

AEC Cathedral Parish

Apr 14, 2019 YR C/1
Palm Sunday

St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick Streets, Hobart;
Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town;



Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. **Readings:** Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Next Week's Readings : Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Dear parishioners, please note the earlier times for some events in Holy Week

Palm Sunday Vigil :	6.00pm	Sat April 13	St Mary's Cathedral
Palm Sunday Mass :	8.30am	Sun April 14	Sacred Heart Church
Palm Sunday Mass :	10.15am	Sun April 14	St. Mary's Cathedral
Palm Sunday Mass :	6.00pm	Sun April 14	St. Mary's Cathedral

Holy Week Masses

Chrim Mass:	7:00pm	Tues April 16	St. Mary's Cathedral
Morning Mass	7.30am	Wed April 17	St Mary's Cathedral
Morning Mass	9.00am	Wed April 17	Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Mass of the Lord's Supper:	7:00pm	Thurs April 18	St. Mary's Cathedral
Stations of the Cross:	10:00 am	Fri April 19	Sacred Heart Church
Passion of the Lord:	3:00pm	Fri April 19	St. Mary's Cathedral
Easter Vigil:	7:00pm	Sat April 20	St. Mary's Cathedral
Mass of the Resurrection:	8:30 am	Sun April 21	Sacred Heart Church
Mass of the Resurrection:	10:30am	Sun April 21	St Mary's Cathedral

Please note there is NO EVENING MASS on Sun April 21. There is no Lawrenny Court Mass on Good Friday - it resumes Friday 26th April.



Holy Week

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes from Holy Thursday onwards. Thank you.

Please note the Cathedral office will be closed from Friday April 19 to Tuesday April 23 inclusive, and again on Thursday April 25.

This Sunday is known liturgically as Palm Sunday of the

Lord's Passion. On Palm Sunday, as Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem, the people hailed him as king, "Blessed is the King-who comes as king in the name of the Lord!, Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!" (Lk 19:38) But on Good Friday, just only five days later, they despised him and cried out that he should be crucified as a criminal: "Away with this man... Crucify him, crucify him." We will be asking ourselves why there is a sudden and dramatic change on the behaviour of the people who welcomed him on Palm Sunday but on Good Friday, they rejected him, they crucified him!

It is quite painful for Jesus to suffer death like a criminal, for the judgment he received is not based on truth as discovered by Pilate as he said, " ... I examined him in your presence and have no charge against him arising from your allegations ... obviously this man has done nothing to deserve death!," but based on the emotion of the crowd who had been bribed and was ignited by the anger of the Scribes and Pharisees who wanted him eliminated because of their fear of losing and moral authority over the Jewish people. This condemnation of Jesus is still happening today when innocent people are unjustly condemned based on emotion and not on the merits of the law.

The pains and anguish of Jesus are greatly intensified as he is nearing the cross of Calvary. The denial and betrayal of a friend and the feeling of abandonment aggravated the suffering of the Lord. He was denied by Peter three times even though Peter said to Jesus, "Lord at your side I am to face imprisonment and death itself." But Jesus said to him, "I tell you Peter before the cock crows, you will three times deny that you know me." He was betrayed by Judas Escariot, to whom

He gave a chance to change his mind by reaching his heart as a friend, telling his disciples at the last supper, "Woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" He was abandoned by most of his disciples at the cross of Calvary; only the disciple John remained at the foot of the cross with Mary and the other women of Jerusalem.

We experience this kind of pain and suffering and even we feel depressed when a friend has betrayed, denied and abandoned us. Jesus shows us in His Passion the way we can move on from our pain and suffering by way of prayer, humility and forgiveness. "Jesus knowing the root of Peter's weakness was his reliance on human strength, emphasized to him the importance of prayer in three instances as follows: 1) At the Last Supper he told Peter, "But I prayed for you that your faith may never fail." 2) Later, in the garden on the Mount of Olives, he urged his disciples, "Pray that you will not be put to the test." 3) And shortly after this when they had fallen asleep, "Why are you sleeping? Wake up and pray that you may not be subjected to the trial." These three instructions on Prayer are also important lessons for us as we enter into Holy Week." 1 By way of humility as shown to us by Jesus throughout his passion and even recounted by St. Paul in the second reading, "That Jesus humbled himself, obediently accepting death, death on the cross!" And at the cross, the first word he uttered, "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they are doing." It is by forgiving and the forgiveness that we receive that we are raised to a new Life in Christ! **Fr. Norberto Ochoa**

Reference: 1 The Anawim Way – Liturgical meditations.



Fr Chris Hope 2019 Presentation "Unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and dies...." 10am - 12noon Monday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May The content will be about The Passion Story which is the first part of the Gospel narrative to be formed. We will examine the accounts of the last days of Jesus in the Gospels, noting their similarities and differences and how they came to be incorporated into the texts we have today. The talks run over 4 weeks and will take place at Maryknoll Retreat Centre, 15 Home Ave Blackmans Bay. For more information please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. A donation of \$10 per session is recommended.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28TH APRIL Jesus revealed to St. Faustina why Divine Mercy Sunday is so special: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, # 699) Divine Mercy Sunday on 28th April will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral: 2.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous as main celebrant. Enq: Maree 6228 7108.



