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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD, Year C *12 - 13 April 2025*

REFLECTION

This day could be thought of as a day of contradiction. The Mass begins with the reading of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His joyous reception by the crowds who strewed palm branches before Him, crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Today, this inspiring scene is commemorated by processions of the faithful carrying palm branches into their churches. The contradiction, however, is experienced as the full narrative of the Passion of Christ is read, culminating with Jesus' death on the Cross.

But is it a contradiction? Is His glorious entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week in any way opposed to His crucifixion? Certainly not. From a worldly perspective, for someone who lacks the ability to penetrate this mystery with the eyes of faith, the week ends in tragedy. But from the perspective of the Eternal Father, the welcome Jesus receives as He enters Jerusalem is the welcome given to the Savior of the World. His Cross would become the culmination of that act of salvation. For that reason, His entrance into that holy city was rightly celebrated with great joy, even though the people did not yet understand that the throne their new King would mount was the Cross.

As early as the fourth century, the diary of one traveler to Jerusalem records how the faithful reenacted Jesus' triumphal entry: And as the eleventh hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, where the children, carrying branches and palms, met the Lord, saying; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, and the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives, and thus the bishop is escorted in the same manner as the Lord was of old (The Pilgrimage of Etherea).

Though very few Christians are able to celebrate Passion Sunday in Jerusalem, walking from the Mount of Olives to the city gate, we are all invited to do so spiritually, meditatively, and interiorly. Our participation is not just the recalling of a historic event; it's a real participation in that event. Our hearts must begin outside of Jerusalem's gate today, and we must courageously and joyfully accompany our Lord into that holy city. During that first Holy Week, the people's joy arose from their belief that Jesus would be an earthly ruler Who would free them from Roman oppression. Today, we are privileged to express our joyous acclamations as we spiritually accompany our Lord to the city of His crucifixion, because we know that Jesus' Kingship is so much more than an earthly triumph. His triumph is an eternal one that invites us to share in His Eternity. His triumph is a sacrificial one that invites us to share in His Sacrificial Love. His triumph is a glorious one that invites us to share in the Glory of His Resurrection.

Walk with our Lord today into that holy city of Jerusalem. As you do, know that the earthly city of Jerusalem is also now a spiritual one. The events that took place there two millennia ago transcend and permeate all time. As a result, the events of Holy Week today are just as significant as they were long ago. Through the Mass, we are there. We walk with our Lord, witness all He accomplished, receive His Body and Blood sacrificed on the Cross and memorialized in the Eucharist, and are resurrected with Him on the third day. Commit yourself to this journey today, an eternal pilgrimage with our Lord to the Eternal City of Heaven.

Reflection taken from 'Saints and Feasts of the Liturgical Year Vol 1-4'.



We hope you had a very happy birthday on Monday, Fr Aneesh!

PARISH CALENDAR

Tues 15 April 11.00am: Mass of the Oils
Sunday 20 April: Easter Sunday

CHRISM MASS – MASS OF THE OILS On April 15 we have the Chrism Mass – Mass of the Oils. This is the day we are delighted to have most, if not all, our devoted Bishop, Priests and Deacons here at the Cathedral for celebration of this special Day of preparation of the Oils for the year. **After Mass, as we are expecting Parishioners from other Parishes who will be supporting their Priests, we ask our Parishioners to once again bring some of their delicious finger food to share together with a cuppa and some light refreshments.**

FLOWERS FOR EASTER If you would like to make a donation, please place in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Donations may be placed on the plate at Mass or left at the Parish Office. Thank you

VOLUNTEER ROSTER SHEETS FOR EASTER WEEK will be finalised Monday. Thank you to all who volunteered their time.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY All are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Rosary and Chaplet Prayers from 2.00pm on Sunday 27 April at St Ita's Church Drouin. There will be a special Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet & Fr Brendan Hogan. Please join us after Mass for a cuppa and a chat.

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MASS CHANGES please note there is no Saturday morning Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 12 April. We welcome Fr Francis back from Rome this coming Sunday. We hope your trip was fruitful.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: Last weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcomed for Baptism **Zac Requias** son of Ismael & Michelle. Congratulations to the family from us all.

POSITION VACANT - SACRAMENTS

SECRETARY: We are looking for someone special to take on the role of Sacraments Secretary at St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. The position involves the administration of our Sacraments Program, including Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, and may extend to other parish duties and liturgical celebrations. It is a permanent part-time position of 8 hours per week over two days in the Parish Office and will include a 6-month probationary period. Applications should include a cover letter, current Resume and a copy of your Working with Children Check. Contact details for at least two referees, one of whom should be your parish priest if you are not a parishioner of St Michael's Parish, Traralgon. Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to sec@smpt.org.au by Tuesday May 06, 2025. For a copy of the job description, please contact the parish office at sec@smpt.org.au or via phone on 51742060.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

for **cash givers only** will be available in your Church from this weekend. Please collect these at your earliest convenience. If any other givers would like a receipt for their giving please call or email the Parish office.

