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CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2024

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
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.

Thanks be to God.

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 15:1-39* (For Long Version *Mark 14:1 - 15:47*)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read:

'The King of the Jews.'

And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORD FROM THE ACTING DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

All around the world large numbers of Catholics will be gathering in their parishes for the celebration of Palm Sunday - The doorway by which we enter the Solemn celebrations of Holy Week.

We begin with shouts of “Hosanna in the highest!” and palm branches waving at Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus goes up to the Holy City to complete his mission - to fulfill the Scriptures and to ascend his throne, whereby he will reign forever and ever. Christ enters not with a show of military might or threats of violence - but humbly on a young donkey. His desire is not to take possession of anything, but to make a gift of himself, thereby offering redemption to anyone who will receive him. The offering of Christ draws all of humanity together – people from every nation and tribe, race, and tongue.

Hope for the coming Messiah is then thwarted by a betrayal sealed with a kiss, a suspicious arrest, and a trial under cover of the darkness of night. This King of Israel doesn’t appear to fit the part drawn up within the mind of ideological men. Some people are so enraged by how Jesus presents himself as Messiah, they are now manipulating others to shouts of “Crucify him!”.

Whilst not everyone would have joined the mob, the screaming influence would certainly have discouraged many disciples from placing all their hope in Jesus. The one that entered triumphantly leaves the City seemingly in disgrace, carrying the Cross upon which he will be crucified unjustly. To go with him would require a trust that his way is greater than our ways.

This calls each of us to reflect on our own hopes, ideas, and actions in this world. Who do we look to for life and how do we try to influence others? Where do we go to fulfill our hunger for love and our longing for righteousness?

Everyone of us is called by God, and with the free gift of God’s Grace we can embrace Jesus Christ as our true King. A King who himself freely chooses to embrace the Cross as his throne for love of us. Taking upon himself the sins of the world he makes the burden we experience in life light. The Messiah transforms our weakness into the way by which God will show forth his Glory.

I absolutely love Holy Week at St Mary’s Cathedral and people from all over our city and country look forward to being here every year. Our beautiful liturgies make St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney, one of the most wonderful places you could be in the world to enter the Solemn celebrations of these chosen days. I encourage you to invite someone who has been away from the Church to come along with you and discover the beauty of our Faith.







On behalf of Fr Don Richardson, Fr Brendan Purcell, Fr George Sigamony, Fr Benjamin Saliba, and Fr Roberto Keryakos, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Cathedral staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts. I also want to assure each of you who gather with us, of our prayers throughout this Holy Week. May you, together with your family and friends, discover by way of the Cross, the saving power of the Risen Lord. Hope you have a Blessed Easter!

God bless you,

Fr Lewi Barakat, Administrator and Acting Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March – April 2024

			23 <i>Saturday</i>	24 <i>Sunday</i> PALM SUNDAY * Today's 12.15pm Latin Mass to be held in the Crypt 2pm Sunday Public Tour	25 <i>Monday</i>	26 <i>Tuesday</i>
			27 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY  Mass Times 10.30am Chrism Mass 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Compline	29 GOOD FRIDAY Mass Times 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord 	30 HOLY SATURDAY Mass Times 10.00am Tenebrae 7.30pm Easter Vigil 
3 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	4 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	5 <i>Friday</i>	6 <i>Saturday</i>	7 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i> 2pm Sunday Public Tour	8 <i>Monday</i> The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD	9 <i>Tuesday</i>
10 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	11 <i>Thursday</i> <i>St Stanislaus</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	12 <i>Friday</i>	13 <i>Saturday</i>	14 <i>Sunday</i> 10.30am Mass (Day of the Unborn Child) 1.30pm Benediction (Day of the Unborn Child) 2pm Sunday Public Tour	15 <i>Monday</i>	16 <i>Tuesday</i>

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage

Parishioners are invited to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 with prayer. One way of entering into prayer during Holy Week is to visit an altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition in keeping with this liturgical practice. Families are invited to tailor their pilgrimage with a resource that will list Churches that will be open across the Archdiocese and provide reflections to meditate.

For more information, please visit <https://93yx.short.gy/7Churches> or contact bishop.umbersoffice@sydneycatholic.org

A purple poster for the Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage. It features a central image of Jesus Christ on the cross, with a red cloth draped over his chest. The text is in white and gold. Logos for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and the Sydney City Centre Evangelisation are at the top. The text reads: "INVITE YOU TO THE HOLY THURSDAY VISITATION OF THE 7 CHURCHES". Below the image, it says: "Be a friend to Christ and walk alongside him on the night of His betrayal by visiting seven participating churches on Holy Thursday night. With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night."

