

Holy Family Como Bulletin



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Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am, Friday 7pm,

Reconciliation: 5.30pm Saturday **Baptisms, Marriage & Funerals:** By appointment Only

Adoration: Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261

Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord - Year B

Sunday 28 March 2021



And when they had mocked [Jesus], they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

The glory of broken Bamboo.....

The Chinese have a beautiful legend about Bamboo.

When the great garden of the earth was first created, Bamboo was the most beautiful and noble plant of all, the favourite the Master of the Garden. Not only was Bamboo beautiful, but Bamboo was among the most modest and gracious of all plants.

One day, the Master of the Garden came to Bamboo.

"Bamboo, I must use you," the Master said gravely.

"Master, I am ready. Use me as you will."

"Bamboo, I must cut you down."

Bamboo was stunned. "Cut me down? Can I not serve you as I am?"

"Beloved Bamboo, I cannot use you unless I cut you down."

Bamboo bent her head. "Master, if you cannot use me unless you cut me down, do as you must."

"Bamboo, I must also cut away your branches and strip you of your leaves."

Bamboo pleaded, "Must you take my beautiful branches and leaves?"

"Bamboo, if I do not cut them away, I cannot use you."

The garden grew still and the wind held its breath, the sun hid its face. Bamboo shivered, then whispered, "Master, cut away."

And so, the Master of the Garden took the beloved Bamboo and cut Bamboo down. The Master cut off Bamboo's branches and stripped Bamboo of her leaves, creating a pipe. The Master of the Garden then gently carried Bamboo to a spring of fresh water. The Master put one end of broken Bamboo in the spring and laid Bamboo into the water channel. The clear water raced through Bamboo's torn body into the waiting fields. Then the rice was planted and, as the days went by, the shoots grew and the harvest came.

On that day, Bamboo, once so glorious in stately beauty, became even more glorious in her brokenness and humility, when Bamboo became the channel of abundant life in the great garden the Master.

In the second reading for this Palm Sunday, St. Paul beautifully expresses the mystery of this Holy Week: in Jesus, God "empties" himself of his very divinity to take on the cross for the sake of his beloved but fallen humanity. In the Chinese creation tale, Bamboo "empties" itself of its beauty and nobility and so brings life-giving water to the parched earth, transforming the fields into a harvest of rice.

As we walk with Jesus this Holy Week, may we learn to "empty" ourselves of our egos, our wants and expectations in order to "redeem" our lives in the liberating love of God, and then become that love for others who are crushed under the weight of their own crosses. May we fill our new "emptiness" with the spirit of Jesus, enabling us to build the Kingdom of God in this time and place of ours.



COVID PRAYER

Lord Jesus when you walked with us on earth you spread your healing power. We entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old ways, but to rebuild our world together, creating foundations of justice, with equality and peace for all. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy, as we wait for the daybreak. Amen



HOLY FAMILY DIARY 29 March – 4 April 2021

Monday 29 March

- No Mass

Tuesday 30 March

- 9.00am Mass

Wednesday 31 March

- 9.00am Mass
- 9.30am Craft Group - Meeting Rm1

Thursday 1 April – Holy Thursday

- **No 9am Mass**
- **No 9.30am Adoration**
- **7pm** Mass of the Last Supper
- **8.00pm till Midnight** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 2 April – Good Friday

- 10.00am Stations of the Cross
- 3.00pm Passion of the Lord

Saturday 3 April – Easter Vigil

- 6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday 4 April – Easter Sunday

- 8.30am Easter Sunday Mass
- 10.00am Easter Sunday Mass

Holy Week

- ♦ **Holy Thursday 1 April**
7pm - Mass of the Last Supper
- ♦ **Good Friday 2 April**
10am - Stations of the Cross
3pm - Passion of the Lord
- ♦ **Easter Saturday Vigil 3 April**
6pm - Mass
- ♦ **Easter Sunday 4 April**
8.30am & 10am - Mass

Palm Sunday TODAY

Blessing of the Palms will be held in the Courtyard. Please be seated in the church when you arrive to listen to the commentary where you will then be asked to congregate in the courtyard for the blessing of the Palms.



There will be a special collection at the Holy Thursday Mass in support of our Vinnies Como Conference who continue to help support many needy families in our community. Your donation would be greatly appreciated & enable them to continue their Good Works.

MASS OFFERING (at all Masses)
Holy Family Parishioners

RECENTLY PASSED
Father Ian Mackintosh OMI

POWER OF PRAYER

Mark & Kerry, Fiona & Colin, Heather & Peter Jordan, Jeremy & Stephanie, Brian Jarvis, Jill McGimpsey-Evans, Barbara Todd, Rose, Adelene, Maureen, David, Fitzgerald Family, Nell Caulfield, Peter Cox, Norah Langshaw, Carolyn Gonsalves, Ng Choi Hong, Waminda Residents, Stella & Family, Reamae David, Oreste & Mary Colladel, Louise Wynne, Maureen Galligan, Alia & Jason, Rhys, David, Vicki, Trish P, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Barry & Fely May, Norman Bickley, Nadia Ferroa, Mary Keenan, Isaac & Jonah, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Andy Lubke, Christine Drury, Joyce Norris, Stellar, Bernadette Fernandez, Ros MacPherson, Bill Wagner

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 7pm Thursday 1st April



- Bring your own bread & bottles of wine to be Blessed by Fr Ossie
- Label with your name
- Place in baskets in the Church foyer

INCENSE @ EASTER MASSES

PLEASE NOTE: Incense will be used in the celebration of the greatest of our Feasts - The Resurrection.

