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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

**1ST & 2ND APRIL
2023**

REFLECTION *by* Fr Michael Tate

Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.



On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with

women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

by appointment

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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950
Acct No: 1000000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Planned Giving

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Message for Parishioners who Donate to Planned Giving by Credit Card...

Over the past couple of months some credit card transactions for Planned Giving have failed to go through and the bank has suggested that people may have updated their cards. If anyone has recently made changes to or cancelled their credit cards could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

Advertising in The Net...

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net? Or know anyone who might be? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$330. There is also the option to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office.

New Ministry Roster



A huge thank you to all who support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries. **Your care and commitment to our parish community is truly appreciated!**

We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period 15th/16th April to 1st/2nd July. Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries, please check your diaries and let Marie know by either phone or email **prior to Tuesday 4th April** of any non-availability during that period.

Parish Ministries

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office.



An Important Carpark Safety Message

Please be aware that the parish carpark has a **ONE WAY ENTRY AND EXIT.**

The access in front of the Parish Office is **ENTRY ONLY.**

Please **DO NOT EXIT THE CARPARK VIA THE ENTRY.**

Building Parishes Together

Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards
From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards.

Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7. *Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well.*

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by visiting: [https:// learning.safeguarding.org.au](https://learning.safeguarding.org.au)

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org
Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!

Children's Nativity Costumes

We are looking for volunteers to help with sewing new costumes for the children's nativity. We are hoping to have the costumes completed before we reach the busy lead up to Christmas. It will be simple sewing and all materials will be supplied. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!

The Net

If you know of anyone who is not receiving The Net via email and they would like to, please ask them to email the Parish Office.

**We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
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.*

Parish News

Ministry Roster for Easter...

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries for the Easter Liturgies, please put your name on the list in the foyer. Thank you!

We still need volunteers for the following:

**Holy Thursday - 7pm	Data Operator
**Holy Saturday Vigil - 7pm	Data Operator
**Easter Sunday - 7.30am:	Commentator
**Easter Sunday - 9.30am	Data Operator

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday 6th April - 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful celebration of the origins of our Eucharist.

Friday 7th April - 10.00am

The Stations of the Cross

Friday 7th April - 3.00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

This moving ceremony honours the great sacrifice of Christ.

Saturday 8th April - 7.00pm

(Note not 6.00pm)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

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

Sunday 9th April - 7.30am & 9.30am

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

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.



Our Prayers & Sympathy to:

Alice Severino of our parish on the loss of her dear husband Rudi. Our prayers and love too are with Rudi's children and extended family. Rudi was a man who cherished and lived by his Catholic faith. May he be welcomed into the embrace of his maker and may his prayers assist the faith and hope of his special family.

Rudi's funeral will take place at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith on Monday 3rd April at 11.30am.

George Marabouti's funeral will take place at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith on Tuesday 4th April at 11.00am.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

George Marabouti (*husband of Maria*), Carmelo Schembri (*dear father/in law of Charlie and Pauline*), Viviana Kirk (29/03)

Anniversaries:

Mario Vella (16/03/2006)

For those who are sick:

Maria Pilarowski, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti,, Daryle Young

THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

The Holy spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve His people.

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the appeal. last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

One of the most rewarding ways we can share our faith and be part of the weekend liturgies is by taking the young children and sharing with them your ideas about the readings and/or the feast day messages.

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. For more information please contact the Parish Office.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 1st & 2nd April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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


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