

READINGS: Matt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27:66

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed until further notice. Peter Harbort and Ann Eyre (Chair PPC) will be working from home & will be in regular contact with Fr Roque. They will have access to all Parish emails. The Parish phone has been diverted to Peter Harbort, and either he or Fr Roque will answer.

CARE AND CONCERN GROUP: The Group consists of Ann Eyre (Coordinator), Annamaria McGregor, Madonna Brosnan, Ron & Anne Jones, Webb Family, George McDougall, Angela Duff, Paul Lucas, Emilie Yu-Yap, Enid & John Camilleri, Louise Nutt, Peter Harbort. The Legion of Mary members – Anne Walters and Flora Walsh also have a group with whom they are keeping in contact.

Our aims are to ensure that all parishioners, have a nominated person, who checks regularly to see how the parishioner is managing and enquiring if they need any assistance. We may or may not be able to practically help in any great way, due to the constraints placed upon us. Just having a friendly person on the other end of the phone, genuinely listening, will, hopefully, be a source of comfort to many, particularly in these potentially difficult days ahead. For those parishioners who do not have internet access, the Care and Concern Volunteer will pass on Parish information.

If you would like to be a part of the Care and Concern Ministry – please contact Ann 043 242 1962.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Due to new restrictions placed on us all, the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat am has ceased. See Sacrament of Reconciliation – Pope Francis attached

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Fr Roque to be contacted if necessary

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Vic Edmonds RIP (Maree Pyke's Father)

PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK: Those names in our usual weekly Bulletin, and those with COVID - 19

GENERAL INTENTIONS: All those who are suffering and facing hardship, in any way, during this time

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as if Thou wert already there and unite myself wholly to Thee. Never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen.

Prayer for those in the world suffering from Coronavirus



“Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for all those in the world suffering from Coronavirus and for all who are in need at this desperate time. Amid the physical and mental suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.”

FATHER ROQUE: *Fr Warren and I, are offering our daily, private Masses, for all those entrusted to our care. May God bless us all*

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PALM SUNDAY

Year A



COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marked a high point in the earthly ministry of Jesus. The Galilean made a dramatic show, as he made his way down the Mount of Olives into the city of David. The crowds gathered, hailed the coming teacher, and praised God for his presence.

Of course, this commotion baffled the locals. After all, how could anyone of importance come from the backcountry? Image the headline of the fictitious newspaper, the Jerusalem World: Country boy makes big entrance into the Holy City. The gospels clearly tell us that the leadership found Jesus to be a threat; the amount of the threat was (and still is) open for debate. His trial was a hastily held "kangaroo court;" yet, he was arrested alone - as his followers fled. The mob turned against Him, even after many in the bloodthirsty mob greeted Him into the city with honors. The Lord entered the city in glory but left it in shame.

The entry into Jerusalem was not the first step of the mission, but it was the first step of the public revelation. The King has come! What we expect of Him may delight us, but He may disappoint us. Jesus did not come to fulfill our expectations. He came to fulfill the will of the Father. In essence, that is what Holy Week is all about.

It is now time to set aside personal expectations about Lent. It is now time to walk with the Lord towards his death. It is time to prepare for his glorious resurrection. Set aside time this week to reflect, to pray, and to prepare to celebrate. (Source: Word-Sunday.com)

TO ASSIST US IN OUR PRAYER LIFE: The Bishops' Conference is supporting the prayer life of Catholics who are unable to attend Mass. Dioceses and other Catholic organisations are also providing material and access to livestreaming of Masses. Catholics are encouraged to utilise the resources to support their prayer life and especially, to continue to keep Sunday as a day when prayer is prominent. **THE DIOCESE** is working towards streaming Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/>

<https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome> - this excellent website provides links to *Masses Online; Sunday Readings & Liturgical Resources; Holy Week Resources; Prayers and Scripture Readings*

www.pray.com.au - has many Resources including a 14-day online retreat prepared by the staff of Jesuit Communication. Though conceived to help those who must isolate themselves for 14 days during the coronavirus crisis, it is open to anyone to use at any time.