

Dear brothers and sisters,

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we commemorate the events leading to the death of Jesus and then with Easter Sunday the glorious resurrection of the Lord. There is so much to meditate on and be grateful for. On behalf of all of us here at Infant Jesus Parish, I wish each of you a happy and holy Easter. Today we hear the Passion according to Mark. Each Gospel has a specific tone and perspective on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne, SJ writes:

The way Mark tells the story – a sequence of swiftly changing scenes – sets in dramatic contrast the actions and the motives of the chief players: the priests and scribes, whose murderous plotting unleashes the whole drama; Judas, deliberately seeking an opportunity to betray; the male disciples abandoning Jesus when he needs them most; the women standing by to the end; Peter, bold in his early protestations, timid when challenged by a servant-girl; Pilate, clad with all the power of Rome, but yielding against his better judgment in the face of pressure from the mob.

In all this catalogue of human failure one figure stands out: the unnamed woman who anoints Jesus in the last week of his life (14:3-9). As Jesus points out in the face of those who criticise her, she alone of all the disciples does understand where he is going and why – hence her costly, loving gesture.

Jesus himself shrinks from ‘the cup’ before him in Gethsemane. But once composed he goes through it all with calm dignity, up till the final terrible cry of abandonment just before dying on the cross (15:34). The evangelist leaves this cry hanging there, unadorned, seemingly unanswered by God.

But the moment Jesus dies, the temple curtain splits in two. God is no longer shut up in the Holy of Holies of the temple, inaccessible to all save the high priest. God is here, in this most unholy place of execution, reaching out in reconciliation to the whole world.

The Gentile centurion, standing in for all of us, is the first to grasp this and make his act of faith.

—*Blessings, Frs Greg, Tadgh, John P and John Follent*



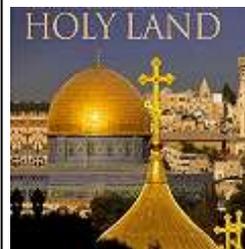
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The final Stations of the Cross for Lent will be held on Wednesday 31st March (Holy Week). On Good Friday the Stations are at 9.30am and 11am (Italian Via Croce).



PLEASE NOTE: *The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt Carmel* will begin again on Wednesday 7th of April at 6.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd. 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 and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation’s longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes on **HOLY THURSDAY** night (Mass at 1st April at 7pm). Baskets will be placed in the foyer for your boxes. Thank you.

Garden FUNraiser – Mother's Day fair

Saturday 1st of May 2021

9.00am - 1.00pm



Thank you to everyone who has contributed by donating all sorts of items, it is so much appreciated.

We are still collecting:

- ◆ Banana boxes;
- ◆ Ceramic or décor pots, old metal buckets, basins;
- ◆ hand creams, soaps, bath products etc, to include in Mother's Day gift packs;
- ◆ Reusable wine bags;



Your plants can be brought in after Masses on the weekend of 24/25 April or Monday 26th March —Friday 30 April from 9.00am—12pm.

UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

When the Mass includes music, particularly at Communion time, the Communion Antiphon is omitted.



EASTER CARDS IS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE PIETY STALL

Call to Prayer for Justice and Peace in Myanmar

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jesus accepts death on a cross rather than engaging in violence. The Office for Social Justice invites you on Palm Sunday, and beyond, to pray for justice and peace in Myanmar.



PILGRIM STATUE



This week in the home of Ms Monica Chin
Unit 3/21 Camden Street, Dianella
Ph: 6111 0291

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Mark Chatterton;

Deceased: Caterina and Domenico Demante, Peter Meek;

Anniversaries: Denis Reardon, Amedeo Sala, Queenie Sampson, Irena Bruske, Rodney and Denzil McGuinness and Maxim Barnes;

The Sick of the Parish: Loo Thye Ng, John Bowley, Alan Summersett, Glen McGuinness, Mervyn D'Castro and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth."

