

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of Children and Adults is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults at Risk, and acknowledge its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children and Adults.



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A CRIME. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the Police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the Police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone (02) 9390 5813 or via email SafeguardingEnquiries@SydneyCatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest. The Archdiocese of Sydney has a legal obligation to report crimes to the Police.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCE

You must keep your personal details up to date so that you can be contacted about your Working with Children Check (WWCC). Go to <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/apply-wwcc/update-or-upgrade-your-wwcc-details> for more information. Please provide the Parish office with a copy of your WWCC. Thank you.

The Catholic Weekly

IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

- Thousands celebrate annual Day of the Unborn Child.
- Lebanon's Christians face 'Calvary' as war intensifies.
- The US speakers bringing help for Aussie parents.
- A new vision for Catholic education.
- St Vincent de Paul 'super group' meets rising need.
- George Weigel: An old heresy re-emerges.

Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.



Bus trip to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa.

Sunday 17 May.

Bus leaves at 7:30am - \$50 a ticket.

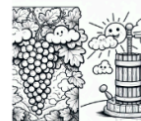
Breakfast provided, please bring your lunch. Bus returns at 2:30pm.

Contact Georgette (0421 286 180) or Kalala (0434 988 030) for more details.

KIDS CORNER

Not Me, Lord

Create the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Then Jesus went with his _____ to a place called _____, and he said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and _____. He took Peter and the two sons of _____ along with him, and he began to be _____ and troubled.'

Matthew 26:36-37 (NIV)

sorrowful pray Gethsemane Zebedee disciples

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF MARCH

MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

- SAT 28 MAR—St Hilarion of Pelecete
- SUN 29 MAR—PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
- MON 30 MAR—St Dominno of Thessalonica
- TUE 31 MAR—St Daniel of Venice



Saint Joseph, pray for us.

FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

- WED 1 APR—St Venantius of Spalato
- THU 2 APR—HOLY THURSDAY (OUR LORD'S SUPPER)
- FRI 3 APR—GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
- SAT 4 APR—THE EASTER VIGIL
- SUN 5 APR—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- MON 6 APR—St Agrarius the Martyr
- TUE 7 APR—St John Baptist de La Salle
- WED 8 APR—St Agabus the Prophet
- THU 9 APR—St Aedesius of Alexandria
- FRI 10 APR—St Miguel de Sanctis



REMINDER

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS—SUNDAY 5 APRIL, AT 3:00AM—CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR



PROJECT COM-PASSION 2026



PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes available at the church entrances.

Please give generously. Thank you for your generosity.

PASCHAL EUCHARIST

19 APRIL

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

REGISTER NOW



A celebration for the New Catholics of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Enjoy Holy Mass and fellowship with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

16 MAY — 19 JULY SYDNEY

THE WORLD'S GREATEST CEILING IS COMING TO SYDNEY.

SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

Sistine Chapel Revelations Immersive Exhibition is a ticketed event open to the general public created with the express permission of the Vatican Museums.

LOCATION | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT SYDNEY



St Joseph's



We are called to reach out to everyone with the Love of God.

NEWSLETTER

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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MASS TIMES:

Mon—Sat: 9:00am
Sat: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8:00am & 10:00am
Youth Mass: 7:00pm
(First Friday of the Month)
Tongan Mass: 2:00pm
(Last Sunday of the Month)
Filipino Mass: 3:00pm
(First Sunday of the Month)

RECONCILIATION: Wed 6:00pm-6:45pm, Sat 4:00pm-5:15pm

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

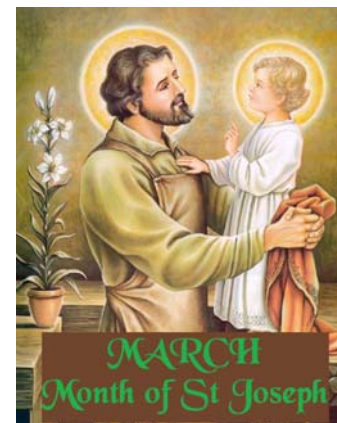
Wed 6:00pm-7:00pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by appointment, please contact the office.

