

PALM SUNDAY YrA 02 APRIL 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE: Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church. **Returns Fri 27th**

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3223726>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

"THE WAY OF THE CROSS" FRIDAY
AT 7PM FINISHED

Lenten reflection after 9:15am Mass
Thursday FINISHED

Lectio Divina with Fr Joe O'shea -
Thank you Fr Joe we loved your insights into God's word. **FINISHED**

NO 9:15am Masses:

- **Thursday 6th April**
- **Friday 7th April**
- **Saturday 8th April**

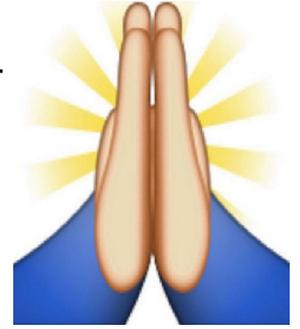
NO QUINNS PLACE Friday 7th April

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said and Joan Watts.

Anniversaries: Vera Kesik, Bartolo Vino

Recently Deceased: John O'Hearn, Bryan O'Loghin



First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

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Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus - NARRATIVE

Communion Antiphon

Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Passion narratives

Towards the end of the 19th Century, the German scholar, Martin Kähler, described the gospels as 'passion narratives with lengthy introductions'. Over time, this description was more commonly applied to the gospel of Mark, but it is quite true of all four gospels. The passion elements are the climax of each gospel narrative and were probably written first to establish the unique interpretation of each of the gospel communities. The remainder of the gospel was written to 'set the scene' for the culmination of the message in the passion. Reading the four accounts of the passion reveal the unique styles and themes of the different gospel writers.

The Passion narrative, as described in the gospel of Matthew, is keen to drive home two particular points. Firstly, throughout this gospel, the gospel writer is at pains to demonstrate Jesus as fulfilling the prophecy of scripture. At the time of the arrest and the use of the thirty pieces of silver, we are reminded that these things took place to fulfil scripture. Secondly, this particular gospel emphasises the innocence of Jesus throughout the passion narrative: he is 'sold out' by one of his followers; his trial before the Sanhedrin is a farce; his most loyal follower denies association with him; Pilate declares himself innocent of Jesus' blood and the crowd accepts the consequences of their actions. At no point is any hint of guilt cast over Jesus. He is an innocent whose fate has been manipulated by others. In this

gospel there is no conversation between Jesus and the criminals between whom he is crucified. There is no suggestion that Jesus too is a criminal who is deserving of his fate. His innocence is manifest.

These two themes merge together in this gospel. The manner of Jesus' arrest, trial and death are all in accordance with the prophecy of scripture (i.e. in accordance with God's will), and yet it is emphasised throughout that Jesus is innocent. There can be no accusation that Jesus is in any way deserving of his treatment and yet what befalls him is in keeping with God's plan. It emphasises the sacrificial act made by Jesus: a proven innocent giving his life for the good of others. The actions of those who plot against Jesus to seek his downfall actually serve to bring about his purpose. No other outcome was possible. The writer assures the audience that the death of Jesus was no accident; it was intended from the very beginning.

Gospel Focus – Uniquely Matthew

The passion narrative in the gospel of Matthew follows the gospel of Mark very closely. However, unlike in other sections of the gospel the Matthew writer has not just inserted sections from the Mark account. Rather, the material is re-worked and given a unique Matthean 'flavour'. In addition, the Matthew account includes five events that are not found in the Mark account: Judas hanging himself (27:3-10); Pilate's wife's dream (27:19); Pilate's washing his hands (27:24-25); extraordinary events at the time of Jesus' death (27:51b-53); sealing and guarding the tomb (28:62-66).

Pope to Buddhists: Religions play crucial role in fostering fraternity

Pope Francis receives a delegation of the United Association of Humanistic Buddhism of Taiwan and highlights the crucial role of religions in fostering fraternity by promoting a culture of encounter. By Lisa Zengarini

At a time marked by “a continued acceleration of changes affecting humanity and the planet”, religions are called more than ever to foster fraternity by promoting a “culture of encounter”, especially among the young. Pope Francis stressed this point on Thursday as he met in the Vatican with a delegation of the United Association of Humanistic Buddhism of Taiwan. The group is visiting Rome for an interreligious “educational pilgrimage”.

