



5<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY OF LENT

“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12: 32

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### FOCUS by Anne Sheehan

**HOLY WEEK**, from Palm Sunday, next weekend, to the Easter Triduum, stands at the heart of the Church's year. Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. We read an account of the Passion of Christ as the Gospel; hence this is sometimes called Passion Sunday.

*“In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebration the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen.”* (Roman Missal, p329). The Easter Triduum is a rich and inspiring celebration of the Church's Liturgy that is spread over three days but is really one unified celebration. It begins on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with the Easter Vigil, the “mother of all vigils”, on Holy Saturday night. *“The Easter triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed everywhere.”* (General Norms for the Liturgical Year #19,20)

The Easter Vigil is the night when the Elect who have been preparing for a long time for initiation are baptised and welcomed to the table of the Lord. This is a night for celebration and all the baptised come together in union of our faith in the Risen Jesus. All are encouraged to be present to welcome Julie Price, Kristy-Lee Anderson, Atlanta Caruana, Taj & Levi Axford, Kai Todd and Natalie Horwood through the waters of baptism.



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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**

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**St Patrick's Church**

16 Powers St

**St Mary's Church**

Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

**St James' Church**

38 See St Bargara

## OTHER CONTACTS

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## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick  
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666  
& follow the prompts.



Ditosa is a young girl from Mozambique who hopes to go to university and become a police officer. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Cared for by her grandmother and aunt, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses, they also lost their home and livelihoods in severe flooding.

Thanks to the support of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia and Caritas Regional Chokwe (CRC) helped Ditosa's family to build a new house and assisted with transport fees, school materials and fees, to help Ditosa to stay at school. Ditosa attended the Matuba Children's Centre daily (set up by Caritas in 2007) which provides vulnerable children, like Ditosa, with lunch, study help, and computer and income-generating skills training.

In 2018, Ditosa has graduated from school and is ambitious for the future. "Without the support of the people from Australia and Caritas I would not have been given this opportunity to continue my schooling." Ditosa dreams of going to university to continue studying and secure an even brighter future.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray more today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

This Wednesday is the International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination which promotes tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect. *Let us be aware that those people who may be different from us in colour, belief or some other way, are imprinted with the image and likeness of God and are equal in dignity and human rights.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Leo Sbrizzi; Nicola Villani (Brisbane); Maria Coco; Rob Smith; Fr Peter McGrath; Nelle Puie; Sr Mary Stallard; Luigi "Gino" Troiani.

## NOTICES

**CHRISM MASS (Mass of Oils):** Bishops Michael McCarthy invites you to join our Priests for the very special & solemn celebration of Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, 21 March at 11am in St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. The following ceremonies will be live streamed - **1) Chrism Mass 21 March 11am; 2) Mass of the Lord's Supper 29 March 6pm; 3) Passion of the Lord 30 March 3pm; 4) Easter Vigil 31 March 6pm; 5) Easter Sunday 01 April 9.30am.** You can watch these ceremonies with the link <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

**THE GIFT COURSE:** Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a simple, life-transforming gift of renewal that over 150 million Catholics worldwide have experienced. In today's world many are seeking deeper spirituality and are open to God's love within a non-threatening, relaxed environment.

The Gift, a life in the Spirit course, presents six weekly DVD sessions:

1. The Father's Loving Plan
2. The Joy of the Gospel
3. The Gift of the Spirit
4. Unwrapping God's Gift
5. Encountering God's Spirit
6. Living in the Spirit

Sessions commence in Novakoski Centre at 7pm from Tuesday 17 April. Please register at the Parish Office 41516666. Thank you.

**PALM SUNDAY:** We invite the children of our parish to lead the procession of palms into the church at the 7.00am St James' (Bargara), 9.00am St Mary's & 5.30pm Holy Rosary Masses. The Church remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem each year on Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. This year the children may come dressed in costume of Jesus' time (optional), bring a large palm frond, and lead everyone into the church, singing. Palms provided if needed. The procession begins outside the churches.

**PENITENTIAL RITE:** An opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation in preparation for the Easter Triduum will be on Wednesday, 28 March, 5.30pm in Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

**EASTER LITURGY REHEARSALS: Holy Thursday:** 5pm-6pm, Monday 26 March in Holy Rosary Church; **Good Friday:** both Holy Rosary & St Patrick's Churches Tuesday, 27 March 5.30pm **Easter Vigil:** Monday, 26 March 6pm in Holy Rosary Church.

**PALMS WORKING BEE:** Volunteers are needed to help make *Palm Crosses* on Friday 23 March at the Novakoski Centre from 9am - 12noon. Please contact the Parish Office if you are available to help.

**EASTER TRIDUM WORKING BEE:** volunteers are needed to help prepare vessels & objects (used during the Easter Triduum liturgies) on Wednesday, 28 March from 9am in the Novakoski Centre. Please contact the Parish Office if you're available to help.

**EASTER MINISTERS REQUIRED:** All Ministers who are available for ministry at any or all of the Easter Liturgies & Masses, please write your name on the list provided at the front door of the Churches.

**THE WORD AMONG US:** The Easter Edition of the *The Word Among Us* is now available for collection.

**DATE CLAIMER:** the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Luncheon will be held from 11am on Saturday, 25 August at the Bundaberg RSL. More details will be available at a later date.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 19 March

#### St Joseph

9.00am St Patrick's - LWC

### Tuesday 20 March

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

### Wednesday 21 March

8.00am Shalom - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

### Thursday 22 March

6.30am St Mary's - LWC

10.00am St Mary's Mass with anointing CANCELLED

### Friday 23 March

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 24 March

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

25 March 2018

## Palm Sunday

### Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

#### Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

#### Sunday

7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Mary's  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

#### Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

#### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

#### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

#### Gospel

Mark 14:1 - 15:47



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### First Reading

Around 600 BC, just prior to Israel's exile into Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah spoke of a "new covenant" that God would establish for his people. According to Jeremiah, what makes this covenant unique from past covenants?

### Second Reading

Hebrews tells us that Jesus "learned obedience from what he suffered." What has the suffering in your life taught you?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks about being "troubled" for his "hour" has come (a reference to his impending suffering and death). What does this struggle tell us about Jesus?



### Parish Mission Statement

In relationship with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we serve joyfully as a people beloved and called by God.

## GOSPEL REFELCTION

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travellers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" - death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

### EASTER LITURGY TIMES

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday - 29 March

7.00pm ~ Holy Rosary Church

#### Stations of the Cross

Good Friday - 30 March

10.00am ~ Holy Rosary Church

#### Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday - 30 March

3.00pm ~ Holy Rosary, St James' & St Patrick's Churches

#### Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday - 31 March

7.00pm ~ Holy Rosary Church

#### Resurrection Sunday

Easter Sunday - 01 April

7.00am St James' Church; 8.00am Holy Rosary Church  
& 9.00am St Mary's Church.