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QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Palm Sunday – From “Hosanna” to “Crucify Him”

Today we stand at the doorway of Holy Week, holding palms in our hands and listening to the story of the Passion. Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, places before us a striking contrast: the joyful cries of “Hosanna” at Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, and only moments later, the painful shout, “Crucify Him.” In a single liturgy, we witness how quickly human hearts can change. The same crowd that welcomed Him with praise turned away from Him in rejection.

This is not merely a story about people long ago; it is a reflection of our own lives. How often do we welcome Christ when things are going well, yet distance ourselves when His teachings demand sacrifice, forgiveness, or humility? The movement from “Hosanna” to “Crucify Him” is not just the crowd’s story—it can also be ours.

When we look at our world today, we see this same struggle on a much larger scale. Across many regions of the world, wars continue to wound humanity. Nations remain divided, violence escalates, and innocent lives are lost each day. Families are displaced, children grow up in fear, and entire communities are reduced to ruins. Even where there is no open war, there is tension, suspicion, and a quiet unrest that unsettles hearts.

In such a world, the longing for peace becomes deeper and more urgent. People cry out for safety, for dignity, and for a future free from fear. Yet peace cannot be built on anger or sustained by power alone. Force may silence for a moment, but it cannot heal what is broken within the human heart. True peace requires conversion, patience, and the courage to choose love over hatred.

Into this wounded world, Jesus enters as the Prince of Peace. He comes not with armies or weapons, but in humility, riding on a donkey. His response to betrayal is not revenge, but forgiveness. His answer to violence is not retaliation, but self-giving love upon the cross. This is the peace He offers—not merely the absence of conflict, but the transformation of the human heart.



Palm Sunday invites each of us to make a choice. Will we remain part of the crowd, easily swayed by fear or convenience? Or will we walk with Christ faithfully, even when the path leads to sacrifice?

As we hold our palms today, let them be more than symbols of celebration. Let them become signs of our commitment to live as instruments of peace. In small ways—through kindness, forgiveness, and understanding—we can begin to heal the world around us.

May this Holy Week deepen our faith and steady our hearts. May we not turn away from Christ when the journey becomes difficult. And may Jesus, the Prince of Peace, guide our troubled world and lead us into the lasting peace that only He can give.

Let us pray for the world, for its leaders, for those who suffer, and for the grace to remain faithful in every moment of life.

Fr Sebastian

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

2nd April HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER - 8pm

NO Holy Thursday 9.15am Mass

3rd April, GOOD FRIDAY *(No Rosary tonight)*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 10am *(re-enactment -Please be aware this can be confronting for some)*

SOLEMN PASSION OF THE LORD - 3pm

VIGIL ‘Prayer at the Tomb’ - 7.30pm

4th April HOLY SATURDAY, THE EASTER VIGIL - 8pm

5th April EASTER SUNDAY - 7am, 8.30am 10.30am

NO Easter Sunday 6pm Mass at Greystanes. St Patrick’s Cathedral Parramatta has 6pm Mass

Easter Monday - 9:15am

Faith B4U...

Two Parish Team Employment Positions

The application process with role descriptions will occur from a week after Easter, but these announcements aim to enable any local expressions of interest. You are welcome to write to Fr Paul via parishoffice@olqp.org.au to briefly and initially share the interest, qualification and experience that might make you a happy match for the role.

- Full-Function Bookkeeper:** (for our small number of employees and the parish's finance processes). Parishioner Sharon Finn is retiring after her long and valued service and will assist a good handover with a new employee. We seek a person keen to work on two short days a week (with flexibility) who values the Church's mission and brings a kind, collaborative, interested spirit. Applicants need to be MYOB-proficient and take oversight of the general ledger; end-to-end accounts, payroll and super, BAS and monthly financial reports.
- Co-ordinator of Volunteers:** (for our parishioners across the various areas of ministry and service). Parishioner Lisa Bright has been developing this role most valuably and is now moving on to a fuller position working for a religious congregation. Such a role didn't exist in the Church until quite recently but is now fundamental to the mission of parishes. Handover support will exist for a good period AND this role works directly alongside others in the parish team. In brief, this role looks after the on-boarding care and compliance needs for volunteers - and the records, communication and promotion that helps keep them updated and valued. It involves essential processes and accountabilities, but the difference to some co-ordinator of volunteer roles is that this is part of the ministry leadership of the parish. Hence at the heart of this role is i. 'the why' of what we all do in ministry and service ii. the recognition of how people's different gifts can find 'the what' to do in the parish's areas of ministry and service - and iii. a keenness for resources and initiatives that can nourish 'the what and the why'. It is initially a two day a week casual role with the chance to move (according to the capacities and interests the person may bring) to a permanent part time 2-3 days role.

Men's Group—Save the date

Saturday 11th April at 7.45am, in the St George Preca Centre.

Share faith and friendship. All men 18 years to senior welcome.

