

Easter in St Vincent de Paul Parish Strathmore

A Very Happy & Holy Easter to you and your family

I invite you to share with me and our community over these days of Holy Week by participating in the ceremonies outlined below.

The Easter ceremonies are a time for us all to reflect upon the love of our God for us over these days at the end of Lent, through his Passion, Death on the Cross and Resurrection.

The registration for our Easter Ceremonies will be emailed to you. The links will also be available at: <http://pol.org.au/strathmore/Home.aspx>

Weekend 27th & 28th March: Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)

❖ Masses: Vigil 6.00 pm Saturday Sunday morning 8.30 & 10.30 am

Passion Sunday begins Passion Week. The ceremonies start with the blessing of palm and a reading of the Gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Jesus is welcomed by those who believe in him. Yet by the end of the week the crowd, turned by the Scribes and Pharisees, call for him to be crucified.

The reading of the Passion of Matthew sets the scene for us. A week to reflect, prepare and celebrate.

Palm will be blessed at each Mass. Please bring your own Palm. Due to COVID restrictions palm will not be available in the Church. You are invited to take your blessed palm home and place it within your home as a reminder of Christ in our lives.

Tuesday 30th March:

❖ Morning Mass at 10.00 am

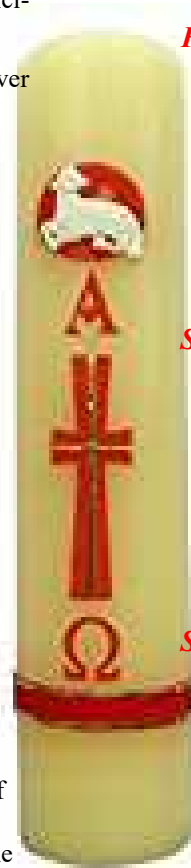
Mass of the Oils in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.00 pm. The Holy Oils used during the administration of the Sacraments (Oil of Catechumens - before Baptism; Oil of Chrism - Baptism, Confirmation & Priesthood; Oil of Infirmorum - Anointing of Sick) are blessed and consecrated during this Mass. You are welcome to attend the Cathedral to share this Chrism Mass.

❖ Sacrament of Penance a communal celebration of reconciliation at 7.00 pm in the Church

A wonderful way to prepare for the Easter Triduum is to receive sacramental absolution. You are invited to gather with us as we seek the forgiveness of our God.

Wednesday 31st March:

❖ Morning Mass at 10.00 am



Thursday 1st April:

❖ Mass at 7.00 pm

The celebration of the Passover in Jerusalem was a commemoration of God's saving action (Covenant) freeing the Jews from their exile in Egypt. Jesus changed this celebration into a New Covenant by offering himself as the sacrifice, instead of the lamb, by giving himself to those gathered with him around the table. This evening thus commemorates and celebrates again the beginning of the gift of the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 2nd April:

❖ Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00 pm

The ceremonies this afternoon commence with the Scripture reading including the reading of the Passion of Jesus from St John's Gospel. Following the Veneration for the Cross, where we are invited to come and bow before the Crucifix on the Sanctuary, we are then able to receive Holy Communion.

On Good Friday we are invited to make a donation to support the upkeep of the Holy Sites in the Holy Land.

Good Friday

Saturday 3rd April:

❖ Mass at 6.00 pm

The Easter Vigil is a commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, from death to life.

The ceremonies commence with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle which is carried into the Church as we sing 'The Light of Christ'. This Paschal Candle symbolises Christ as our Light, hence an opportunity for us to renew our Baptism promises during Mass.

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 4th April:

❖ Masses at 8.30 am & 10.30 am

Our Easter Sunday Masses give us an opportunity to commemorate the life giving graces we receive from our God.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

I wish to each one of you and your families very Happy and Holy Easter.

Over the Easter ceremonies I shall remember you all in my prayer and ask that God continue to walk with you and support you with his love.

May our loving God bless and strengthen each of us during the Easter days.

Fr Peter