Restoration of Funding for Palliative Care

Archbishop Fisher has encouraged the faithful to sign a petition calling for a restoration of funding for palliative care. There has been \$250 million cut from the palliative care budget in NSW, which will have a significant impact on the care people in our state will receive at the end of life. Given that euthanasia is now legal in NSW, it is even more important that we ensure there are life-affirming options available to those who need it most.

Petition closes on 3 April 2024.

A petition poster with a background image of hands holding a coin. A red stamp in the top left corner says "UPDATE". The text on the poster reads: "\$250 MILLION CUT" (with the 250 crossed out and 150 written below it), "RESTORE PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING", and "SIGN THE PETITION". A QR code is at the bottom. At the very bottom, in small text, it says "Authorised by Susan Carter MLC, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000".

A poster for "Oremus: Living the 2024 Year of Prayer". The title "Oremus" is in large, white, serif font. Below it, it says "LIVING THE 2024 YEAR OF PRAYER" and "Strengthening our Parishes in Hope" in a cursive font. At the bottom, it says "FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE AND BEYOND". The background features a painting of a saint in a golden robe. The poster lists three events: "STREAMS OF LIVING WATER: INTERCESSORY PRAYER THUR 4 APR", "LORD TEACH US TO PRAY: LEARNING THE ART OF PRAYER THUR 18 APR", and "WHERE TWO OF MORE ARE GATHERED: LEADING OTHERS IN PRAYER THUR 2 MAY". A "LIVE ONLINE" section indicates "3 THUR SESSIONS: 7:30PM APRIL - MAY 8:45PM". At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text "REGISTER TODAY", the website "GOMAKEDISCIPLES.ORG.AU/CAS-EVENTS", and the email "INQUIRIES: PARISHRENEWAL@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG". The Sydney Catholic logo is in the bottom right corner.

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TALKS

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MASS,
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Emmaus Silent Retreat

Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord, and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women.

DATE:
Friday 19th April - Sunday 21st April 2024

VENUE: Varroville NSW

More information and registration at trybooking.com/CNSXK

Join us for a Love & Truth Weekend

Order in Chaos

Spend time away as a couple to focus on your relationship with God, married life, and raising children

Married & Engaged couples welcome

Saturday April 27, 10am to
Sunday April 28, 3:30pm

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
257 St Andrews Rd, Varroville

Cost: \$200 per couple

Information & Registration:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPPE>

Couples will find the retreat more fruitful if they could organise babysitting for the weekend. If this is not possible please enquire about on-site child minding options.

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No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at St Mary's Cathedral.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Cathedral festive dinner

Join parishioners and others from the Cathedral community celebrating its patroness, Our Lady Help of Christians, with dinner and musical entertainment.

- ▶ A recital by renowned soprano Anke Höppner-Ryan over canapés will commence the evening
- ▶ Three-course dinner with wines followed by tea and coffee
- ▶ Enjoy the surroundings of Cathedral House, by kind invitation of the Dean
- ▶ Get together with friends old and new for our annual celebration dinner
- ▶ Book now to avoid disappointment!

Friday 24th May 2024, 6.30 p.m.
Cathedral House

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE
Lounge suit / cocktail attire

TICKETS
\$120 from cathedralfriends.org.au



*Join the Friends
today to become
part of our vibrant
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*Read more and
buy tickets for the
festive dinner*





St Mary's Cathedral Training Choir is launching from February 2024 for Boys and Girls in Years 1-3

This group will be the foundation choir for the main Cathedral Choir, rehearsing every Thursday from 4:15pm to 5:30pm in the Cathedral Song School. Run by experienced vocal specialist Anna Sandström, this free-to-access ensemble is available to any child with an interest in singing.

To register your interest, please scan the QR code and complete the online form.





EASTER

AT
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

"I welcome you to the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week.

Jesus Christ died for all and rose from the dead so that all people may come to know and believe in the saving power of God."

Fr Lewi Barakat
Acting Dean of St Mary's Cathedral

PALM SUNDAY / 24 MARCH 2024

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Procession & Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and
Benediction 6.00pm: Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 28 MARCH 2024

10.30am: Chrism Mass
6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.00pm: Compline The Office of Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY / 29 MARCH 2024

10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY / 30 MARCH 2024

10.00am: Tenebrae The Office of Readings
7.30pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY / 31 MARCH 2024

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and
Benediction 6.00pm: Mass