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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass -
 Saturday Evening 6.00pm
 Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am
 Monday - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Liturgy of Word & Communion Service

Monday - 9.15am
 2nd + 4th + 5th Mondays of month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration

Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am
 Friday after 9.15am Mass
 First Friday of the Month, 24hour following Mass

The Sacrament of Baptism

1st Sunday of month during 10.30am Mass.
 4th Sunday of month 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

Baptism Preparation:

2nd Thursday of the Month prior to Baptism

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass

First Thursday of month 9.15am

Rosary

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

Weddings and Funerals

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PARISH INFORMATION

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This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading : Isaiah 50:4-7
2nd Reading : Philippians 2:6-11

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Homily - Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in Lent and the beginning of the most Holy Week in the Christian Calendar, when we commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Holy Week is a week of no swearing, no quarrels, no hatred or hurtful feelings in our hearts and no gossips. It is a week of love, reconciliation, fairness, kindness and of peace. Palm symbolises peace and victory, hence, the use of palms today portrays Christ as the King of peace. Jesus came to reconcile humanity with itself and humanity with God. He said, "blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called children of God," (Mt 5:9). St Paul also informed us that in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us, and now, He has entrusted to us the task of spreading the Good News of God's reconciliation, (2Cor 5:19). Though in Christ, God has reconciled the world to Himself, however, the world is still in dire need of the fruits of this reconciliation. Hence, there is a need for humanity to allow the way of life of Jesus to permeate their lives by accepting him, (Jesus), as their King, Lord and Saviour!
 Today, we are celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish the mission entrusted to him by the Father. This celebration is both joyous and sober. The first part of the ceremony which relates to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is joyous and the second part of the ceremony that narrates His passion is sober.
 Jesus who is our king, priest and prophet had shied away from drawing attention to himself during his earthly ministry. When he healed the sick, he would instruct them not to reveal his identity to others. Though he was God, he emptied himself and became human for our sake, and being human, he lived a humble life, (Phil 2:6-7). Jesus invites us to emulate his self-emptying by getting rid of unnecessary pride in our lives. He also calls on us to come to him with our joys and sorrows, for he said, "come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, shoulder my yoke for I am lowly and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls, (Matt 11:20-30).
 Jesus, just as he allowed his glory to become manifest to his disciples at his Transfiguration, likewise, in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, he allowed himself to be treated as a King. Angel Gabriel had proclaimed during the annunciation that Jesus was to be born to take over the throne of his ancestor David and that his kingdom will have no end, (Lk 1:32). Jesus consecrated by the Holy Spirit and sent by the Father, entered Jerusalem for the climax of his mission. The Father had attested that Jesus was his son in whom he was well pleased, and He had asked us to listen to him, (Lk 9:35). In the Gospel of John, in the lead up to his Passion, Death and Resurrection, many people came to the awareness that he was the Messiah and believed in him; thus, obeying the instruction from the Father that we should listen to him.
 The Gospel of Luke, (Lk 19:28-40), narrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Even in his moment of glory, Jesus still chose the humble path. He chose to ride on a donkey which espouses humility and peace, rather than on a horse which is more magnificent and projects power, strength and war. His disciples spread their cloak on the donkey and Jesus sat on it. Some people in the crowd placed their cloaks on the road, others cut tree branches and placed them on the road. They chanted with joy and praise, "hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"
 Today as we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us with hearts full of gratitude to God raise our branches with songs of praise to Christ our King. Let us adore and worship him with our hearts, minds and bodies. Jesus enters Jerusalem to undergo his Passion, Death and Resurrection; *may his sacrifices bestow on us grace upon grace.* (Jn 1:16).

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



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Gospel - Luke 23:1-49

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" Jesus said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!" Then the assembly of the elders rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Now Pilate was obliged to release someone for them at the festival. Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us." (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for; the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked the first saying "Do you not fear God since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



EVENTS @ SFX

THU 18 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY
FRI 19 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY
SAT 20 APRIL HOLY SATURDAY
SUN 21 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
SUN 28 APRIL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY @ 1.30PM
SUN MAY 5 10.30AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
SUN MAY 19 10.30AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ST. AUGUSTINE'S
MAY SENIORS- BIGGEST MORNING TEA
MAY 16 FRIENDSHIP CLUB BUS TRIP TIDEMASTERS
WED 19 JULY WATOTO CHILDRENS CHOIR

Radio Port Philip Presents - Two Hours of Reflection

RPP Peninsula Radio 98.7 FM (or 98.3 FM) will be presenting between 8am - 10am a Good Friday Catholic program for reflection. On Easter Sunday as normal, 8am - 9am.

PLEDGE TO PRAY: Recently the Vocations Office in Melbourne partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery', popular in some parts of the USA. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au This is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Jesus & the origins of misogyny in the Catholic Church, Guest Speaker: Christopher James Geraghty, Wednesday, 1st May, 2019 at 7.30pm @ Sandringham Hotel
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO GATHER FOR A MEAL FROM 6.00PM The presentation & conversation will follow at 7.30pm, to conclude about 9.00pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS



Bring your water to be blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm. Place your water on the Baptismal Font to be blessed.

Also don't forget to bring your camp chair.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 28 April

This year Our Parish will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with Confession, Rosary, Procession and Mass, starting at 1.30pm.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2019

Palm Sunday 14 April 2019

6.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Blessing of Palms- Procession
 8.30am Mass - Blessing of Palms- Procession
 10.30am Mass - Blessing of Palms - Solemn Procession
 5.30pm Mass - Blessing of Palms - Solemn Procession

Monday 15 April 2019

9.15am Mass

Tuesday 16 April 2019

9.15am Mass
 11.00am Chrism Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne (All welcome to attend)
 7.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 2nd Rite SFX

Wednesday 17 April 2019

9.15am Mass
 7.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 2nd Rite SJE

Holy Thursday 18 April 2019

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch & Prayer until 12am

Good Friday 19 April 2019

9.15am Station of the Cross
 11.00am Frankston March of Witness at Frankston Foreshore
 3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 5.00pm Stations of the Cross Syro Malabar

SOLEMNITY OF EASTER

Easter Vigil 20 April 2019

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
 10.00pm Tamil Mass

Easter Sunday 21 April 2019

5.00am Dawn Mass
 7.00am Mass Syro Malabar
 8.30am Easter Day Mass
 10.30am Easter Day Mass
 5.30pm Easter Day Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday 28 April 2019

1.30pm Confession, Rosary, Procession and Mass

EASTER RECONCILIATION

16 April **St. Francis Xavier** 7.30pm
 17 April **St. John's** 7.30pm