To prevent discomfort please choose your pew carefully at Holy Thursday Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Masses

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

The 2021 First Reconciliation lessons have started, with the Ceremony date being Saturday 26 June at 2pm

Year 4: First Eucharist

Lessons start Saturday 1 May
Classes Saturdays 4.45-5.45pm
Ceremony Sunday 22 August.

Year 5: Pre Confirmation

Lessons from Sat 1 May-26 June

Year 6: Confirmation

Lessons start Saturday 24 July.
Classes Saturdays 4.45-5.45pm.
Ceremony yet to be confirmed by Archdiocese.

Place completed forms in the "Sacramental Program" box. Please do not place any money into this box.



March 29 - Women Who Anoint Jesus: Recovering the Memory

Amidst the violence and betrayal of Jesus' final days, when even those closest succumb to fear and denial, the scriptures draw us into a tender encounter of mutually empowering love: a woman anoints Jesus & prepares him for what lies ahead. As a new heroism emerges from a COVID world and the uselessness of individualism, mechanistic responses and competition is exposed, may we recover the tender power of the anointing stories & discover why all four evangelists chose to tell them.

The Council for Catholic Women Perth warmly invite you to join us at James Nestor Hall, Catholic Education Office 50 Ruislip Street, West Leederville Monday 29 March 5.30-8.30pm. **Presenter: Dr Pina Ford, Team Leader Catechist Service.** Light refreshments 5.30-6pm. **RSVP to Kerry at kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com / 0400 886 835.**

Easter is Coming
Don't forget to get your tickets for the Easter Raffle which is being drawn after the 10am Mass this Sunday
**1 for \$2, 3 for \$5
8 for \$10 or 20 for \$20**

Saturday 17th April

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BUSY BEE**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MARCH 2021

Congratulations to these parishioners who celebrate their anniversaries during the month of March:

John & Kerry **Hardwick**,
Philip & Linda **Martinez**,
Cecilia & Hendry **Tan**,
Tony & Sue **Power**,
Romea & Lyn **Canon**
Ginny & Mark **Wilson**
Christopher & Victoria **Gautier**
Greg & Mireya **Brown**
Clare & Rob **Santella**
Michael & Michelle **Morgan**
Bernie & Vicki **Tan**
God bless you on your special day



Liturgy of the Word - Palm Sunday - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones **R**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on the cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
14: 1-15: 47**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday

Apostles 10:34,37-43

Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence

PALM SUNDAY

The Jews were waiting for a king to lead them against the Romans and make them free again. When Jesus rode in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was welcomed as this king, but he came as a king of peace and not to bring war.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray that your peace will spread throughout our world today and touch the lives of everyone.



Commentator/Reader Roster for March 2021

Date		Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10am
27/28th March	Palm Sunday	Amanda Johnson Dimitrio Sidi	Marianne Taylor Jill Browne Lyn Hope-Hume	Anne Armstrong Cyril D'Silva Tony Pires

Acolyte Roster for March 2021

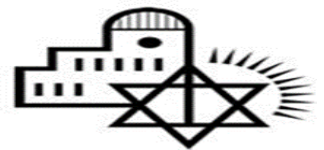
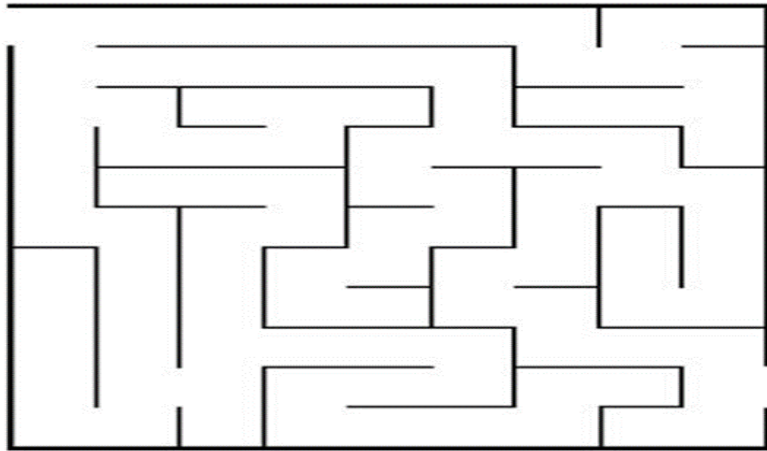
Date		Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10am
27/28th March	Palm Sunday	Carl Celedin	Shajy Vadukoot	Dimitrio Sidi

Altar Server Roster for March 2021

Date		Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10am
27/28th March	Palm Sunday	Raegan Tanuwidjaja Jackson Blake	Palak Vadukoot Claudia Taylor-Beard	K Don Shannel Saheli D'Silva

Easter Roster 2021

Date		Acolytes	Readers/Comm	Altar Servers
Holy Thursday – 1 st April		Hasan Sidi	Fiona Wee	Elisha Seow Leo Newman
Good Friday – 2nd April		David Pereira		Shenahan K Don Rachel Wu
10.00am Stations of the Cross				Edith Johnson Shenahan K Don
3.00pm Veneration of the Cross		Michael Taylor	Tony Bray Jill Hatherley Collette Shack	
Easter Saturday Vigil – 3rd April		Peter Quinn	Frank Giannini Amanda Johnson	Jocelyn Singgih Elizabeth Morris
Easter Sunday Masses – 4th April	8.30am	John Hardwick	Geraldine Taylor	Patrick Newman Leo Newman
	10.00am	James Chong	Cyril D'Silva	Bryan Chong Shenaya Wijeyekoon



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