

Palm Sunday Procession: 14th April

The annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm. Register at: parracatholic.org/cyp

Good Friday Night Walk: 19th April



Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

Bach at St Finbar's on Good Friday

The traditional candle light Good Friday service from 7.30pm at St Finbar's, Glenbrook will be a highlight of this year's Lenten Season. Featuring the music of JS Bach and sacred readings, the Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by Sydney City Organist, Robert Ampt, who will direct the choir as well as perform several Bach works on the organ. RSVP to Judy on 4754 1780.

Office of Tenebrae

The Office of Tenebrae 2019 is part of Holy Week celebrations with a reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets. Tenebrae will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm on 15th April 2019 and will be led by Bishop Vincent Long.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

Sunday 28th April at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith

Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Homily & Benediction, Reconciliation until 4pm, afternoon tea 4.15pm – 5.15pm, Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm

IFM Workshop... The second half of life enrichment at the Institute for Mission offers an encouraging workshop for men and women who are over 50 years of age... *"From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years."* Held on **24th April from 10am to 1pm and 1st May from 6pm to 9pm**. Registration and questions welcome to Sr Grace 02 9296 6369 or grace.rocławska@ifm.org.au

Vocation Discernment for Young Women:

A vocation discernment day for women aged 16-29 will be held at Mt Schoenstatt. The theme will be 'Here I Am, the Servant of the Lord' (Luke 1:38). Where is it that God wants me to serve His kingdom on earth? Find answers to this question on 23rd April from 10am-4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd., Mulgoa. RSVP: 17 April to Sr Luka 0439 537 843 or srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au.

Interfaith Relations after Christchurch

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility," presented by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10th May at the IFM Blacktown. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

One Million Rosaries

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3rd, 4th and 5th May this year. Those participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Raising Lazarus Retreat Day: 7 May

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat and the IFM present a retreat day on 7 May with Dr Bonnie Thurston on Raising Lazarus: Contemplative Living & Our Inner Journey from Death to New Life. Held at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. BYO Lunch. To register, please contact mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

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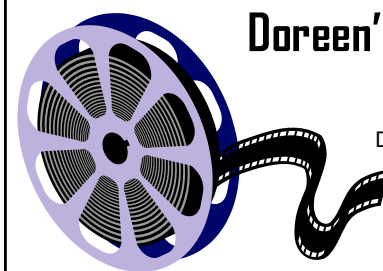
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

13TH & 14TH APRIL, 2019

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in



order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a savior who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live.

Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.



Gospel Focus – Changing Expectations

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday

7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7.00pm

Adoration & Rosary Tuesday at 6.30pm

Wednesday 9.10am

Thursday 9.10am

Friday 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

5.15pm – 5.50pm

or by appointment

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justice and community in today's world.



A very warm welcome to anyone who
is new to the parish.

*So that we can get to know who you are, it would be great
if you would please fill out a Census Card available in the foyer.*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

*Doctors and their Collaborators
in War Torn Areas*



For doctors and their humanitarian
collaborators in war torn areas, who risk
their lives to save the lives of others.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE
LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9.10AM.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer;

Recently Deceased...

Bernard Tabi (29/03), Dora Lesseps-Fonseca (28/03), Paul
Trevaskis (19/03), Paul Grech (28/02)

Mass Intentions:

Frantz Ducasse (14/04/1960), Charlie Saliba,

Anniversaries

Dominic Tavares (11/04), Rudy Lesseps-Fonseca, Juana
Fernandez (13/03), Ignacia Fernandez (25/03), Rocco Val-
ore (18/03/17), Salvatore Cavallaro (27/03/18), Leo Valore
(12/01/18), Sheila Tavares (25/03), Rita Saliba (14/03/08),
Joseph Kallarackal (15/03/91), Mario Vella (16/03/06)

And for those who are sick...

Noah Macalinao, Veronica McMahon, Bill Ross, Sr Meri-
lyn Browne, Kevin McCormack

♦ If you would like a family member or friend's name to be in-
cluded in the sick list, please gain permission from that per-
son before you make the request to the parish team.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be the
Principal Celebrant at this year's

CHRISM MASS

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA.

The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Dio-
cese of Parramatta, assisted by the deacons. During the
Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick
will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. These
holy oils will then be given to the parishes for use during
the year. During the Mass, the priests renew their commit-
ment to priestly service.



