19:42
Saturday 19th April	- Luke 24:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

[EASTER SUNDAY Year C](#)

First Reading	- Acts 10:34. 37-43
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23
Second Reading	- Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel	- John 20:1-9

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.