The culture of encounter builds bridges and breaks down walls of prejudices

In his address to the monks, the Pope remarked that their visit is a “privileged occasion” for advancing the culture of encounter, “in which we take the risk of opening ourselves to others, trusting that we will discover in them friends and brothers and sisters, and in the process learn and discover more about ourselves”.

“As we experience diversity, we are encouraged to embrace our differences.”

“An interreligious age – said the Pope – great enrichment, opportunities for us to learn from one another, to learn from and appreciate our various experiences”.



others in their divergent experiences.”

educational pilgrimage can be a source of offering multiple opportunities for encounter one another and to our experiences”.

“The culture of encounter builds bridges and opens windows to the sacred values and convictions that inspire others. It tears down the walls that divide people and keep them prisoners of preconceptions, prejudices or indifference.”

Pope Francis further noted that an educational pilgrimage to the sacred places of a religion like the one undertaken by the Buddhist delegation, “can also enrich our appreciation of the distinctiveness of its approach to the divine”. “The masterpieces of religious art that surround us in the Vatican and throughout Rome reflect the conviction that, in Jesus Christ, God himself became a ‘pilgrim’ in this world out of love for our human family”, he said.

Fostering human fraternity through education

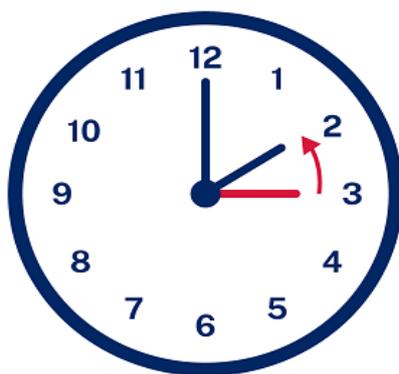
The Pope went on to remark that the “oases of encounter” that religious believers have created throughout history, contribute to “an integral education of the human person” and are even more necessary in today's divided world. In this regard, he highlighted the crucial role played by religions in educating the young, so as to “advance universal fraternity in our world”.

Concluding Pope Francis expressed his hope that the Buddhist monks' pilgrimage to Rome may lead them to a deeper encounter with the Christian tradition, and with the beauty of the earth, offering new “precious opportunities for growth in knowledge, wisdom, dialogue and understanding”.

Easter Mass Times 2023

- **PALM SUNDAY:**
Sat Night April 1st **6pm**, Sunday April 2nd **9am & 11am** (no 5pm)
(11am Mass procession with children & donkey & after Mass a puppet show, with refreshments and light lunch for adults)
- **HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:**
Thurs April 6th at **7pm** (No 9:15am Mass Thursday)
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**
Fri April 7th at **10am** (No 9:15am Mass Friday also)
 - Divine Mercy after the stations
- **GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD:**
Fri April 7th at **3pm** (No 9:15am Mass Thursday)
Note: No Quinn's Friday night Youth Club
- **EASTER VIGIL:**
Saturday April 8th **8pm** Saturday (No 9:15am Mass Saturday)
- **EASTER SUNDAY:**
Sunday April 9th at **9am and 11am** (No 5pm Mass Sunday)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - SUNDAY 2nd APRIL



**Sunday 2nd April 2023 Move your clock backward one hour at 3am
(Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**

THANK YOU for 'Bake for a Good Cause'



Easter Biscuit Bake 2023 Challenge came to an end on March 27. We have played our part in this good cause. We have contributed 1,214 Biscuits to this 79,000 homemade Biscuits Challenge. This is double to our last year contribution!

We would like to thank each one of you who have baked and who have spread this message to other bakers. Thank you so much to Parishioners and Parents from St. Macartan's School and Padua College for your contribution.

Because of our simple and practical way of contributing in this challenge, this Easter every Victorian inmate will receive 10 home-made biscuits together with a card that explains the meaning of Easter. This is our way of telling them that they are valued as people and loved by God.

We are grateful to those who baked, those who picked up from places and delivering at Church, and those who helped with packing up and sorting out.

