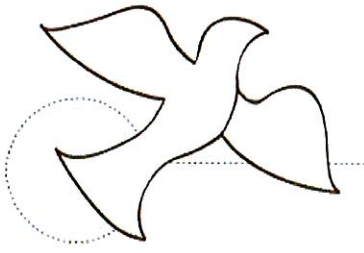


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the partnered parishes of

Sacred Heart Newport &

St Margaret Mary's Spotswood

4/5th of April, 2020

Year A

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Please pray for:

Our sick:

Brian Twomey, Tim Byrne, Fr. Andrew, Sr. Mary Joseph, Maria Watt, Michelle Jenkins, Lina & Joseph Bartnik, Netty Fabretto, Mary O'Connor, Paul and Anne Pace and Tony and Maria Raunik



PARISHES ALMAGAMATION

Many thanks to those parishioners who participated in the recent survey.

The results: 103 welcomed the joining of the two parishes; 13 did not wish it to happen for various reasons. This result gives the green light to go ahead.

Steps taken so far:

- General meeting called in 2019 where some of the benefits of uniting were explained, e.g, the duplication of administration tasks and fees; the ability to set up one body for a single parish.
- Small committee formed from the meeting to plan a possible structure.
- Committee meetings: structure and timeline to present to parishes.
- Presentation of structure to Parishes at weekend Masses.
- Survey of Parishioners.

Under current conditions any further steps will be notified this way.

DON'T BE AFRAID, JUST BELIEVE!

It's easy to say we trust in God when things are good and people are happy. But what about when times are uncertain and people are struggling and in need. Trust God in uncertain times, have hope in hard times. There are seasons and times of uncertainty in all our lives. What will life look like in a month, in six months, in a year? During these times of uncertainty, we must follow and trust God. ***Don't be afraid, just believe.*** (Mark 5:36)

Project Compassion

Greetings Parishioners,
Please note that you can now drop off the **Project Compassion Boxes** and **Thanksgiving Envelopes** to the Presbytery.

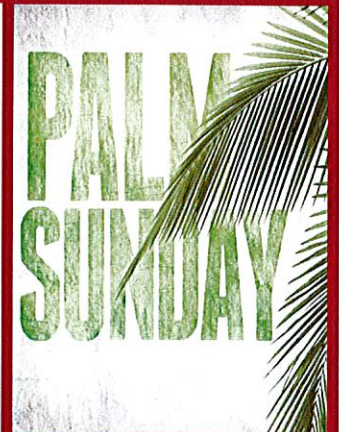
Ivanna will be in the office next week Tuesday 9-1 and Friday 9-4

Protect others and stop the spread

We can all help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

To protect others you must:

- practice good hygiene
- practice social distancing
- follow the limits for public gatherings
- understand how to self-isolate if you need to



At the Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart Newport and St Margaret Mary's Spotswood, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our partnership.

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn): 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!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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 you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

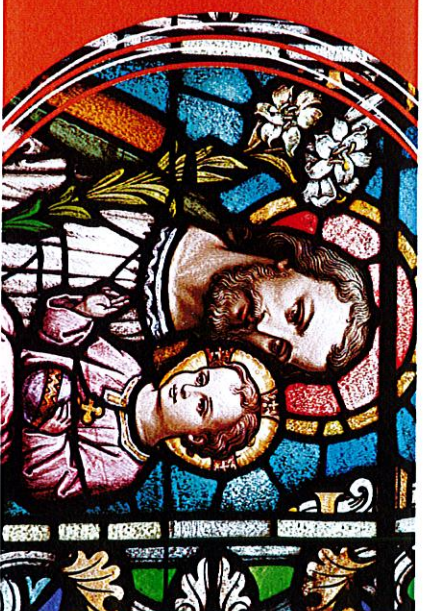
NEXT WEEK (Easter Sunday, Yr A) Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

Want
to learn
more?

Many people would say that life has never been busier. So, how do families stay ahead of the rat race? Married couple Tim and Sue Muldoon provide some tips on how to achieve a good life balance between work and the home and how you can enjoy your family. Their book, Reclaiming Family Time, is available from Majellan Media for \$19.95. Further details at [03 9592 2777](tel:0395922777) or office@majellan.org.au

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From hero to
villain



5 April 2020 Palm Sunday Year A

Jesus' entry is not to a throne in a palace but to the Cross on Calvary.

Pope Francis says that Palm Sunday could be called "bitter sweet". The shouts of "Hosanna" which means "save us" will soon change into shouts, "Crucify him". But the response of Jesus to this shouting is the same. He is neither flattered on Palm Sunday nor furious on Good Friday. A week that begins with celebration and shouts of joy will then move onto another scene where the power of darkness will take charge of Him. The King of Kings will be arrested, scourged, crucified and buried.

"I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness" (Jn. 12: 46). He is the King of all Kings, and yet he was born in Nazareth, a place not even mentioned in the Old Testament, and now He is walking towards Calvary, where he will be executed.

Today, we join the crowd of those who have been healed, delivered from various possessions, some even raised from the dead to life who sang "Hosanna". We too have been healed by him. May we in baptism who were immersed into Jesus' life, not leave him alone after Palm Sunday, but rather keep awake awaiting the Light.

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