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Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord —Year A

Sunday 2 April 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Bless are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates lift high you heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Bless are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me!

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH—TAHMOOR

Saturday Vigil—**6.00 pm**

Sunday—**8.30am**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - NO ADORATION

NO MASS

Wednesday - 8.30 am— Tahmoor

5.30 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday - 7.00 pm

Holy Thursday—Last Supper

Friday— 10.00 am

Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm

Veneration of the Cross

Arabic Mass 6pm, every 2nd Friday—

April dates: 14th, 28th

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 5.00 pm—5.30 pm

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the parish office.

Adoration: Tuesday 5.00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

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EASTER TIME TABLE

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION—Friday 31 March at 5.00pm

PALM SUNDAY—1/2 April Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am

CHRISM MASS—Tuesday 4 April, 7.00pm at Wollongong Cathedral

HOLY THURSDAY (LAST SUPPER) - Thursday 6 April at 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY—STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Friday 7 April—10.00am (outdoors)

GOOD FRIDAY—Veneration of the Cross - 3.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING

EASTER VIGIL—Saturday 6.00pm

EASTER DAY—Sunday 8.30am

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

ANNIVERSARY: Paul Wise, Sandra Wise

RECENTLY DECEASED :

PRAY FOR THE SICK Eva Bastac Florence Hinton, Debbie James, Jean Le Roux, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

PALM SUNDAY—VIGIL MASS

COMMENTATOR: GAIL HANGER
 1ST & 2ND READINGS &
 PRAYER OF FAITHFUL SOPHIA DE ZILVA
 PASSION
 NARRATOR: SANDRA RYAN
 JESUS: FR PETER
 SINGLE VOICE: TRISH LINDNER
 CROWD: THE CONGREGATION

PALM SUNDAY—8.30AM MASS

COMMENTATOR: ANTONY INGREY
 1ST & 2ND READINGS &
 PRAYER OF FAITHFUL JOHN MAHER
 PASSION
 NARRATOR: PAUL WYATT
 JESUS: FR PETER
 SINGLE VOICE: MAREE GALEA
 CROWD: THE CONGREGATION

READERS:	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
VIGIL:	AS ABOVE	PLEASE SEE OPPOSITE
8.30AM:	AS ABOVE	PLEASE SEE OPPOSITE
CLEANERS:	HELEN WILLIS & LISA BRUFFER	PAULINE BUTTIGIEG & MARYANN BUTTIGIEG

FLOWERS: SUE SPITERI

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

MORNING TEA:
 MARG & JENNY EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY	
Commentator	Margaret Foldes
1 st Reading & psalm	Teresa Cichocki
2 nd Reading	Lisa Bruffer
Intercessions	Gail Hanger
GOOD FRIDAY	
Commentator	Paul Wyatt
1 st Reading & Psalm	Sandra Ryan
2 nd Reading	Sophia De Zilva
Passion: Jesus	Fr Peter
Narrator	John Maher
One voice	Beth Nolan
Solemn Intercessions	Trish Lindner

EASTER VIGIL	
Commentator	Teresa Cichocki
1st reading & Psalm No 1 Genesis: 1:1—2:2	Trish Lindner
2 nd Reading (no psalm) No 3 Exodus 14:15-15:1	Gail Hanger
3 rd Reading & Psalm No 5 Isaiah 55:1-11	Katrina Collimore
Epistle Romans 6:3-11	Paul Wyatt
Responsorial Psalm	Said by congregation
Prayers of the Faithful	Sophia De Zilva
EASTER SUNDAY 8.30	
1 st Reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43 and Psalm	Lisa Bruffer
2 nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4	Maree Galea
Sequence	All say together
Prayers of the Faithful	John Maher

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ ENVELOPES: Could these all be returned by Easter please



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 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, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY, 7th APRIL

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. 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. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) 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 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$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.

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023

Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people. May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Woonglemay Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)

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UNDERSTANDING ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.

There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am - 1:30pm:

- Nowra - Monday 8 May
- Campbelltown - 15 May
- Wollongong - 22 May

Morning Tea will be provided.

More information to come.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S

CORRIMAL 1:30pm – 5:00pm Sunday 16 April 2023 Come and join us at St Columbkille's Corrimall to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April 2023. The celebration starts at 1:30pm with a period of devotion and reconciliation, which helps prepare us for the Divine Mercy Mass that follows at 3:00pm. We will also have the opportunity to pray with a first-class relic of St Faustina. The music will be led by Gabriella De Battista. There will be an afternoon Tea to follow Mass (please bring a plate to share, if possible.)

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Sunday 16 April 2023 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3:30pm Hosted by: Wunga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see the flyer for contacts and additional details.

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 weeping 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.

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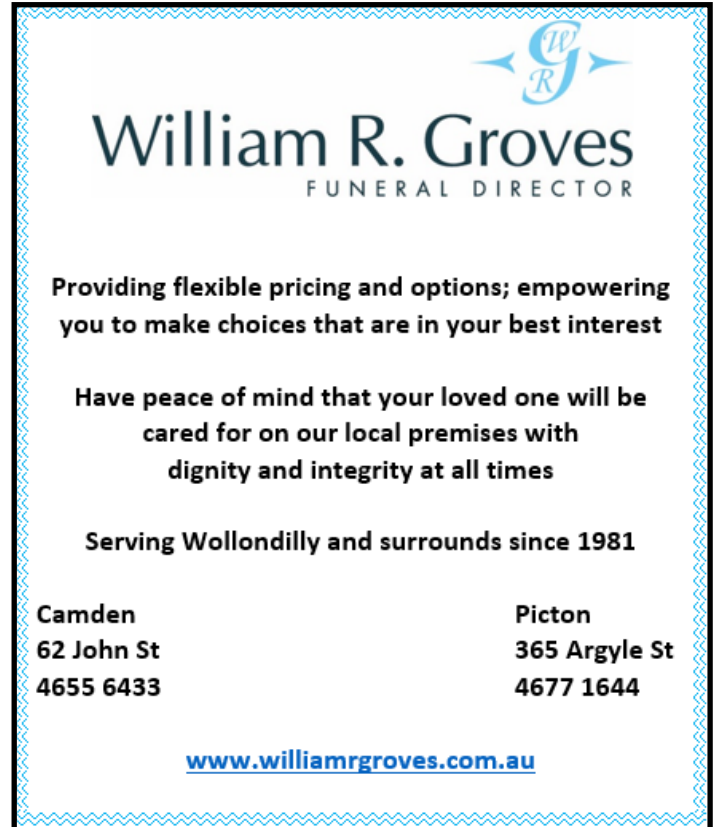
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