



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

[A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery]

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (Year C) 13th/14th April, 2019

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DON'T FORGET!! Bring your BELLS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL.



DON'T FORGET!! Bring a PLATE to share for a party after the Easter Vigil!!



THE EASTER TRIDUUM: As evening falls on Holy Thursday we cross a significant threshold. Dusk ushers in the great three days of Christian observance, the Paschal Triduum. Lent has come to a quiet end after a flurry of liturgical activity: Palm Sunday celebrations, the Mass of the Holy Oils, reconciliation services and the final preparations of catechumens and candidates for initiation. The season of renewal and purification has run its course; now it is time to gather for the Christian Passover. Like Jesus' garment, the liturgies of the Triduum form a seamless whole. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Easter Vigil and the Evening Prayer of Easter Day all celebrate one and the same great mystery of faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is made plain at the very outset.

The opening chant for this evening's Eucharist declares it for all to hear: We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, life and resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

Could it be clearer? And if this proclamation were not sufficient, we are gently reminded again and again as the days progress. Each succeeding liturgy begins and ends in silence. We are welcomed with a greeting when we gather on this Thursday evening and not dismissed until the Easter Eucharist comes to a close. It is as if we are invited to experience the three principal liturgies as movements in the one symphony. History and mystery interweave in an observance whose profound meaning takes three full days to unfold. Each celebration views the mystery through a particular prism - **the supper, the cross, the resurrection** - but it is one mystery from start to finish.

HOLY THURSDAY: This evening's liturgy takes the form of a Eucharist, familiar in shape but distinguished in order and feel. Tonight we pray with a heightened consciousness of the fierce dedication that gave rise to Eucharist. We are



more intensely aware of the passion with which Jesus loved his Father and his friends until death. *We know that to sup at the table with Jesus is to commit ourselves to love and live in this way.* The prayers and readings focus on the memorial meal. The rite is embellished with the washing of feet to manifest the gospel



in symbolic action as well as in word proclaimed. Communion in both the Body and Blood of the Lord is offered. And the liturgy of this night ends with the transfer of the sacrament to the altar of

repose, not in triumph but in simple practicality, to allow Communion to be given at the solemn liturgy the following day. There is no formal end, no dismissal; we may remain in quiet adoration of the Lord before departing into the night in silence, all the while pondering the mystery until we meet again.

GOOD FRIDAY: No other liturgy begins with the same combination of solemnity, simplicity and silence as does the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. The rite is stark. From the silence of the

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9



Counters Roster Team E: Kevin & Trish McGrory, Alan and Helen Gibney, John Mahony and Aileen Kyle.

Religious Goods Shop: We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. There is also a great range of children's books which make great gifts. We have catalogues with a huge range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions. If you are looking for something special, please ask us to order it for you.

Holy Week Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday Mass **7PM**

Good Friday Stations of the Cross **10am**
Liturgy **3PM**

Easter Vigil Mass **7PM**

Easter Sunday Mass **7AM & 9AM**

(There is **NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS!**)

1st Week of Easter Mass/Liturgies

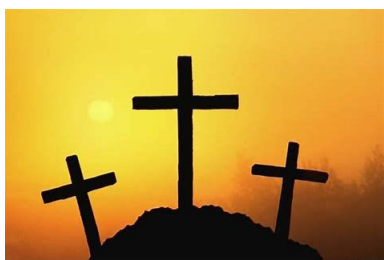
No Mass/Liturgy for Monday (22nd), Tuesday (23rd) or Wednesday (24th)

Thurs 25th April 8.30AM (Anzac Day)

Fri 26th April 9am (regular time)

opening procession to the silence of departure the liturgy of Good Friday is elemental. It focuses successive-

ly on Word. Cross and Communion. The short opening prayer, proclaimed without greeting or introduction, declares that *it is the Paschal mystery we celebrate today -*



the whole mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, not just his death on the cross. The Word is long and strong. The poignancy of Isaiah's prophetic account of the suffering servant is echoed in the psalm that follows. We pray a prayer of heartfelt trust in the midst of abandonment: 'Father, I put my life in your hands'. The theme continues in the reading from the letter to the Hebrews; we hear of the Son who in suffering became 'the source of eternal salvation'. All this paves the way for the proclamation of the Passion.

In accordance with ancient tradition we read the story of Jesus' suffering and death as told by the gospel writer John. His is a unique version of the drama, recast in the light of the resurrection. In the Passion according to John, Jesus is already Lord; he is in command throughout. Certainly Jesus is betrayed, suffers and dies, but as sovereign of love and truth. *The Cross in John is an emphatic sign of victory* rather than an instrument of shame. But one facet of John's telling of the story needs to be heard with care. When he uses the term 'the Jews' to describe the opponents of Jesus he does not mean the Jewish people in general but rather the religious authorities of the day. In their determination to silence this troublesome prophet we recognise how ruthless we all can be in defending ourselves against the threat of truth. The liturgy of the word concludes with a lengthy set of intercessions in the solemn form of the early Church; this is truly the prayer of the faithful, interceding for the whole of humankind in every kind of need. We move from word to cross. The cross is shown and acclaimed by the whole assembly. For baptised believers it is the sign of God's love disarming the power of sin and death in our world once and for all. *We venerate the cross as a symbol of our salvation.* The veneration we offer it is a profession of faith in the presence and power of God to bring life out of death. Communion completes the celebration. In receiving the Bread of Life we participate concretely in the paschal mystery. *Throughout these three days to share in the Body of the Lord is to commit ourselves to the dying and rising that discipleship demands.* The service has no formal dismissal.

