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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

Palm Sunday -Year A

April 2nd 2023

Wine and Cheese night

Sunday 2nd April 7.00pm

Youth Alpha

Tuesday 4th April 5.00pm

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 3rd April

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday Mass 8.30am

Thursday Mass 7.00pm

Friday Stations 10.00am

Friday Passion 3.00pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.30pm –7.00pm

Friday After 3.00pm Passion

St Thomas More acknowledges the Bunurong people as the Traditional owners of the land on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends,

A reflection from My Catholic Life:
Holy Week Made Present Today

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:8–9

Holy Week begins. What an important week that we begin to commemorate today. The Scripture passage above comes from the Gospel that is read at the beginning of Mass to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the Passover. That year, Jesus was to become the new Passover Lamb Whose blood was shed for us all and Whose flesh we now eat. Today's Liturgy of the Word concludes with Matthew's version of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and death on the Cross. Since we are blessed to read this narrative in full detail today, it is helpful to call to mind the Church's understanding of the Word of God.

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal #29). This is an important lesson to learn, especially today as we read the heart of the Gospel in detail. Though Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, His last supper, arrest, mock trial, suffering and death on the Cross happened

2,000 years ago, those historical events are made present to us today in a unique and real way. By

participating in the proclamation of this Gospel at Mass today, we are mystically united to this saving action of our Lord. And though our minds might wander at times, God is truly present to us if we listen and see. As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. As you go about your days this week, fulfilling your normal duties in life, remind yourself of the spiritual truth that because the full Gospel of Jesus' passion and death were proclaimed to you today, He is manifestly present to you in a special way. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.



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**We
pray
for.....**

Those who have passed away recently...
Julian Collins, Funeral at 11.00am 5th April
Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Alma Baxter,



The sick... Maureen Mirabella, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Betty Corke, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Rosalie McKiernan, Julian Collins, Sue Emerton, Jimmy and Gary Lakeman, Anneliese Rose, Charlie Ebsworth, Noel Anstey, Mary Doherty, Barbara Hunt, Annette O'Brian and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

The Parish Welfare officer for April is Margaret Gallagher 0410 210 500

Meet the PPLT – Wine and Cheese night

On Sunday 2nd of April at 7pm parishioners are warmly invited to join the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team for a social evening at the Parish Community Centre.

Refreshments will be provided.

The evening will provide an opportunity to get to know the six members of the Parish Council, to hear about the progress we have made since being formed last April, and how we are working together listening to God's spirit to build up the Parish in the future. Our areas of focus are building community, and the celebration of the Sacraments. There will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and questions with our team.

Kindly RSVP for catering purposes on the sheets at Mass over the coming two weekends, and on behalf of the PPLT I look forward to seeing you there. Fr Patrick

Parish social Function for April

“Join us valued friends, in Westernport;
Gateway to the West”

Toscana Italian –Kitchen & Wine Bar
126 Marine Pde, Hastings
Friday 21st April at 12.30
RSVP to Geoff Hone 0439 378 072
by 17th April

Women's Fellowship Group

Let's get together ladies! Every first Friday of the month from 7pm to 9pm (after dinner) for women
18 - 100 years plus!

A chance to connect, chat, laugh and share.

Next get together Friday 7 April (Good Friday evening).

Where: at my home - Please email me for details if you're interested in attending
(raccanellokathy@gmail.com)

If you can, please bring something to share with everyone.

Hope you can come!
Kathy

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859

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As we enter this Holy Week, know that it is more than a week of reflection. It's a week of participation in the mystery of God's pure and perfect love for you. As you reflect upon this love, allow it to confront you. Keep it on your mind and heart throughout the week. Allow that love, offered some 2,000 years ago, to become truly present to you so that you will be more present to our Lord and His love for you.

My saving Lord, You entered this week of Your Passion with courage and determination. You freely chose to embrace every suffering and every humiliation You would endure so that You could enter my life more fully. Please be present to me throughout this week and help me to not only ponder this mystery of Your love but to also encounter that love in a real and transforming way. Jesus, I trust in You.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday-Solemn Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper:
7.00pm

Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm
followed by Reconciliation

Saturday: Solemn Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am



HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7th 2023

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

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 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!

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to people of good will.
we praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 50:4-7**

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high.

Gospel Acclamation **Philippians 2:8-9**

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

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he
descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

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

Next Sunday's Readings for Mass during
the day.

**9th April - Easter Sunday**

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

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9