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ROSTER	Sat 1st April	Sun 2nd April	Sat 8th April	Sun 9th April
Welcomer	Ann		Warren	Catherine
1st Reader	Christine W	Peter	John	Gail
2nd Reader	Pat	Tyson	Tom	Tyson
3rd Reader			Catherine	
4th Reader			Pat	
Reading of passion	Warren, John, Beverley	Tom, Glenda, ___		
Communion	___	Con	Sue Marion	___
Servers	Thu, Han, Andrew, Cody, Stazio	Byron, Sophie, Nicholas, Charlotte, Chet	Thu, Han, Andrew, Stazio, Andre	Byron, Xavier, Isaac, Cody
Musicians	Bong/Jearan	Robyn	Bong/Jearan	Robyn
Singers	Filipino Choir	Men	Filipino Choir	Men
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita	Gerry	Lita
Morning Tea		Past. Council		Perry
Flowers	Sue Flavel and Anne Gilbert			

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This Week's Mass Schedule

05/04/2023	Wednesday	8.00am
06/04/2023	Thursday	
	Lord's Supper	7:00pm
07/04/2023	Friday	
	Stations of the Cross	10:00am
	Solemn Liturgy	3:00pm
08/04/2023	Saturday	
	Holy Saturday Vigil	6.00pm
09/04/2023	Easter Sunday	
	Maryborough	08.00am
	Tiara	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
Third Thursday of every month,
5.30 to 6.30pm

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
Passion (Palm) Sunday - Year A, p.189 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Isaiah 50: 4-7
- Psalm - 21 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Philippians 2: 6-11
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 26:14-27:66

Next weekend: Easter Sunday - Year A (p.306)

- 1st - Acts 10:34, 37-43
- Psalm - 117
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
- Gospel - Matthew 28:1-10



NEWSLETTER 2ND APRIL 2023

PALM SUNDAY YEAR A

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID;
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Jesus shows up today (Palm Sunday)

It was Palm Sunday like we celebrate today and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were all carrying several palm branches. The little Johnny asked what are these palms for? They replied "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by." "Wouldn't you know it," the boy quickly responded, " Just the only one Sunday I didn't go to Church, and He shows up!"

Today the Holy Mother Church celebrates the great feast of contradiction. It's Palm Sunday and it's also called Passion Sunday. The day of "Hosanna in the highest", and the day of "Crucify him! Crucify him!" It is a day of acclamation – "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord", and also a day of denials – "I do not know him!" It's a day of paying homage – people throwing their cloaks on the road; but also a day of insults: "Play the prophet...who hit you then?"

In all this drama, we see different characters playing specific roles, starting from Peter who for lack of courage denied Jesus three times, to Joseph of Arimathea who for his strength of courage took the body of Jesus for burial. What about us? What role are we playing today towards this ultimate sacrifice?

We play the role of the crowd and become like Peter when we neglect our prayer and depend on our personal strength. We play Judas when we live a life of hypocrisy – saying one thing and doing the other. We play Judas when we exploit the things of God for personal gain. We also play Judas when we make unfounded attacks on the Church of Christ and its leadership just because we have issues with certain teachings. Let us remember that we are like the chief priests and scribes when we persist in our sins and refuse to utilize God's offer of forgiveness.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, as we begin our journey into the most Holy week in our Christian faith, and as Pope Francis assures us that through the suffering and death of Christ we have been called to a full spiritual communion with the body and blood of Christ each time we pray to God for strength and forgiveness. So, as we mark Jesus' triumph over death, let us thank God and ask Him for the strength to be strong and open till the end, as He shows-up today in triumph over defeat.

Happy Palm Sunday!
Fr Lucius

ROSTER FOR PALM SUNDAY PASSION READING AND TRIDUUM: Thanks to the people who have already committed to duties during the week in question. There are still positions to be filled so if you are able to contribute please put your names down this weekend so that we can finalise the schedules. The roster is located on the table near the Piety stall. If you are not currently a Minister of the Word and would like to help out, please feel welcome to add your name.

LENTEN REFLECTION FROM "FROM ASHES TO HOPE"

FOR REFLECTION:

What resonates or challenges me in these scriptures or reflection?
 How does 'You are the teacher' sit with me?
 What new understandings have I experienced this Lenten journey?
 How do I plan to spend this Holy Week?

