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PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	3 rd April	
30 th	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	6.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass	
31 st	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	No Reconciliation	
			6.30pm	Rosary		Sunday 4th April	
1 st	Apr	Thurs	7.00pm	Lord's Supper		– Resurrection of the Lord	
2 nd	Apr	Fri	10.00am	Station of the Cross	7.00am	Mass	
			3.00pm	Veneration of the Cross	9.00am	Mass	
Parish Office closed from Friday 2nd April, returning Tuesday 6th April 2021 No Mass from Tuesday 6th April, returning Saturday 10th April 2021							

Palm Sunday	Year B	28th March 2021
Passion of the Lord		



Hosanna

Hosanna was the sound of joy. People praised Jesus at His entrance into the Holy City, Jerusalem. They covered the donkey with their garments for Jesus to ride on. People on the road sides shouted on the tops of their voices to cheer Jesus. They extolled Him, and made Him feel welcome. They put green leaves on His way, and used green branches to show their

joyfulness. The happy shout of the crowds was short lived. It reflected that the glory of this world didn't last long. Soon after the joyous entrance, the drama slowly unfolded, step by step. Jesus' entry to the Holy City, Jerusalem took only a couple of hours; and yet His Passion took days.

The betrayal happened within the circle of trusted friends, and that was rather hard to swallow. Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, made a deal with the chief priests to betray Jesus, his Master. The arrangement was agreed, that Judas would hand over his Master to the chief priests, and they would hand over to him a sum of money, thirty silver coins. The chief priests then co-operated with the Jewish authority to eliminate Jesus. Jesus' fate had already been decided by the chief priests. Court proceedings were done in a hurry to avoid any public queries about the legality of the case.

What led Judas to act as he did remains a mystery. Judas probably loved Jesus, but did he love money more? We don't know, but we are certain, Jesus loved Judas. Enemies would not sit at the same table to share bread and wine. Jesus shared the meal with Judas to say Jesus continued to see Judas as one of His apostles. The Passover meal was set, and the twelve were with Jesus. Apart from Jesus, none of the others knew about Judas' hidden scheme. Jesus took the bread in His hands, said the blessing. He broke it, and handed it over to His disciples. Judas ate the bread. After eating the bread Judas disappeared into the dark. Some thought Judas went out to buy what was needed for the celebration, because he was the bursar of the group. They were all wrong. Judas didn't buy. He sold. He sold the love, the trust his Master had for him. He sold the unity, and the fraternity of the group. After Judas had gone, Jesus and other apostles continued to celebrate. After the meal they followed Jesus to the garden. Tiredness made them fall asleep; Jesus was praying alone. Jesus called the apostles to wake up to face the

reality. Earlier, Jesus told the apostles, that one of them was going to betray Him. They took it in turn to deny it. Judas told Jesus '*Not I, Rabbi, surely*'. Jesus knew Judas was lying.

Once Judas promised to betray Jesus, the chief priests would not allow him to change his mind. It was a bit late for Judas to do anything. Things were out of his control. Judas arrived, hugged, and kissed Jesus. With a gentle gesture and friendly voice, Jesus asked, '*Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?*' Lk 22,. It looked like, Jesus gave Judas the golden opportunity to change his heart. He refused to seek help from Jesus, and from the other apostles.

Judas received the sum, and he was happy, but his happiness soon waned. On the surface, Judas acted as if he were innocent; deep down he was incapable of facing his own demon. He believed his sin was unforgiveable. He had lost all hope in God's love. He was wrong. Taking one's own life solved no problem, but rather created more serious problems.

After Jesus' crucifixion, Jesus' opponents celebrated their victory, their triumph lasted for just three days. They were terrified to hear the news, that Jesus had risen from the dead. Indeed, Jesus died at the hands of men. Even now, many fail to understand, that Jesus chose the extreme form of death to show the reality of God's universal love for mankind.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest



Fr Tuong and Michelle would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and enjoy the end of term break.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

March 2021 Baptism's

Baptised in the name of the
Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

Tyler Yates

Healing Mass

There is no Healing Mass for the first Friday in April 2021.

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!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring.

Reading – Sunday of the Resurrection – 4th April

1 st Reading	Acts 10:34, 37-43
2 nd Reading	Col 3:1-4
Gospel	Jn 20:1-9



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 16th May 2021 (none in April)
Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Home Visit

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.

Reborn in Eternal Life 29th March – 4th April

Jean Burns, William Hugh Larter, Isabella Mills, Canuto Ouano Bianco, Desmond Lewis Jones, Terence Hansen, Keith McPherson, Hely Phonsavathady, Amy Mary O'Connell, Matthew Lee Green, Telesia Maila Marmea Vatulele, Andreas Schypper.

People asked to Prayer for: Luisol Araufo, Lucy Hesp, Tina and Atapana



Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

ROSTERS

There will be no Rosters until further notice for:

- Cleaning
- Flowers
- Ministers



Fr Tuong would like to thank all the people helping out with all the preparations for Palm Sunday and all through Holy Week for:

- All the Marshalls who welcome each parishioner each day and maintain our tracing information;
- The Students arranging the Chairs in the School Hall;
- The preparation of the Parish Hall for the Adoration.



KNOWLEDGE

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

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