If you have missed this year, there is always next year. Let us call upon the intercession of **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**, a patron saint of bakers, so that we may will find ourselves in a baking mood next year.

Note: St. Elizabeth is often depicted with a basket of bread to show her devotion to the poor and hungry and her feast day is celebrated on November 17.

Note: Fr Jude did not eat any biscuit on his way to deliver them at Berwick.

FRIDGE NEEDED FOR ST MACS CAFÉ

We are looking for a working fridge for St Macs Café. If you would like to sponsor the purchase of one, or if you have one that is in working order that you want to donate, please contact the Parish Office (5975 2200). The Parish will organize the pick up if necessary. We thank you for your kind generosity. ***Please contact Michaela (0434 957 758) for volunteering at St Macs Café.***

Stations of the Cross at Padua College

Rosebud Campus



The 11th annual Stations of the Cross will take place at Padua College Rosebud Campus, Inglewood Drive Rosebud on Wednesday April 5th at 10:00. All welcome but please remember to sign in at Reception. For further details you can contact Mr Peter O'Halloran on 59829576 or via email pohalloran@padua.vic.edu.au



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

This year Debbie McMahon changed her tipping name to Maggie1976. It hasn't affected her tipping ability though. Debbie has shot to the lead in our Competition with 8/9 this week and is 2 ahead of her nearest challenger. The only other tipper with more than 6/9 this week was Jackson the One (Spencer's grandson).

Week 2 of the new season again had many things to talk about. The Swans took over at the top of the ladder , 3 of the 4 new Coaches had their second victories, the reigning premiers became only the 14th team since 1901 to start the season 0/2 , for the first time since 1996 an AFL game was plunged into darkness when all the ground light towers lost power for Brisbane and Melbourne and ,most importantly ,2 very happy Priests watched their Blues race to 2/2.

New members can still enroll in our Comp at ESPN Footy Tips, password "drake". Existing members continue to enjoy your tipping. Any queries or help james—jflob@bigpond.net.au 0418 491781 , spencer---sanddmeier@bigpond.com 0448 602 288 . The cost of \$ 30 for the whole season can be paid to Spencer as soon as possible please so we can confirm your "membership" and work out our prize pool.

DID YOU KNOW---Marngrook is the popular collective name for traditional indigenous Australian football games played at gatherings and celebrations by sometimes more than 100 players.

DO YOU KNOW---which teams played the 1996 game that saw their ground lose its lights?



Jokes of the Week



1) Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from Church with his mother. His father returned from Church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked, “Why do you have that palm branch, Dad?” His father explained, “You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honour Him; so we got palm branches today.” “Aw, shucks,” grumbled Little Johnny. “The one Sunday I can’t go to Church, and Jesus shows up!”

2) The king on a donkey! There was a husband and the wife who had quarrelled. It had been a pitched battle of wills, each digging heels in to preserve the position each had vehemently taken. Emotions had run high. As they were driving to attend a family wedding in a distant city, both were nursing hurt feelings in defensive silence. The angry tension between them was so thick you could cut it with a knife. But, then the silence was broken. Pointing to a donkey standing in a pasture out beside the road, the husband sarcastically asked, “Relative of yours?” The wife quickly replied, “By marriage!”

3) A parade of humility: A pastor was once asked to speak at a banquet for a charitable organization. After the meeting, the program chairman handed the pastor a check. “Oh, I don’t want this,” the pastor said. “I appreciate the honor of being asked to speak. Keep the check and apply it to something special.” The program chairman asked, “Well, do you mind if we put it in our special fund?” “Of course not!” the pastor replied. “Could you please tell me what your special fund is for?” The chairman answered, “It’s so we can get a better speaker for next year.” — Life is full of humbling experiences. But, when we look at Jesus’ parade through the Holy City, we sense that it was an act of humility. He did not choose to ride into the city upon a stallion, but a donkey. He was not coming in the might and power of a conquering king, but as a humble servant.

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Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 25th & 26th March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Fay Murphy, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, Michael Kesik

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, John Spaziani

Palm Sunday – 1st & 2nd April 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Kees Duyvestyn

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord 8th & 9th April 2023

8pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Bridie Sexton