

Parish Notices

1. **Note Masses times for HOLY WEEK.** No Mass on Wednesday evening. Instead, it will be celebrated in the morning. Also, no Mass on Maundy Thursday morning. Commemoration of the Lord's Supper at 7pm.
2. **Return** project compassion boxes this Thursday during the Commemoration of the last Supper MASS.
3. **Reminder of the Bishop's Appeal.** You still have time to give in the envelopes provided.
4. **Catholic Outlook Magazine.** Lent/Easter edition out now. Pick up from the back of the Church.
5. Catechists are needed for schools. Contact the Parish Office for more info.
6. This weekend, at the back of the church we will have a drive to sign up volunteers for the **perpetual adoration at St Marys Parish.**



**PARISH FETE is on
Sun 11th
SEPTEMBER 2022.**
Please offer your
services and start
preparing from now



**Volunteers
Needed!**



*Holy Thursday, Good
Friday and Saturday
from 10-12 Mid-day to
set up the Church for the
Liturgies and cleaning.
Inform Deacon Rod or Fr
Flor.*

**CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION SESSIONS
for Parents and young
adults receiving the
Sacrament. NEXT
SESSION: Saturday 30th
April @ 4.30pm sharp.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Alice Cassar; Stella Edwards, Maria Llave, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Marjorie Tonks; Fara Vargas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Clifford Blas Ulep, Ester Obra Blando; Dalisay Tabien; Charles Roy Kelly.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Nena Abrigo; Lena Aziz; Clarito Enriquez; Alfonso Del Fierro; Rosita Escaro; Boy Guerrero; Matthew Holmes; Sobhi Hormoz; Ricardo Jionloc; Isidro Llave Jr; Gwendoline McLoed; Armando Lugod; Evelyn Merjudio; Jesus Paras; Maria & Louis Pereira; Andrew Rylweski; Maryam Toma; Marciana Uy;

Names submitted to Parish for prayers will show for 4 weeks at a time.



SACRED HEART PARISH

SOUTH MT DRUITT

9 Ropes Creek Road Mt Druitt NSW 2770 tel: 98323896

PALM Sunday (C)

10th April 2022



From Fr Flor's desk.

Hosanna!

Palm/Passion Sunday

The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord liturgy is unusual with combination of two commemorations, the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem and the recalling of the passion. The liturgy is a combination of joy and sorrow, glory and humility, recognition, and rejection of Jesus. As every feast celebrated in our liturgical calendar is crafted carefully and has developed in time, so is the celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday. It is necessary then to see the rationale of coming up to this two-fold commemoration in one liturgy and be able to see its relevance in our growth in spirituality or Christian life. The following thoughts may be of help:

1. The liturgy is not just an imitation of an event that happened in Jerusalem more than 2,000 years ago. The external form is taken over from that time and place but the content is a message for today. As the people of Jerusalem recognised and accepted Jesus as their Messiah and King, so we too profess the same in our times and lives and commit ourselves to act accordingly.
2. The liturgy shows that he is a Messiah and King of a special kind. He does not come in a powerful and threatening position like other kings who rode in chariots and on horses, but Jesus came as the humble and peaceful saviour. In the liturgy of Palm/Passion Sunday the humility and powerlessness of the Messiah becomes very visible in the fact that after the celebration of the messianic entrance the Passion is proclaimed. The Christians must, therefore, abhor any position for political power, we have to change and transform the world and society not by power grabbing but by humble service.
3. In the liturgy of Palm/Passion Sunday glory and passion, life and death, acceptance and rejection are close together. This is how it was in the life of Christ; this is also how it will be in the life of every Christian, in fact of every human being. It is the painful experience of all of us that in one hour we hear the "Hosanna", and perhaps already in the next hour people will shout at us "crucify him!". As Jesus, the God-man came to experience the reality of human suffering, he assures us that he accompanies us in our experience of crisis and invites us towards victory of resurrection. He manifested to us that His passion and death is like a "dark tunnel" He had to pass through, and to come out victorious. As in His example, so is with us His followers: the final word is victory and glory and not suffering and death.

God bless and have a meaningful and reflective Holy Week.

Fr. Flor

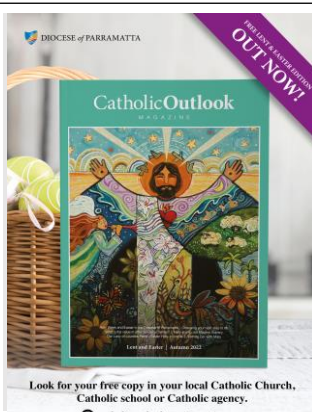
Sunday Masses Saturday **6.00 pm Vigil. Palm Sunday (C)**
 Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services

Monday 9.10 am Monday of 6th week Lent Communion service
 Tuesday 9.10 am Tuesday of 6th Week Lent
Wednesday **9.10am** Wednesday 6th week of Lent
Thursday **7.00pm** Maundy Thursday
Friday **3.00pm** **GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**
Saturday **7.00pm** **Easter Vigil**
Confessions Saturday: 6.00pm Fr. Florito Apalias

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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement

Br Antonio Carlos Esquillon is seeking ordination for the diaconate on May 25, 2022 in the Philippines. He will be ordained for the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts, OATH. Prior to entering consecrated life in 2005, he was an active member of Sacred Heart parish.



GOSPEL FOCUS

Changing expectations

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion - his resurrection.

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
9th/10th April Palm Sunday	S. Fernandez M. Farquharson	J. D'Rosario N. McKenzie	F. Antown J. Bugayong
16th April Easter Vigil 17th April Easter Sunday	7.00pm Pio Vergara W. Farquhason	E. Merjudio .J. Mendes	Marvin Bugayong B. Buhagiar.
23rd/24th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Edna Gemzon Jeric Salazar	Vinod Nagarja Annette Wiggins	Mark Buhagiar Herbie Cruz.

Entrance Antiphon Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

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

Gospel Acclamation: 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.

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



HOLY WEEK

MASS TIMES

CHRISM MASS Wed 13th April
Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Mass at Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 9.10am ONLY.

HOLY THURSDAY – No Mass in the morning. **Commemoration of the Last Supper MASS at 7.00PM.**

Confessions after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

8.00am (Samoan Community) & **10am. Way of the Cross** in the Church.
Confessions after Stations of the Cross.
3.00PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the LORD

EASTER VIGIL

No services in the morning.
7pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY: 7.30am & 9.00am

CONFESSIONS:

Tues- Thursday after Masses.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Holy Week and Easter Mass times

Holy Week and Easter Mass and Liturgy times across the Diocese have now been published and can be accessed via catholicoutlook.org/holyweek2022

CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 15 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

Caritas Project Compassion 2022

Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign has begun and will lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas: Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505

Catholic Outlook Lent/Easter edition out now!

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on choosing your next step in life as well as how the faithful across the Diocese celebrate Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church.



SAVE the DATE

Parish Picnic is now on **Sunday 1st May 2022** from 12.30pm at the *Croatian Catholic Centre* **70 Douglas Road BLACKTOWN. 0416 556 109**