EASTER VIGIL: We simply disperse until we gather again the following night to keep vigil with the Lord. Easter Vigil (**BRING YOUR**

BELLS TO ENHANCE THE CELEBRATION!!) The night of nights has arrived. *We gather in darkness and silence for the flame of the great Easter candle to be lit from the fire.* Then we become again a pilgrim people like the Israelites of old. They followed the pillar of cloud by day and the fire by night, we the flickering flame that radiates the light of Christ. In our name the candle is acclaimed, revered, and praised extravagantly in This is ever the night on which we are set free and blessed with peace



and joy. By the light of Christ and at great length we proclaim the story of salvation, beginning with readings from the First (or Old) Testament. From the majestic roll-call of creation and the testing of Abraham we turn to the essential narrative of the night, the liberation of Israel from Egypt through the waters of the sea. The prophets Isaiah, Baruch and Ezekiel expound on the covenant fidelity of Israel's God and foreshadow a new and everlasting covenant sealed with the gift of God's own spirit. The vigil of the word culminates in readings from the Second (or New) Testament on Jesus' resurrection and our risen life in him. *From light and word we move to water and oil.* The waters of the font are blessed in a rich memorial prayer, then those to be baptised affirm their faith and allow themselves to be born anew as the waters of life are poured over them (sadly we have no Catechumens at Stafford this year). They are anointed with the holy oil of God's Spirit, ready to be invited later to Communion at the Lord's table. *In solidarity with the newly initiated the whole assembly renews its baptismal promises* and offers the prayers of intercession. At last



our three-day journey comes to its climax. The *focus shifts to the eucharistic table where we break bread with the risen Lord. Joyful thanks and praise are offered over the bread and wine that they might be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.* Transformed by word and Spirit, the gifts are offered back to us in Communion. Receiving them in faith we ourselves become more truly the Body of the Lord, bearing his life for the world. To that world we are finally returned, sent forth with Easter alleluias ringing in our ears. **So ends the Paschal Triduum; thus begins the Paschal season.** For fifty days the church immerses itself in the life of the risen One, to be renewed in heart and mission, until the celebration of Pentecost brings the season to an exuberant close.



Good Friday collection for the Holy Lands

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land.

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is the home of a world-wide Commissariat of Friars Minor and monasteries who function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world. The Commissariat offices at the Monastery in Washington, D.C. coordinate the vital support for the work of the Franciscans who work in Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population. Envelopes are at the rear of the church. The collection will be taken up on Good Friday.

The Queen Of Apostles Men's Group

is up and running! It is open to any senior gents in the parish - married, widowed, single, clergy, retired or working. They normally meet on third Friday of the month but this will clash with Good Friday so they will meet on **Thursday 18th April at Three Little Pigs, Stafford City 10.30am.** All Welcome. **Phone Gary McLean (ph 3863 4149) for more information.**



Anointing of the sick—This weekend after all masses - Not Easter weekend.

COLLECTIONS		
Date	31st Mar	7th April
1st Collection	\$327.30	\$396.95
2nd Collection	\$590.70	\$779.50
Loose	\$509.95	\$545.05
DD 1st (Mar)	\$2058.50	
DD 2nd (Mar)	\$7400.50	

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BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (except during Lent).

For BAPTISM BOOKINGS please contact the Parish Office.



What's happening this week?

Mon	15th	8.30am	Mass
Tues	16th	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Communion
Wed	17th	8.00am	Social Club
Thurs	18th	7.00pm	Mass Thursday of the Lord's Supper (No morning Mass)
Fri	19th	9.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Mass
Sat	20th	7.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass Supper after Mass
Sun	21st	7.00am 9.00am 2.30pm	Mass Mass Rosary

We pray for those who are unwell

John Winkle
Georgia Evans
Mary Law
Sierra Reck
Stephen Byrnes
Leticia Morris
John Blumke
Nora Stevens
Peter Muir
Pam Ward
Donna Geddes



ANOINTING OF THE SICK



immediately after Mass on the 3rd Sun of the month (ex April). IF you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** for an op, let Fr

Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand

You may add

a **sick person's name to the list by phoning the** Parish Office (3356 7155).



To keep the list 'fresh' the last names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list.

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- * Canadian lay leader Ron Huntley encourages Catholics to look beyond the crisis in the Church and inspire an authentic renewal of faith
- * Suicide rate amongst Aboriginal Australians places enormous financial burden on the indigenous community
- * New Tasmanian law making gender optional on birth certificates sparks debate
- * One thousand still homeless and another thousand still waiting to rebuild after Townsville floods
- * Federal government's budget fails to assist Australia's most disadvantaged citizens
- * Young Venezuelan feels blessed to join Brisbane Catholic Community
- * Townsville Bishop Tim Harris writes about physician-assisted suicide and the pursuit of consistent life ethic
- * Young lawyer flees her civil-war-torn country of El Salvador and places all her trust in God as she builds a new life in Australia

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We pray for those recently deceased including

Honor Barry, Franco Mollo, Terry Moloney, Rod West, Sr Colleen Bell RSC, Lorraine Rivers, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC and Conlon Foley.

We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

Des O'Brien, Margaret Roberts, Cora Lamb, Eddie Nicolson and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.