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: **Acts 10:34-37-43;**
Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4;**
Gospel: **John 20:1-19**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral -
Friday & Saturday following Mass

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming
and serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen*

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and
peace of our Redeemer throughout the
earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,579.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
12 - 13 April 2025**

| Day/Date | Time | Place |
|---|---|---|
| Saturday 12 April <i>Reconciliation</i> <i>Mass</i> | 10.15am 11.00am 5.30pm | Loch Sport Loch Sport Cathedral |
| <i>Reconciliation</i> <i>Mass</i> | 5.00pm 5.30pm | Rosedale Rosedale |
| Sunday 13 April PALM SUNDAY WEEKDAY MASSES | 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm | Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral |
| Monday 14 April Tuesday 15 April Wednesday 16 April Thursday 17 April Friday 18 April WEEKEND MASSES | NO REFER TO EASTER TIMETABLE | MASS REFER TO EASTER TIMETABLE |
| Saturday 19 April EASTER VIGIL Sunday 20 April EASTER SUNDAY | 7.30pm 9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.15am | Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Stratford Seaspray |

| Cathedral Date & Time | Sat 12 April 5.30pm | Sun 13 April 9.30am | Sunday 13 April 5.30pm |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Welcomer | Theo Smolenaars | Marie & Nick Centra | Mary Chiller |
| Commentator | Sandra Smolenaars | Mildred Semodio | Andreena Jolly |
| Reader Eucharist | Brenda Burditt Liz Tabuteau Jenny Gunn | Susan Mattson Nick Hall Margaret Shirreffs | Jennifer Fitzgerald Faye Flint Doug Waite |
| Counters | Len and Lyn Althaus | | |

| Cathedral Date & Time | Sat 19 April 7.30pm | Sun 20 April 9.30am |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Welcomer | Please offer | Please offer |
| Reader | 1. Brenda Burditt | Commentator: Christine Lyon |
| Reader | 2. Liz Tabuteau | Brenda Bowden |
| Reader | 3. Faye Flint 4. ? | Angelina Jiju |
| Counters | Len and Lyn Althaus | |

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Colleen Carstairs, Dalia Ellison, Pamela Moulton** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Mary Lee, Josephine Carubia, deceased Clergy of the Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick Helen Cantwell, Michelle, Lou, Diana Green, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH, SALE
EASTER TIMETABLE

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Saturday 12 April: 10.15am Loch Sport
Saturday 12 April: 5.00pm Rosedale
Wednesday 16 April: 6.30pm Cathedral

HOLY WEEK MASSES and SERVICES TIMETABLE

Saturday 12 April 11.00am Mass – Loch Sport
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral
5.30pm Mass - Rosedale

Sunday 13 April: 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass - Briagolong
5.30pm Mass - Cathedral

Monday 14 April: NO MASS

Tuesday 15 April: 11.00am *Mass of the Oils* - Cathedral

Wednesday 16 April:

11.00am *Funeral Mass Pamela Moulton*
6.30pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation
7.30pm *Service of Shadows* – Cathedral

Thursday 17 April: Holy Thursday

7.30pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - Cathedral

Friday 18 April: 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Cathedral

Good Friday 9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Stratford
9.30am *Stations of the Cross* - Rosedale
10.30am *Walk of the Cross* to St Paul's Cathedral
3.00pm *Service of the Lord's Passion* - Cathedral

Saturday 19 April: 7.30pm *Easter Vigil* - Cathedral

Sunday 20 April: 9.00am Mass - Loch Sport
Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass - Cathedral
9.30am Mass - Stratford
11.15am Mass – Seaspray Fire Station



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

SECOND READING :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

The Word of the Lord.

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!

GOSPEL:

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 22:14—23:56

N: When the hour came Jesus took his place at table,

J: When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything?

N: They answered,

C: No.

N: He said to them,

J: But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.

N: They said,

C. Lord, there are two swords here now.

N: He said to them.....

J: Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?
N. His followers, seeing what was happening, said,

C. Lord, shall we use our swords?

N: And one of them struck out at the high priest's servantAt that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly. Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

C: Play the prophet. Who hit you then?

N: He was brought before their council, and they said to him

C: If you are the Christ, tell us.

N: He replied Then they all said

C: So you are the Son of God then?

N: He answered,

J: It is you who say I am. **N.** They said,

C: What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.

N: The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying,

C: We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

N: Pilate put to him this question,

O: Are you the king of the Jews? **N.** He replied,

J: It is you who say it.

N: Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

O: I find no case against this man.

N: But they persisted,

C: He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

N: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same

day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O: You brought this man before me as a political agitator.

Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N: But as one man they howled,

C: Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N: This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

C: Crucify him! Crucify him!

N: And for the third time he spoke to them,

O: Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N: But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N: Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

J: Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N: Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

N: The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

C: If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

N: Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

O. Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N: But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O: Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N: He replied,

J: Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N: It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

J: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N: With these words he breathed his last. **All kneel and pause a moment.**

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O: This was a great and good man.

N: And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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