Dear sisters and brothers,

Today we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The Messiah doesn't come as a victorious king on a war-horse but borrows a humble donkey. We see this humility in today's Collect prayer: "Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Christ's birth, life and death find their meaning beyond suffering in the resurrection. Together they form the great mystery of our salvation. The way to resurrection for Jesus, as for us, is patient suffering in obedience to the will of God which is beautifully expressed in today's Second Reading (Phil 2:6-11).

This year we read the Passion account from Mark (Mk 14.1- 15.47). Each Gospel tells this central story in their own way. As Brendan Byrne tells us Mark gives us "a sequence of swiftly changing scenes set in dramatic contrast to 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, yet 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."

Two points from Mark's Passion: on the night before he died Jesus dines with his disciples. He blesses and breaks bread. The traditional blessing, which is echoed now by the prayer of the priest at mass 'Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation' when he places the bread and wine on the altar. But Jesus gives them the bread saying 'Take, eat, this is my body'. At the end of the meal he takes the cup of blessing saying, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant which is poured out for many.." Jesus is God's gift to us. His 'body' is his whole person in relationship with others. His 'blood' is the sacred life force of the body at the heart of the covenant. Through bread and wine are given holy communion with Jesus and are united with all the saints who put their trust in him.

Jesus shrinks from 'the cup' before him in Gethsemane. At the end, in Mark, he gives a terrible cry of abandonment just before dying on the cross (15:34). However, 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 wretched place of execution, reaching out to the whole world. The Gentile centurion is the first to grasp this and make his act of faith. May this Holy Week and Easter be the opportunity to renew our own act of faith. —*Blessings, Greg* 

Please come join us and spend 3 sacred days with Our Lord Jesus Christ at the

## **EASTER TRIDUUM -All are Invited**

Three days, one great celebration!



Day 1: 28 March - HOLY THURSDAY ★ Living a life of service

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm followed by Adoration until 9.00pm (NO MORNING MASS)



Day 2: 29 March - GOOD FRIDAY

★ The Cross of Christ is the source of all blessings, the cause of all graces

Stations of the Cross at 9.30am
Via Croce (Italian) at 11.00am
Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord at 3.00pm



Day 3 **▼ The faithful receive life from death** 

Saturday 30 March - - EASTER VIGIL Vigil Mass at 7.00pm (NO MORNING MASS)

& Sunday 31 MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6.00pm

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This is the final week for Stations of the Cross for Lent. (No Wednesday Novena)

## CHOIR FOR EASTER VIGIL Saturday 30th March at 7pm Do you like to sing?

You are invited to come along and join the

'Easter Vigil's choir' on Saturday 30th March at 7pm. We are looking for cantors and singers for our Easter liturgy. If you would like to join, you MUST attend these practice sessions:

- Tuesday 26th March at 5.30pm to 6.45pm.
- Wednesday 27th March at 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

You do not have to be a regular member of a choir – just come along and sing with us. You will be made to feel very welcome. Please contact Bernie Kolay 0433 210 485 for more details.

# COME TO THE PARTY! EASTER VIGIL AFTER MASS CELEBRATION Saturday 30th March

All parishioners and visitors are invited to join in celebrating with the newly baptised members of our parish after the Easter Vigil Mass in the parish centre. To make it a really special celebration, please bring a savoury dish to share and our parish will provide a celebration cake. For setting up and catering purposes, please put your name and number of people coming on the list in the Church foyer.



**PARKING FOR EASTER** Please consider car -pooling or parking further away from the church (perhaps at the school) so that visitors, the elderly and the infirm are able to park with-

out stress this Easter. Also please do not park in the emergency bays at the front of the church and be considerate to our neighbours. And remember to share the joy of Easter with your warmest smile for all!





## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for Infant Jesus Church Parish Children 2024 Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conducted online.

Parents will be sent the link to the online form on Monday 15th April 2024. Enrolments and preferred Mass bookings on Evenbrite will close on Monday 22nd April 2024.