NEXT WEEKEND — 4 April 2021—Easter Sunday

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Paul Wachtel	Chris Yapp	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia and Royce	Madeleine and Frank	Allan and Akash	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Easter Vigil Readers	Stella and Fleur	Marion O and Barbara	Teresa and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Linda	Noeline and Bryan	Aileen and Joan	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Barb and Veronica	Deborah and Pauline	Luisa and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday 3 April @ 9.30am (Easter Saturday)			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

In Our Church

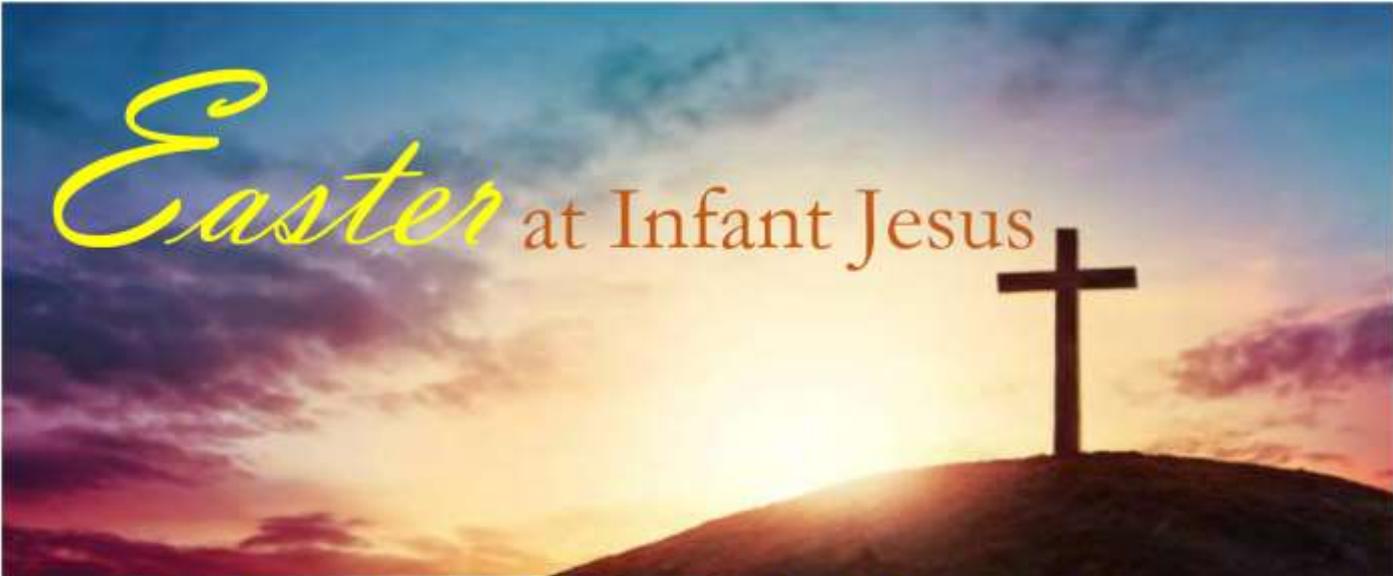
Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm
(Suspended during Lent and replaced by Stations of the Cross at 7pm))

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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A photograph of a large wooden cross standing on a grassy hill. The sun is setting behind the cross, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue.

Easter at Infant Jesus

Keeping a Covid Safe Celebration

The new COVID regulations allow us to have 375 people in the church for services. This is great news, but it still means that not everyone is going to be able to get in for our busier celebrations on Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning. So please arrive early or be prepared to be seated outside. Numbers outside the church will be unlimited. There will be seating provided, or you can bring your own chairs or a picnic rug and sit on the grass. The glass doors will all be opened so that people will also be able to see what is happening in the church. Our sound system will ensure you will be able to hear clearly. Holy Communion will also be distributed outside the church. In this way we hope to ensure a place for everyone. *PLEASE NOTE: Government regulations apply inside and outside the Church – hand sanitising, 1.5m social distancing and mandatory contact registration.*

2021 Easter Services:

PASSION SUNDAY MASSES 27th /28th MARCH

- Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian)
And 6pm

HOLY THURSDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 1st APRIL

- Mass at 7pm, followed by adoration and conclude with night prayer at 10pm. *(No morning Masses)*

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd APRIL

- Stations of the Cross at 9.30am
- Via Croce (Italian) at 11.00am
- The Passion of the Lord at 3pm. *(No morning Masses)*

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd APRIL

- Vigil Mass (includes baptisms) at 7pm *(No morning Mass)*

EASTER SUNDAY 4th APRIL

- Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6pm

Please help by passing this information to family and friends who would normally come to Infant Jesus for Easter services.