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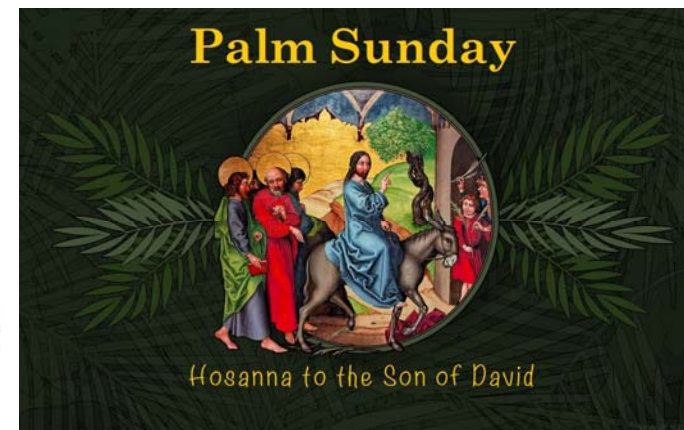
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest. *Matthew 21:9*



In a seeming contradiction, Palm Sunday Mass begins with the reading of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The joyous crowds strewed palm branches before Him, crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest". Today, the faithful commemorate this inspiring scene by processing into their churches, carrying palm branches. The Gospel, however, is the full narrative of the Passion of

Christ, culminating with Jesus' death on the Cross.

But is it a contradiction? Is Jesus' glorious entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week in any way opposed to His crucifixion? Certainly not. From a worldly perspective, the week ends in tragedy. But from the perspective of the Eternal Father, the welcome Jesus receives as He enters Jerusalem is the welcome given to the Saviour of the World. His Cross would become the culmination of that act of salvation. Jesus' entrance into that holy city was rightly celebrated with great joy, though the people did not understand that the throne their new King would mount was the Cross.

Today, the faithful all over the world are invited to celebrate Passion Sunday spiritually, meditatively, and interiorly. Our participation is not just the recalling of a historic event; it's a real participation in that event. Our hearts must begin outside of Jerusalem's gate, and we must courageously and joyfully accompany our Lord into that holy city. During that first Holy Week, the people's joy arose from their belief that Jesus would be an earthly ruler Who would free them from Roman oppression. Today, we express our joyous acclamations as we spiritually accompany our Lord to the city of His crucifixion because we know that Jesus' Kingship is much more than an earthly triumph. His triumph is an eternal one that invites us to share in His Eternity. His triumph is a sacrificial one that invites us to share in His Sacrificial Love. His triumph is a glorious one that invites us to share in the Glory of His Resurrection.

Walk with our Lord today into that holy city of Jerusalem. As you do, know that the earthly city of Jerusalem is also now a spiritual one. The events that took place there two millennia ago transcend and permeate all time. As a result, the events of Holy Week today are just as significant as they were long ago. Through the Mass, we are there. We walk with our Lord, witness all He accomplished, receive His Body and Blood sacrificed on the Cross and memorialized in the Eucharist, and are resurrected with Him on the third day. Commit yourself to this journey today, an eternal pilgrimage with our Lord to the Eternal City of Heaven.

Most glorious King, blessed are You Who continuously comes to us, leading the way to Heaven. Hosanna in the highest! As I begin this most Holy Week, commemorating Your gift of salvation, I pray that this commemoration will also be a real and transforming participation in Your life, death, and resurrection. Thank You for redeeming us, dear Lord. Please open my heart to receive Your grace fully. Jesus, I trust in You.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to find ways, centred on the love of God, to provide a welcoming Parish, a place of spiritual nourishment, and a home to a community that supports everyone and encourages them to contribute their gifts.

READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

50:4—7

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.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 218—9, 17—20

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

- 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

2:6—11

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.

The word of the Lord.

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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

26:14—27:66



NEXT WEEK: 5 APR 26—EASTER SUNDAY —YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Acts 10:34, 37—43

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1—2, 16—17, 22—23

Reading 2: Colossians 5:6—8

Gospel: JOHN 20:1—9

The Word of the Lord



PARISH / LOCAL NEWS

Volunteers Needed

CAN YOU HELP?

We need your help especially during our Sunday liturgies. If you're able to, please send your details to the Parish Office via email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au stating which ministry you'd like to help—Collector, Lector, Choir, Eucharistic Minister etc. For more information / registration details, go to: <https://Liturgy.SydneyCatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/> or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support and God bless you.



