

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

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!

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

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 **Mark 14:1 - 15:47**

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 26:42**

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





St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

The Catholic Church in the Dandenong Ranges

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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B - 23rd/ 24th March, 2023

What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, evoking reflection on His sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week. You can reflect on this passage by reading the Gospel of Mark Chapter 11, verses 1-11.



How to Observe Palm Sunday

Sunday Mass on Palm Sunday includes two readings from the Gospels. We hear about when Jesus entered Jerusalem at the start of Mass. And we read the entire Passion account during the Liturgy of the Word. A great way to start your Holy Week is by reflecting on Jesus' passion.

After attending Mass it's common to display the palm branch you received at Mass! Some place it behind a crucifix, some take several palm branches and weave them together to create a palm cross. Since palm branches are a blessed item they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes the following Ash Wednesday.

It's also common to deep clean your home on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. This tradition arises from the Jewish custom of preparing the home for Passover. Holy Week is also a great time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation - many churches have increased opportunities for Confession during this time.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/holy-week.html#palm-sunday>

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024 — Month of March

For the new martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>

WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Laurie Webber, Leanne Murray, William & Kath Pizaro, Maureen Rath, Ron Hearnese, Richard Gilchrist, Elizabeth Ruigrok, Brian FitzGerald, Louise Ryan, Catherine Wijenands, Janine Lancashire, Joe Schubert, Judy Lloyd.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Vinesh Prasad, Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

Reading Roster - 24th March

Michael Crouch & Eileen Collins

Please bring the project compassion contribution boxes and envelopes to the church on Holy Thursday.

Parish office notice

Fr. Cruz will not be available from 2nd April to 26th April. All the weekend masses will be taken care of by the Salesian priests. The daily morning mass will be resumed on 27th April.

The next Candlelight Vigil Mass (First Wednesday) will be held in May.

Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#).

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hradmin@cam.org.au

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details

Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne

BOOK NOW

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 23 & 24 February

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Reconciliation

St. Joseph's church Emerald

Station of the cross Saturday at 5pm — 5.30pm,
Reconciliation 5.30pm– 6pm (23rd March)

St. Thomas More church Belgrave

Reconciliation : Saturday 9.45am—10.15am

Station of the cross on Friday at 7pm at St. Thomas More church Belgrave.

For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

Good Friday Collection — 29th March

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. 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. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land.

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Thank you.



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

Sacrament of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist - St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

Sacrament of Confirmation for students attending Non-Catholic Schools.

2024 Sacramental Program for students, not attending Catholic Schools:

Confirmation – 18 May 12 noon at St Thomas More's Belgrave

Reconciliation – 14 September St Thomas More's Belgrave

Eucharist – 15 September 11 AM at St Paul's in Monbulk

Preparation classes for Confirmation begins on Tuesday 16 April (for 5 weeks) at 4.30 pm in St Joseph's church in Emerald.

Preparation classes or Reconciliation begins on Wednesday 21 August (for 4 weeks) at 4.30 at St Joseph's church in Emerald.

Preparation classes for Eucharist begins on Tuesday 13 of August (for 5 weeks) at 4.30 at St Joseph's church in Emerald.

Parents may choose to enrol their children in both Eucharist and Reconciliation if they wish to.

To enrol, please contact the parish office during office hours on or before 28th March.

Telephone: 97542141

Email: belgrave@cam.org.au

"Novena in Preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy"

Starting Good Friday, 29 March to Easter Saturday, 6 April at Our Lady of Lourdes Bayswater, 25 Orange Grove, Bayswater.

All are welcome".

Feast day of Divine Mercy and Consecration to Divine Mercy 7 APRIL 2024 with Archbishop Peter Comensoli as the main celebrant

TIME OF SERVICES:

- 1:00 pm: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Holy Rosary
- 3:00 pm: Procession, Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet followed by Holy Mass



Thursday of the Lord's Supper—28th March

7.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave — Washing of the Feet and Eucharist.

8.30 pm Solemn Reservation. Adoration.

Good Friday - 29th March:

10.00am. The Stations of the cross at Sumava Czech Centre, 46, Locks Way, Belgrave South. (Please DO NOT bring any food) but bring an umbrella if rain is forecast.

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night —Saturday 30th March: 6.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

Blessing of the Fire. followed by the vigil Mass.

Sunday of the Resurrection — Easter Sunday 31st March:

6.30am -St. Joseph's Church, Emerald.

Blessing of the Fire, Holy Eucharist.

Please note also.... that breakfast will be served after the **Easter Dawn Mass at St. Joseph's church. All welcome**

9.00am - Easter day mass at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook.

9.00am—Easter day mass St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.

11.00am—Easter day mass at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.