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, You call me to live for who I am in Christ Jesus, to take on his mindset, to be Jesus. During this holy week, I pray that you grant me the insights, the grace and the strength to follow Jesus' example and be His hands and feet in the world. Amen.

INFORMATION FOR ALL YOUNG PARENTS AND GUIDANCE ACROSS OUR ST MARY'S PARISH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY REGARDING THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE'S POLICY (2015) ON CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM.

In the year when the children turn eight (Yr 3), they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

In the year when the children turn nine (Yr 4), they are welcomed to the Lord's Table and receive **First Holy Communion (Sacrament of Eucharist)**.

The Sacrament of Penance is a two – step process.

1. A simple celebration of the second rite of the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for First Holy Communion.
2. In the year when the children turn ten (Yr 5), they prepare for the Sacrament of Penance with individual confession and absolution (the first rite).

In our St Mary's parish, preparation Program is published via the School Newsletter and the Parish Newsletter. Parents are asked to carefully consider the seriousness and commitment involved in the preparation of your child/children to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The Sacramental enrolment forms for Confirmation is available from the office at St Mary's Primary School. Parents could submit the completed forms through the school, by email or directly at the Parish Office.

So the order of the Sacramental program in our parish remains:

1. BAPTISM
2. CONFIRMATION
3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
4. PENANCE.

Please feel free to contact the parish office or any of our schools for more clarifications.

Finally, please do not forget to pick up the Confirmation form for your kid which is now available both in the parish office and at the primary school. The 2023 Confirmation will take place on Sunday 18th of June at St Mary's Church by 8am. The six weeks prep. Lesson will commence on Saturday 29th of April, being the parents Information night.

I am looking forward to a very Spiritually enriching Sacramental program this year.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius Edomobi, pp

Sacramental Program - Confirmation: The Enrolment Form for Confirmation could be collected from the Church or from the Parish Office. There will be 6 weeks of preparation which starts with an information meeting on Saturday 29th April at 5pm at St Mary's. The Sacrament will be on Sunday 18th June 2023.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The proceeds from this collection is to support the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. All are encouraged to "show their support for the ministry offered within the holy sites of our salvation through their donations on Good Friday."



HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM: We together enter into the Holy Week (7days) from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Triduum, the three days from sundown Holy Thursday to sundown Easter Sunday. A continuous celebration that observes the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

ENTRANCE: LET HEAVEN REJOICE

Refrain:

**Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
 let all creation sing.
 Let children proclaim through ev'ry land:
 "Hosanna to our king."**

Sound the trumpet into the night;
 The day of the Lord is near.
 Wake his people, lift your voice,
 Proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
 Put on your robes of joy.
 And in the morning you shall see
 The glory of the Lord.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
 Proclaim it in ev'ry land.
 Christ has died, but he has risen;
 He will come again.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and Honour to you, Lord Jesus
 Praise and Honour, Lord Jesus Christ
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; Whoever believes in me will not die for ever

Praise and Honour to you, Lord Jesus
 Praise and Honour, Lord Jesus Christ .

COMMUNION:

UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Refrain:

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
 It remains but a single grain with no life.**

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him, If we hold firm we shall reign with Him. **R/.**

If any one serves Me then they must follow Me; Wherever I am My servants will be. **R/.**

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you; Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. **R/.**

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you; Then you will be My disciples. **R/.**

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THANKSGIVING: JESUS REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me
 When You come into Your Kingdom.
 Jesus, remember me
 When you come into Your Kingdom. (repeat).

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RECESSIONAL: HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine!
 Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
 King, Whose reign shall never cease,
 Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

**Angels, Saints and nations, sing:
 "Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
 Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
 King of love on Calvary."**

King, Whose Name creation thrills,
 Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
 'Til in peace each nation rings
 With Your praises, King of kings. **R./**

King most holy, King of truth,
 Guide the wayward, guide the youth;
 Christ our King of glory bright,
 Be to us Eternal Light. **R./**

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INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.



Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Marion McLennan, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: James O'Donnell, Aroha Charles, Pedro A. Araneta Jr, Cyril Barbeler, Drew Brebner, Jerome Parker.

Anniversary of Death: Hope Russell, Eileen and Michael Hogan, Daphne Colefax, Fe Nadonza, Colin Linwood, Kay Phipps, Florence Schmidt, Clarence and Agnes Mallet, Richard Hogan, John Taylor.