The Power of Helplessness by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

In her book, *Dead Man Walking*, Helen Prejean describes her feelings as she watches her first execution. Everything inside her is sick and confused. She knows that what is about to happen, the taking of this man's life, whatever his crime, is wrong and yet she can appreciate the feelings of those who are about to take that life. She understands the complex web of history and emotion that has led up to this moment and to the belief that we somehow serve justice through capital punishment. She doesn't agree with the conclusion of course, but she knows that her protest of this is not the same as protesting Hitler; she can't just throw her body in front of the executioners in an attempt to save this man, as you might do if you see a child attacked on the street. Thus, part of her frustration is not just that she is powerless to stop this killing, it also has to do with being helpless to even protest it effectively. So she is reduced to silence, to interior dissent, to prayer, to helplessness. In essence, what she does as she watches this execution is "to ponder" in the biblical sense.

As we know, in the Hebrew conception of things, the mindset out of which the Gospels were written, pondering meant something quite other than what it did to the Greek philosophers (Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato) and St. Augustine whose conception of things helped constellate what we call common sense in the Western world. The Gospel writers conceived of things very differently and so when they describe Mary as "pondering" they are not depicting her as cerebrally entertaining the kind of abstract, reflective thoughts that Socrates asked for when he said that "the unexamined life is not worth living." What they are describing rather is that painful wrenching of heart, of soul, that you feel when you stand helpless in the face of suffering, sickness, death, misguided sincerity, or anything else that is so overwhelming so as to let you know that you are no longer in control. To ponder is to stand begging for God's insight and strength when things overwhelm you.

Thus, pondering is what Helen Prejean did as she watched that execution, it is what Mary did when she stood under the cross and watched Jesus die, it is what Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsamane when he sweated blood, it is what we do whenever we stand helplessly by the bedside of a loved one who is dying of cancer or AIDS, it is what we do when we are unable to offer words of consolation to someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, it is what we do when we see one of our own children misuse his or her freedom in destructive ways, and it is what we should do at all those times when we are inadequate to the task of love and forgiveness.

Pondering, in the biblical sense, is not so much active as it is passive (in the sense of the Latin verb, *PASSIO*). When we speak of "the passion of Jesus Christ" we are not talking so much about anything that Jesus actively did, but rather about what was done to him, what he endured, what he submitted to and what he carried in silence during his last hours on earth.

But what is the value of such "passivity"? How does silent suffering that does not actively intervene and alter a situation change anything? Why do we value so much Jesus' passion when it was precisely the time in his life and ministry – and a very short time it was in fact – when he was not preaching, teaching, feeding, healing, and actively helping others? How can one help anyone by standing helplessly by as injustice unfolds? What is the value of these things: Sweating blood in a garden? Silent tears? Prayers that aren't publicly manifest? Interior dissent that is powerless to change the actual situation on the outside? Jesus answered this with another question: "Wasn't it necessary?" Doesn't defeat sometimes mean victory? Aren't silent suffering, interior protest, and helpless empathy sometimes the real weapons for change? Isn't the sweating of blood the key to sustaining all of our commitments? Isn't the carrying of tension the key to love and family life? Isn't it only when we admit our helplessness that God finally enters?

"Why is this necessary"? The answer to that questions lies at the heart of all wisdom, all Christian revelation, all depth, all maturity. But it is an answer that we will not find in books, nor in Socratic reflection. We will find it precisely when we ponder in the biblical sense, namely, when we stand helpless, muted, and frustrated, but listening, before a pain, an illness, or an injustice that so overwhelms us that we are unable to rely on any power save that of God. What is taught us there holds the key to everything.

Fr Rob Galea is an assistant priest from the Sandhurst Diocese and is a world-renowned Catholic musician and speaker. He has a real passion for young people and is incredibly gifted in this ministry.

The GRACEFEST nights are open to all young people under 35 and will include times for music, a talk, prayer, food and fellowship. GRACEFEST will be held at the following times and locations:

Wednesday 8 May 5:30pm to 8pm: Emmanuel Centre, Launceston (123 Abbott St Newstead)

Thursday 9 May 5:30pm to 8pm: St Mary's College, Hobart (entry from Brisbane St)

Registration for both events is FREE and needs to be completed online. To register and for more information, visit the website below: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gracefest-with-fr-rob-galea-tickets-59416014900>



ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 9am on Thursday April 25.



For those attending the **Easter Vigil at 7pm at the Cathedral**, please note that we will all gather in the cloister and Cathedral Centre prior to Mass for the Blessing of Fire. There will be no access to the Cathedral from the conclusion of the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday afternoon through until the beginning of the Easter Vigil Mass.



With thanks.