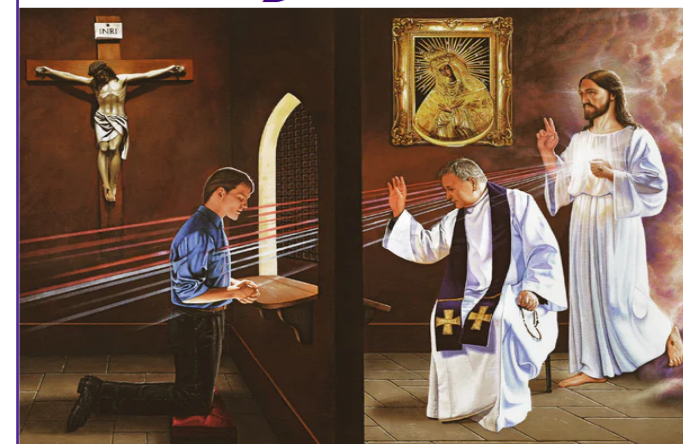
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—REMINDER

During Holy Hour (Adoration & Benediction) from 6:00pm to 7:00pm every Wednesday evening, Father will also be available for confession. All Welcome.



Easter Envelopes are now available at the entrances. Please give generously. Thank you

Confessions



Mon 30 Mar - Wed 1 Apr

* 9:30am - 10:30am

* 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer requests and intentions. Email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au Phone: +61 2 9759 1280
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



DEATH ANNIVERSARY—MARCH

1st—Pietro Milazzo; Keith Lane; Linda M McGlinchy; 2nd—Laurie Worth; Anna M Jemon; Eileen A McQuinn; Anne M Jemon; Enri Magsakay; Thomas P McQuinn; 3rd—Francisco Masejar; 4th—Noeline Smith; 5th—Mary Walters; Alice Cleary; Queenie Grace; 6th—Saturnino C Bonbon; Lucy Murphy; 7th—Angelo John Digilio; 8th—Joseph Khoury; Gary Swanson; Angela Prusicno; Maria R Divola; Marie Naoum; 9th—Sam Lill; Michael O'Connor; 11th—Fred H Weis; Joseph Attie; 12th—Bessema H Khoury; 13th—Charles Feeney; Frederick G Bellingham; 14th—Thomas M Glennon; Teresita McBryde; 15th—Tony Elia; 16th—Violet C Rowan; Ellen McGlynn; Edmund Fernando; Patrick F Steward; Evelyn Florence Hentry; 17th—Henry Attard; Antoine Khoury; Catherine Morris; 19th—Errol Moore; 20th—Helen Fellenw; George Tsafaropoulos; 22nd—Albert Worth; 23rd—Basil T (George) Donnelly; Maria L O'Laco; Francis Sidney Jones; 24th—Noeline McDonald; 26th—Harold Bull; 27th—Thomas L Crow; James K Fisher; Elizabeth Hayer; 28th—Arthur J; Sandra Petris; Myles Huon; Antonia Quinto; 29th—Eva Cummings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners who are sick. Our Elderly Parishioners. Parishioners celebrating their birthdays.

REPOSE OF SOULS

Christopher Pinto; Alban Dias; Souls of our dearly departed family members.

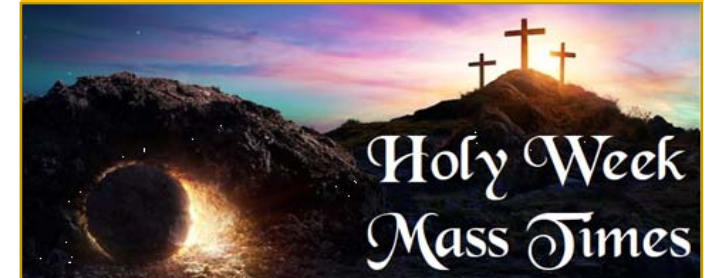
LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Our church is cleaned by volunteers. Please place any rubbish you have into the bins at the entrances, or take them home with you. If you can help clean our church, inside & outside, please contact the office on 9759 1280 or email admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au. Thank you for keeping our church clean.



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Every Sunday after 8:00am Mass
Please join us as we prepare for Eucharistic 2028



2 APRIL—HOLY THURSDAY

- 7:00pm—Mass of Our Lord's Supper
- Adoration until 12:00 midnight

3 APRIL—GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:00am—Stations of the Cross
- Confessions: 11:00am—2:00pm
- 3:00pm—Veneration of the Cross

4 APRIL—THE EASTER VIGIL

- 7:00pm—Easter Vigil Mass

5 APRIL—EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:00am—Easter Sunday Mass
- 10:00am—Easter Sunday Mass