

Dear brothers and sisters,

To paraphrase H G Nelson: in the Palm Sunday liturgy 'too much Scripture is barely enough'. I will therefore confine myself to brief reflections on the readings from Matthew's Gospel which we hear today. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey does not meet any conventional expectations of the Messiah. He is humble, compassionate and brings healing, peace and hope not wealth, prestige or victory in war.

In the garden when the authorities come to arrest Jesus, one of his companions resists violently, cutting off the ear of the High Priest's slave (26:51). Jesus rebukes him. He is always non-violent. He goes to his suffering and death with a freedom that comes from his sense of his divine mission of self-sacrificing love. All that will happen is gathered up and overcome by an overwhelming act of love. Matthew gives us a hint of love's victory as the earthquake and opening of tombs foreshadows the resurrection (27:50-54).

In the ancient world, the killing of an innocent person was a monstrous crime. The guilt for which was not only carried by the perpetrator but also by their family and community. Matthew portrays the arrest and execution of Jesus as the shedding of the blood of the most innocent person there has been. So, who is guilty? Well, first off, Judas, who attempts to atone by giving back the money he received to betray Jesus. The priests won't touch it, as it is blood money. So, Judas despairs. He fails to believe that forgiveness and reconciliation is what Jesus brings, even to people like him.

Next, Pilate, warned by his wife to have nothing to do with 'that innocent man' (27:19), washes his hands before the crowd, saying 'I am innocent of this man's blood' (27:24), which of course he is not. Finally, the people as a whole answer, 'His blood be upon us and upon our children' (27:25). Sadly, this verse in isolation has been used to support anti-Semitism. The responsibility for the death of Jesus does not continue on in the Jewish people as a whole. The Australian Catholic Bishops have produced WALKING TOGETHER an excellent statement on the Catholic-Jewish relationship, calling for our renewed dialogue and cooperation on many fronts. You can read it in the copies available in the entrance to the church or online here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yRFcH5BDXBje1A8zNqz5ajBKRfyMZS5e/view> or simply put 'ACBC Walking Together Jewish' into a search engine.

Every blessing for Holy Week and Easter,

Greg

PLEASE NOTE! On Holy Thursday night and at the Vigil on Easter Saturday, Communion will be offered under both kinds, for those who wish to receive the Body and the Blood.



Holy Week

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES FOR EASTER

EASTER TRIDUUM

Three days, one great celebration!

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Holy Thursday 6th April
Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration.
(NO MORNING MASSES)

The Passion of Our Lord - Good Friday 7th April
Stations of the Cross at 9.30am. Via Croce (Italian) at 11.00am.

Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord at 3.00pm.
(NO MORNING MASSES)

Easter Vigil - Saturday 8th April
Vigil Mass with the Service of Light at 7.00pm.
(NO MORNING MASSES)

Easter Sunday - 9th April
Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6.00pm.

Confession: Saturday 8th April 10-11am & 5-5.30pm

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE - LAST CHANCE!



Young people needed to assist on Good Friday's Stations of the Cross. Please see Fr Adalbert or contact parish office on 92768500

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



This annual collection supports the church in the Holy Land and promotes the missionary work of the Church 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**.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

COMMUNION AT HOME

COORDINATOR NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

You do not have to be a Minister of the Eucharist!

We need a person who can make the initial contact with people requiring communion at home and assign a minister to visit. It would also involve some record keeping and liaison with the parish office and priests. Please contact Billie at the parish office if you wish to help or need more info on this role.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes on **HOLY THURSDAY—6th April at 7pm**. Baskets will be placed in the foyer for your boxes. Thank you.

WALKING TOGETHER: Catholics with Jews in the Australian Context. The Australian Catholic Bishops have recently issued this document. Copies are available on the bulletin stands in the foyer. Please take one home to read.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church.

For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.