Faces of the Parish ~ Debbie Chung

As a resident of West Hobart and currently Mt Stuart, I have been a member of the Cathedral Parish for nearly 40 years with the last 10 years or so being my most active! I initially sang with the Choir and joined the Cleaning Roster but have since become a Lector and served on the altar. I now accompany the singing at the Saturday Vigil Mass on the Piano, a role which I find challenging at times but very rewarding!



I grew up in Lenah Valley, where I attended Immaculate Heart of Mary School and would walk home with my siblings for a cooked lunch each day (decided by my devoted Mum). It was not until I went to Sacred Heart in Gr 4 that I appreciated those hot nourishing meals indoors especially on cold wintry days! In Gr 7, I joined my older sisters at St Mary's, thoroughly enjoying the fortnightly 'Day Off' with cooking and sewing classes for the whole day!

After completing my studies at the Conservatorium UTas, I ran a café (as suggested by my husband Phillip, as jobs for Music Teachers were scarce.) for 18 years combining my love of cooking while listening to music all day! During this time, our family of three gradually increased to seven! Currently, I enjoy teaching Piano, walking around Knocklofty, pottering about in the garden, giving things a new lease of life and volunteer work. My five children all play the Piano and the Violin and on their return trips home they head straight to the Piano, which, as their teacher, fills my heart with pride.

Fun fact: I come from a family of nine children! In the days before mini-buses and compulsory seatbelts, we would travel around in a five seater sedan with traffic lights in the suburbs being a rarity. On one occasion while we were waiting, a passenger in the car next to us was doing a headcount. As soon as my older sister spotted them, she immediately told us to duck down and for a while, this became standard practice at traffic intersections!

Some of the older members of the Parish who know me as one of the Henrys might like to know how this surname came about.

My Grandfather Gen Chung Henry, came out from China aged 16 years, to Tasmania in 1901 to work as a tin miner. A few years later he became a market gardener, opened a laundry in Barrack St and then established a new business with his wife Mary Lum Lee. His surname Gen, suddenly became Henry when a well meaning sign-writer translated the name of his new shop 'Hen Lee', meaning 'Successful Business,' to Henry & Co. Customers would greet 'Mr Henry' when they shopped for their fresh produce, tobacco & imported fancy goods (soap, perfume, cigarette lighters, combs, brushes etc) and the new surname was adopted thereafter.

My Dad, Gordon (1919-95) was born in Hobart while my Mum Monica, grew up in Jamaica where they were married at Holy Trinity Cathedral after corresponding as pen pals. English was my Mum's first language, which helps explain why none of their 9 offspring are bilingual!

Are you new to our parish?

We welcome you to St Mary's Cathedral Parish!

To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please return this slip to the Cathedral Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass.

We will then be in touch.....with thanks.

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries you may be interested in: (please circle)

greeters, lectors, choir members, musicians, flower arrangers, childrens' liturgy, youth ministry, cleaners, setting up for morning teas, sewing, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, book stall attendant after Mass, office help, handyman work, gardening, organising special events/fundraising.

Would you like to meet our clergy and staff?

Just let us know and we'll arrange a visit!



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From Our Anniversary Book Dietro Vivarelli, Cecil Carter, Brian Harradine, Amelio Cattaruzza, Arthur Gillam, William Proposch, Kathleen Cox, Margaret Cowen, George Cengia, Alipio Maccallini, 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, Carmel England, Charles Flynn, Harry Clarke, Victor Miller, Amy McLure, Renee Elizabeth Chandler **May they rest in peace.**



Reminder : Regular Weekly Events

Wed 6-7pm : Cathedral—Hobart Haven (youth plus all welcome); **Fri 4.30-5.30pm** : Cathedral—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction; **Sat 11am** : 2nd Floor Cathedral Centre—Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association

are holding their Annual Reunion on Sunday 5th May at the Riverfront Motel, Rosetta. A two course luncheon at 1pm. Cost \$17.00. Bookings to Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by 29th April.



Prayer for Politicians Wednesday, 17th April, 1.30-1.50pm in the Long Room, Parliament House. All welcome. Enquiries : Fr Gerald Quinn CP. Ph : 6234 4866

Please ensure your children are supervised during morning tea and other events in the Cathedral Centre. We recently had a close call with children playing with the lift and have had a few expensive breakages of equipment courtesy of some curious little fingers. **Thank you.**

Please note there is now a nappy disposal unit in the disabled toilet in the Cathedral Centre. Please do not dispose of nappies in any other manner in our toilets as it has been causing hygiene issues. **Thank you.**



A 58 year old Catholic female from Cleveland Qld is looking for a room to rent for 3-5wks from 26th April. Please email her at sally-annedean@yahoo.com.au or phone or text to 0403381724. Sally is moving to Hobart and just needs time to find her feet. Sally has a police check and a Working with Children clearance.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Sixth Sunday of Lent
 14th April 2019

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

13/14	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Seena Sejan Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Andrew Pinelli, Sr Monica Shelverton	Anna Reussien, Marcus Laycock	Cathy Sullivan, Marla Giacon
EMOC	Tony Longo & Marg Fox	Colleen Stanford, TBA	David Shelverton, Maria Saracino, Anna Reussien	TBA