Communal Reconciliation in Neighbouring Deanery Parishes.

RICHMOND: MONDAY 15TH APRIL AT 7PM

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday 18th April - 7.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 19th April - 10.00am

The Stations of the Cross

Friday 19th April - 3.00pm

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This moving ceremony honours the
great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 20th April - 7.00pm

(Note not 6.00pm)

The Easter Vigil

This is the highlight of the Church year when we celebrate the
greatest hope ever given to humanity.

Sunday 21st April - 7.30am & 9.30am

Masses of Easter Morning

A continuation of the celebration of resurrection when
the new Easter light and Easter water of Baptism
are used to help give a blessing of renewal.

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Week Day Masses During Holy Week

PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING HOLY WEEK

WEEKDAY MASS WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE ON

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL AT 7PM AND

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL AT 9.10AM.

Easter Vigil Choir

If anyone would like to join the **Easter Vigil choir**, you are
warmly invited to attend practice on **Wednesday 17th
April at 7pm in the Church.**

Easter Children's Choir

A practice will take place on **Saturday 20th April from
9.30 – 11.30am in the Church** for any children who would
like to be part of the choir for **Easter Sunday Mass at
9.30am**. Please contact Shanice Vella on 0434 147 092 if you
require more information.

Holy Thursday Collection

The money raised from the collection at the Holy Thursday
Mass will be used to support the charitable works of the St
Vincent de Paul Society.

Corpus Christi Easter Egg Hunt

OUR ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI EASTER EGG HUNT WILL
TAKE PLACE ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS
AND WILL BE OPEN FOR CHILDREN AGED 2-12.



All children who take part in the hunt will
receive a chocolate Easter egg so please
remember to RSVP to ensure we have enough
eggs for all participants.

There are 3 age groups for participation with
each group having a major prize for the most "eggs" found.
Kids will need to find as many 2 dimensional paper eggs as
possible.

If your children or grandchildren would like to participate,
please put their name and age on the sign up sheet in the
foyer.

If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Denise
or Ann on the email addresses listed below.

Suggested prizes include Easter egg packs, soft toys such as
Easter bunnies, Easter craft packs or Easter baskets.

If you would like to assist in the running of the Easter Egg
Hunt, please contact Ann on panitzs24@outlook.com or
Denise on mcaffrey@bigpond.com.



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Youth News...

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Good Friday Stations of the Cross

This year, the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday
will once again be a pilgrimage with Jesus around the
school grounds led by Corpus Christi 2749. Although we
will be moving from station to station around the school,
seating will be available for those who are unable to walk
or stand for the duration of the Stations.

*Anyone in Year 6 to Year 12 who would like to join our
Youth Group in leading the Stations is welcome.*

Any singers or musicians who would like to accompany us
as we move between stations are also welcome.

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FIRST

REHEARSAL FOR THE YOUTH ONLY

(NOT MUSICIANS & SINGERS) THIS SUNDAY,

7TH APRIL STRAIGHT AFTER 9:30AM MASS.

Please contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553 if you would
like more information on joining our Youth or Musicians.

Good Friday Adoration / Vigil at the Tomb

All members of the Parish are invited to join

Corpus Christi 2749 as they lead

a reflection of the Passion in the Church at 7:30pm.

This will be followed by Adoration in the Chapel. We will
have the Chapel available for individual Adoration from
7:45pm– 8:45pm.

Please contact Denise Caffrey for further information on
0409 558 553.

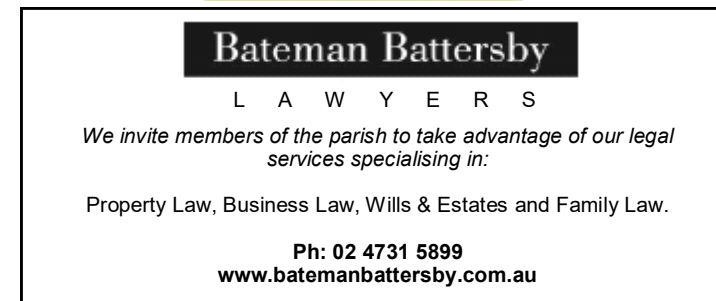
PROJECT COMPASSION Sixth Sunday of Lent

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