

St John's Catholic Parish

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

Mullumbimby



Serving the Catholic Community in the Brunswick Valley



TODAY we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As

Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of

Sunday 5th April, 2020

Palm Sunday, Year A

Liturgy this Week

This week's Readings

(Entrance: Mt 21:1-11); Is 50:4-7;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66.

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?.

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!*

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday Readings



Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15.

Good Friday Readings



Is 52:13-53:12;
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday Readings



Gen 1:1 - 2:2;
Gen 22:1-18;
Ex 14:15 - 15:1;
Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4;
Ezek 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11;
Mt 28:1-10.

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St John's Primary

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HOSPITAL VISITS: Clergy are not permitted to visit hospital patients unless a visit has been requested. For visits to Byron Hospital, please contact Fr David Gilbey. For all other hospital visits contact Fr Michael Nugent.

ANNOINTINGS: We have Anointing Masses twice a term, one in each church. Check Save the Date.

Fr Michael is also available for home anointings.

RECONCILIATION: Please see Fr Michael to organise.

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit
of Pentecost.

God of all peoples
and nations,

As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live
in solidarity,

Our almsgiving be an act of justice,
And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one
human family

As we all go further together.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.



Join Bishop Greg for Mass on Sunday on the Diocese of Lismore YouTube Channel



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Click on the
YouTube
Channel link on
the bottom right
of the home page
to watch Mass
live this Sunday



**Daylight Saving ENDS
THIS Sunday 5th April.
Turn clocks BACK one hour
at 3am Sunday to 2am.**

Digital Reading

The Catholic Weekly is available for free online: www.catholicweekly.com.au/
catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/

Daily Mass Readings:

melbournecatholic.org.au/Daily-Readings

Easter Masses on TV

Live from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, 7NEWS will stream The Lord's Passion at **3pm Good Friday**, and **10.30am Easter Sunday Mass** on Channel 7, Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus.



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sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas’s death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate’s wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus’ death. Finally, Matthew’s Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus’ death. Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus’ death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus’ death. There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus’ Passion. In the characters of Matthew’s Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which

we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus’ darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus’ Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. We are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus’ obedience won for us. - *Loyola Press*

Let Us Pray



FOR THOSE:

Recently deceased:

Monica Carroll, Bob Armstrong, Col Fitzhenry, Steven Hill, Sam Ryder, Mavis Besford.

Anniversaries:

David Keil, Gary Sawtell, Fr Bill Mills, Sharyn Leroy, Joseph Merlot, James and Colin Wiley.

Time of need:

Maryann Paterson, Sr Margaret Keane, Shelly and Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Rev Chris and Lew Wallace, Joyce Lake, Helen DeCosta, Bernadette McCabe, Kevin Donaghy, Claire Melene, Jim Donnelly, Trisha Lloyd, Pat Dailhou, Camilla Reynolds, Peter Colville, Fr Andrew Benton, Samantha & Kate Holley, Stephen Buckley, and Betina Abbott.

Please let us know if names should be removed from list.

Seminarians:

Those training for the Diocese: Proencio Bognay and Anthony Gawlu, and those entering seminaries.

Planned Giving

As envelope collection is no longer possible, parishioners may prefer to change to Direct Debit to help support the parish during the virus crisis. You can set up payments in online banking or ask at your local branch. The 1st and 2nd Collections pay into two different accounts, Collection 1 to the clergy and Collection 2 to the parish.

1st Collection - Clergy Fund

Bank: NAB, **Name:** Presbyterium Account Mullumbimby Parish, **BSB:** 082729, **Acc:** 509797032

2nd Collection - Parish Account

Bank: NAB, **Name:** St John’s Parish, **BSB:** 082-729, **Acc:** 50979 6718.

Most people pay a monthly amount on the 15th of each month. Or you can write a monthly cheque for each account and post it to PO Box 27, Mullumbimby, 2482.

Parish Office moves

The Parish Office has been relocated to its previous position off the verandah of the presbytery. This should enable easier access for parishioners. We sincerely thank the hard work of those parishioners who helped Father David and Michelle with the relocation and cleaning during the move. Work is also underway to enable the Presbytery to be rented out, as in past years.

Home Office

Due to the Corona virus, Michelle Davies will be running the parish office from home until further notice. Her working hours will continue as normal, but may be reduced if necessary. To contact Michelle over office matters, please call her Wednesdays or Thursdays from 10am-5.30pm on her mobile - 0416428014. Send emails as usual as she will have access at home. Post will also be forwarded to her home address so please send to the usual address (PO Box 27, Mullumbimby 2482). If you require a priest, please continue to contact Father David on 6685 6260.

ST JOHN’S SCHOOL NEWS



We now have almost all our families accessing school remotely but still have a few students attending each day. Both staff and families have done an excellent effort in managing this transition. We have reduced staff numbers at school as most are now working from home.

I asked Miss Courtney Wells to consider a different approach to sharing Holy Week with our families this year given that most students are not at school. She took up this challenge with ease and has been making videos for Holy Week. Pictured is a snapshot from the Palm Sunday video. These videos will be shared with all of our families via the Seesaw app.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our families and the parishioners as we navigate this challenging and rapidly changing time. We can get through this together. Blessings for the week ahead,
Renay Condon, Principal