For more information contact **Nicky on 0403 124 345**

Ministers at the Altar/Acolytes/Eucharistic Ministers

Thanks to everyone who came together at the beginning of the month to reflect, grow, and discuss how we carry out these important ministries of the Eucharist within the Mass. Follow-up gatherings will occur to review the new procedures in smaller groups. Please email which session you will be attending to lisa.bright@olqp.org.au or call the parish office on 9631 8135. The dates are:

Weekend of 18/19 April

After Vigil Mass at 6pm for half an hour

Before 10.30am Mass at 10am sharp

Before 6pm Mass at 5.30pm sharp

Weekend of 25/26 April

After 7am Mass and before 8.30am Mass - at 8.00am sharp

And a backup for anyone away for school hols/Anzac weekend on **Sunday 3rd May**

Before Sunday 6pm Mass at 5.30pm sharp

With gratefulness for your ministry.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

One of our long time volunteers has decided to step back from the hospitality ministry. We are looking for people who can take on and share this very valuable ministry. It would involve approx 30-40 minutes after the **10.30am Mass on Sundays**. It may be once a week, fortnight or monthly, depending on how many volunteers would like to join.

For more information please contact the parish office at parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Let us pray...

FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.

Chantel Adrien, Elie Aboumelhem, Mary Anjoul, Rita Attard, Amara Bewert, Ellen Boissett, Frank Borg, Haryono Budiono, Ann Bugaya, Karl Croning, Mario Curmi, Kathleen Davies, Nerida Fabri, Gabrielle Farfus, Delina Galea, Dorothy Gatt, Kay Jaunais, Margaret Jones, Rachel Karbic, Tulla Kavich, Patrick Kelly, Tyler Kenedy, Peter Kennedy, Maxine Kroebel, Michelle Makin, Joyce Mifsud, Elsie Moran, Joseph Moses, Alex Noble, Bob Nowfel, Benjie Santiago, Connie Shembri, Carmel Thompson, Cathy Vella, Eddie Vella, Joe Vella, Sue Watters, Gerard Watts, Grace Widjaya, Maureen Zarb, Joseph Zerafa, Muna Zora

FOR DEATH ANNIVERSARIES, that they now know the fullness of life & delight in God - may they pray for our active purpose in God's Mission.

Marion Cronan, Armando D'Amico, Palmina Taccone, Mouris Takchi

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope.

Mary Gunasekera

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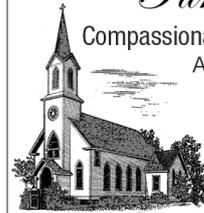
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Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 12th April

Church open 2:45pm for Chaplet and Prayers. Followed by Benediction, then Mass at 3:30pm

Note: Fellowship after Mass - *Please bring a plate to share*

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 3rd April and concludes on Saturday 11th April. *Novena cards can be found in the chapel and Narthex (main church entrance).*

Sacramental confession related to the Divine Mercy Sunday can be celebrated anytime from about 20 days before the Feast to about 20 days after (as per Holy See guideline).

Extra Reconciliation Times

March 31, Tuesday - 5pm to 6pm (with Adoration)

Good Friday - after Stations of the Cross until 12pm (*parishioners kindly try to avoid this time*)

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
50:4-7

2nd Reading

Philippians
2:6-11

Gospel

Matthew
26:14- 27:66

EASTER VIGIL Readings

1st Reading

Genesis
1:26-31

2nd Reading

Exodus
14:15-15:1

3rd Reading

Ezekiel
36:16-17, 18-28

4th Reading

Isaiah
55:1-11

Epistle

Romans
6:3-11

Gospel

Matthew
28:1-10

EASTER SUNDAY Readings

1st Reading

Acts
10:34,37-43

2nd Reading

Colossians
3:1-4

Gospel

Matthew
28:1-10

Attention Liturgical Ministers

Once you receive the Triduum and April Roster, please simply reply to Madge with the message 'R' at mnm-2@optusnet.com.au

LECTORS: Please collect your readings from the Sacristy on Saturday March 28th or Sunday March 29th.

Thank you.



As we enter Holy Week, we reflect on those facing extreme poverty and injustice and thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's annual Project Compassion Appeal this Lent.

Caritas Australia's work is made possible through the dedication of local partners, heroes who work tirelessly to create a better future for their communities. This year's featured partners include:

- Diocese of Mbulu Development Department in Tanzania
- Caritas Bangladesh in Bangladesh
- Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development in Fiji
- Caritas Jerusalem and Catholic Relief Services in Gaza.

Together, we're helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures and break the cycle of poverty. ***Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes as soon as possible. These can be placed in the collection basket, given to a collector or dropped off at the Parish Office.***

Alternatively you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate #projectcompassion

Mass Times

Monday - 9:15am

Tuesday - 9:15am

Wednesday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Thursday - 9:15am

Friday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Saturday - Vigil 5:00pm (live streamed)

Sunday - 7:00am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Memorial Mass - Last Tuesday night of each month (except December) at 7:00pm

Mass for Peace with anointing of the sick - First Saturday of each month (except January) at 10:30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday - 4:00pm - 4.45pm

Please join us via Facebook or Website, olqp.org.au, every Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Rosary in the church: Weekdays at 8:30am & Friday nights at **6:30pm** (*Please note: NEW TIME*)

ZOOM option available Friday night for those who cannot travel to the church for rosary.

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