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NEWSLETTER 13TH APRIL 2025
Palm Sunday of Lent - Year C
HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID;
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

PALM SUNDAY: A FEAST OF CONTRADICTION

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 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 Arimathaea 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 declares a Jubilee Year 2025, he 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 death.

Happy Palm Sunday!
Fr Lucius

This Week's Mass Schedule

16/04/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
17/04/2025	Thursday	
	Lords's Supper	07.00pm
18/04/2025	Friday	
	- Stations of the Cross	10:00am
	- Solemn Liturgy	03:00pm
19/04/2025	Saturday	
	Easter Vigil	06:00pm
20/04/2025	Easter Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
Palm Sunday of Lent - Year C
(p.189 in St Pauls Missal)
• 1st - Isaiah 43:16-21
• Psalm - Ps 125 Resp. hymns page
• 2nd - Philippians 3:8-14
• Gospel Accl. hymns page
• Gospel - Luke 19:28-40

Next weekend: Easter Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.189).
• 1st - Acts 10:34, 37-43
• Psalm - Ps 117
• 2nd - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
• Gospel - Luke 24:1-12

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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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The proceeds from this collection is to support the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. *Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land.*

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

Envelopes will be available at the church entrances during the Lenten season if you would like to support the work of Caritas Australia during this Lenten season. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate.

PIETY STALL

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

Parish Safeguarding Survey 2025 (Adults)



Youth Safeguarding Survey 2025 (13-17yrs)



Child Safeguarding Survey 2025 (5-12 yrs)



Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

5-6 April

Jubilee of the Sick and Health
Care Workers

25-27 April

Jubilee of Teenagers

PRAYER

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you we turn in humble prayer. Look with favour upon all young people, bearers of hope for the Church and the world.

Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults, bless the paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church.

Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people, grant that we may "journey together, young and old... to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom." *

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.

Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore.

Amen.

* Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 199

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!

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.

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COMMUNION:

AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE

An upper room did our Lord prepare For those He loved until the end: And His disciples still gather there To celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own: To share His bread, His loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.

And after supper He washed their feet, For service, too, is sacrament. In Him our joy shall be made complete— Sent out to serve, as He was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace. he loves beyond our uttermost: In ev'ry room in our Father's house he will be there, as Lord and host.

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THANKSGIVING: SEE HIS HANDS

See his hands, see the cruel marks of bitterness and shame. See his hands reaching out to take the whole world's pain. O, see his hands, O, see his wounds, O, see his hands reaching out to the world.

Feel his hands, feel his touch upon your tear stained face. Feel his hands gently lifting you to beauty and grace. O, feel his hands, O, feel his wounds, O, feel his hands reaching out to your pain.

Take his hands in your own, touch those precious scars. Take the love from his wounds: heal your wounded heart. O, take his hands, O, touch his wounds, O feel his love flowing into your heart.

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RECESSIONAL: TREE OF LIFE

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, In Your death we are reborn, Though You die in all of hist'ry, Still You rise with ev'ry morn, Still You rise with ev'ry morn.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, Come inflame our hearts anew, We may all your joy inherit If we bear the Cross with You, If we bear the Cross with You.

Christ, You lead and we shall follow, Stumbling though our steps may be, One with You in joy and sorrow, We the river, You the sea, We the river, You the sea. We the river, You the sea.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Annemarie Lyons, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Ester Ceniza and Anna Pecar.

Anniversary of Death: Merv Flavel, Eileen and Michael Hogan, Florence Schmidt, George Courtney, Margaret Burkett, Kay Phipps and Richard Hogan.