Advisor, Well-being, Health & Safety – Permanent, Full-Time (listed on [SEEK](#))
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Coordinator, Prison Ministry – Permanent, 0.80 FTE – 1.00 FTE
Catholic Youth Ministry: Faith Formation Coordinator – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time
Catholic Youth Ministry: Events Coordinator – Permanent, Full-Time
Catholic Youth Ministry: Mission & Ministry Coordinator – Permanent, FT
West Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office:
Administration Assistant – Fixed Term (12 Months), Part-Time
Western Australian Professional Standards Office: Administration Officer – Permanent, Part-Time



PILGRIM STATUE
This week in the home of
Annette and Doug—Ph: 9276 5048

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Emma D'Ambrogio,
Glen Ludgwick,;

Deceased: Peter Meek, Vincent & Lawrence Chin

Anniversaries: Irena Bruske, Rodney & Denzil McGuinness,
Queenie Sampson, Maxim Barnes, Nguyen Phuoc Tieng,
members of the Nguyen family, Sylvette Albert,
Lillian & James Gass, Rosalia Chin, Angela Ornella;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summerset and all who are
in need of our prayers.

*"In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted, and you delivered them."*



BEREAVEMENT GROUP **MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARCH**

Tuesday, 4th April at 9am

All welcome to join us at Mass in praying for all our
deceased family members and friends.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN 2023

All parents of children preparing for Confirmation should have received a letter with details of the enrolment process this past week. If you have not, please contact the parish office.

Important dates for the program are as follows:

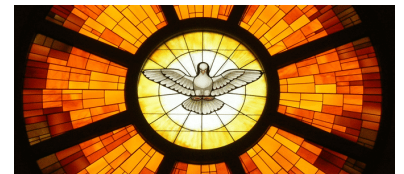
Parents Night: 8 May (Monday) at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre

Commitment Masses: 20 May (Saturday) at 6.00pm & 21 May (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm

Parent & Child Workshop: 22 May (Monday) at 7pm at the Parish Centre

Retreat: 2nd June (Friday) at the Parish Centre & Church

Confirmation Masses: 10th June (Saturday) at 11.00am OR 2.00pm



Please mark these dates in your calendar. Your participation in the program is of utmost importance as you would be walking with your child in their faith journey.

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon - Fri: 7am & 9am, Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am

Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5 - 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross in Lent (except Ash Wednesday): Wednesday 6.30pm

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 - 9276 8500 | enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

Supporting Our Parish Financially

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Second Collection EFT Details

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BSB: 086 006

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Reference: PG-Your name

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LETTERBOX DROP FOR EASTER

"Into life and light with Jesus Christ"

Let us share the good news of Christ's victory over death and darkness and bring life and light to our neighbours by inviting them to our Easter celebrations, where they will hear the message of triumph, the promise of a new life and the peace that God offers that is the Easter story. Be part of our parish letterbox drop and take some fliers to deliver to the streets around you. Please cross off the streets you will deliver to from the list of our parish streets in the foyer.

Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries



PALM SUNDAY—01/02 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.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow.

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.



THIS WEEKEND — Palm Sunday—02 April 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	John Tomczak	Chris Yapp	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia; Royce and Savio	Madeleine and Frank	Victoria; Manuel and Leah	Tim and Dan
Proclaimers	John, Sylvia and Marian F	Liz, Rita and Joanne	Rod, Chris A and Tony	Marie, Eloise and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris A and Teresa	John S and Andrew	Magdalene and Linda	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Barb and Veronica	Sophie and Marion O	Brenda and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 1st April 2023 @ 9.30am			

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

NEXT WEEKEND — Easter Sunday—09 April 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Wray	Conan Dewitt	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers		Cyril	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	George; Pramila; Fely and Brian	Clare and Joanne	Mike and Sally	Marion W and George
Extr. Ministers of Communion	John T and Chris T	Brian and Debbie	Errol and Tanya	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Lynette and Roopa	Mavis and Quinn	Anna and Marlene	Julie and Eloise
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 7 April 2023 (Good Friday) @ 10.30am			

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