## Confirmation Program dates are as follows:

Parents Night: 6 May (Monday) at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre Commitment Masses: 18 May (Saturday) at 6.00pm

& 19 May (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm

Parent & Child Workshop: 20 May (Monday) at 7pm at the Par-

ish Centre

Retreat: 28 May (Tuesday) at the Parish Centre & Church Confirmation Masses: 8 June (Saturday) at 11.00am <u>OR</u> 2.00pm Should you have any enquiries, please email sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au



### HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29.

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, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.

In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)].

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you. Holy Land Commissariat

### Transport needed to Sunday 9.30am Mass

A couple of long-time Sunday Mass parishioners need a ride to come to Church, and then home again after as they no longer drive. They live at Cardwell Avenue in Noranda. Please contact Annette on 9276 5048 if you can assist.



#### **Parish Prayer Concerns**

Recently Deceased: Gavin Watson, Aoíbhe Martin and

Nan Yong Ai;

Deceased: Fe Praca and Peter Meek;

**Anniversaries:** Fr Tadgh Tierney, OCD, Emma D'Ambrogio, Domenico and Caterina Dimarte, Santos Sulib,

Denzil McGuinness, Queenie Sampson, Rodney McGuinness,

Pompea and Antonio Viola, Michaelangelo Rossi, and Eddie Chemello:

**The Sick of the Parish:** Rosanna Scaletti, Rafaele Ardizzone, Rita D'Cruz, Heidi Elisabeth, and all those who are in need of our prayers.

"Be exalted in your strength, Lord; we will sing and praise your might."



## The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

This week in the home of Monica Chin—Ph: 9275 1736

## Project Compassion Passion Sunday 23 and 24 March 2024

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.





There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413 or via the QR code.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes on **HOLY THURSDAY** night. Baskets will be placed in the foyer for your boxes.



## **Supporting Our Parish Financially**

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Second Collection EFT Details

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## In Our Church

**Morning Mass:** Monday - Friday: 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
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:
Wednesday 6.30pm but not in Lent (Stations of the Cross 7pm)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am

Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 5.30 - 6.30pm

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office - enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au | Ph: 9276 8500

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Hospitality

Church Cleaning

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP **APRIL MEMORIAL MASS**

Tuesday, 2 April at 9am

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



There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

A week to celebrate diversity and acknowledge difference, trace your ancestries over a cuppa. Harmony Week is also about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Owners of the land to our most recent arrivals.

## THANK YOU

TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AT THE BUSY BEE ON SATURDAY -- ALL IS READY FOR EASTER! WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

YOU ARE MOST APPRECIATED - GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY!



THIS WEEKEND — 24 March 2024—Palm Sunday				
<u>Ministry</u>	Sat 6pm	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Marion Wayne	Conan Dewitt	Гung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Naethan; Meldon; Meghan and Lachlan	Aaron and Frank	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Chris A; Megan and Beblin	Joanne; Nevellene and Rita	Clair; Tony and Barbara	Maureen; Pramila and Nathan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T, Valerie, Nevellene and Betty	Debbie; Brian; Josie and Carl	Josephine; Evelyn; Joan and Magdalene	Sr Le; Sr Chau; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Ann and Donna-Marie	Catrina and Francisca	Sophie and Sr Chitra	Brenda and Ancilla
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 30 March (Holy Saturday) @ 9.30am			
NEXT WEEKEND — 31 March 2024—Easter Sunday				
<u>Ministry</u>	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Lambert	Josephine Joseph-McManus	David Ward
Altar Servers	Easter Vigil roster	Cyril	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	Sr Chitra; Rita, Beblin and Marion W	Liz and Marie	Mark and Mike	Pramila and Fely
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Betty, Sejiin, Marlene and Tristan	Margaret, Kerryn, Marie, Nicolas, John and Michael	Marilyn, Magdalene, Marlene, Sr Chau, Sr Le and Sr Oanh	Tracy, Marilyn and 2 more volunteers required

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

Mavis and Sally

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