

# WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Palm Sunday (Year C)

9 & 10 April 2022

## Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Tuesday: 9:15 am

Wednesday: 9:15 am

See Holy Week timetable for Mass  
on Holy Thursday - Easter Monday

## SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 23:1-49

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am  
Baptisms, marriages and funerals - by appointment only.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and celebrate that this land is of the Wangal people of the Darug nation on which we are gathered. We commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation, justice and peace.



Responsorial Psalm:

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

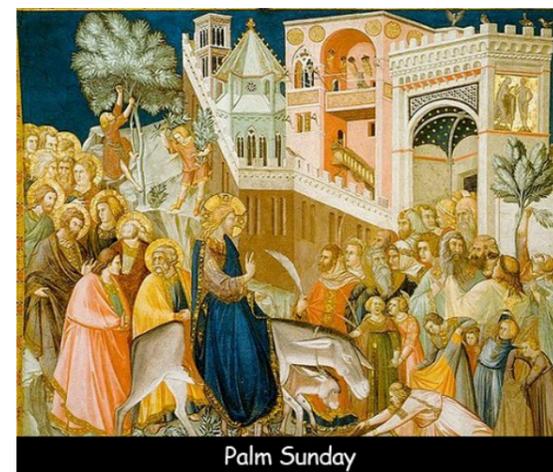
Gospel Acclamation:

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!



## HOLY WEEK FLYER:

A flyer has been included in this week's bulletin with all the Holy Week details for our parish St. Anne's. Extra flyers are available on the back table please take a few home and distribute them amongst family and friends.



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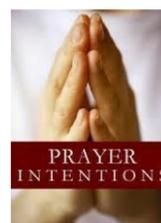
Thank you to all who have helped prepare the liturgy and decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

Please  
Pray  
for...



## FOR OUR SICK

especially Bill Petrie, Fr P. Maher, Peter Simon, Tony Grace, Frank Zerafa, Mgr John Usher, Mgr Brian Raynor, Frs M Kelly, Frank Coorey, Paul Foley, David Coffey, and Don Willoughby.



Should you have any prayer requests that you would like our families of families to pray for, please send them to the Parish Office on below email address.

A very warm welcome to all who are visiting our family of families of St Anne's. It is good to have you with us.

Currently we are providing a small number of hard copies of the bulletin; we will continue to offer the electronic bulletin. Please continue to provide your thoughts on the Bulletin, its content and what form you prefer. If you know of anyone who is not receiving the bulletin and would like to, encourage them to contact the Parish Office via the email address below.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our family of families, please contact Fr Jacek on the email address above. We welcome all suggestions and enquires.

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The procession with palms in commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem (along with other features of our paschal liturgies) can be traced back at least as far as 4th century Jerusalem. Pilgrims flocked to the holy city after the peace of Constantine. One of them was a devout lady, perhaps a Spanish nun, named Egeria. Keen to share her experiences with her circle of friends, she kept a diary of her stay in Jerusalem around 384-385.

It contains invaluable descriptions of the liturgies in which she took part. On Palm Sunday afternoon, she reports, the faithful gathered with palms on the Mount of Olives and processed down to the city to the place of Jesus' resurrection (now the Church of the Holy Sepulchre), chanting on their way. Over 1700 years later, a procession with palms and chants still takes place on this day in churches around the world.

All four gospels contain a great deal of material in between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his betrayal. They testify to the growing tension that eventually reaches crisis point. This in-between time is ignored by the liturgy, making today's transition from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him" shockingly abrupt. It's reminiscent of what happened in the synagogue in Nazareth where Jesus "won the approval" of his townsfolk only to have them swiftly become enraged and murderous (Lk 4:22-30). In each case, the time frame has been condensed but the trajectory of Jesus' reception truthfully reflected. *Source: Liturgy Brisbane*

## WEEKLY REFLECTIONS PALM SUNDAY

Today we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the faint hearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is. After so many centuries of cruelty, crucifixion still ranks

as one of the most appalling things people have ever thought to do to their fellow humans. Yet this was how God chose to show the depth of his love. God was prepared to go to any lengths for us. The letter to the Philippians says that Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Why? The only possible explanation is love. Anyone who has loved another knows that it will inevitably bring a share of suffering. Jesus walks alongside all who suffer. He shares their cross as they share his.

The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should also make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many. For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.

Perhaps this week, as well as joining in the services of Holy Week, we can take some time to sit quietly with the passion narrative from Luke's Gospel on our own. Think about all the characters we meet: Peter, Judas, Pilate, Herod, the women of Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene, the soldiers, the two criminals, the women from Galilee, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea. Try to see the events from each of their perspectives. Then quietly see them from your own perspective, from your world in 2022. Pray in humble gratitude.

### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

Today and throughout Holy Week our attention focuses on the sufferings Jesus endured for our sake and how they led to his resurrection and our own rising to new life. We keep in mind also, that Jesus goes on suffering today in his body in the people who are victims of injustice, of deprivation, marginalisation and isolation, betrayal, persecution. Let us pray for them that they may also rise with Jesus and that we may help them to rise to new life.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS



When in sorrow.....call **John 14**  
 When you have sinned.....call **Psalm 51**  
 When you worry.....call **Matthew 6:24-34**  
 When you are in danger.....call **Psalm 91**  
 When your faith needs stirring.....call **Hebrews 11**  
 When you feel down.....call **Romans 8:31**  
 When you want peace.....call **Matthew 11:28-30**  
 When the world seems bigger.....call **Psalm 90**  
 When you feel lonely.....call **Psalm 23**  
 When you grow bitter.....call **1 Corinthians 13**  
 When people seem unkind.....call **John 15:12-27**

AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK  
 NO WI-FI NECESSARY NO SIGNAL REQUIRED 

Keep these somewhere handy ...  
**Source: Catholic Archdiocese**

### **HOLY LAND COLLECTION:**

The Annual Collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross and the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.

### **VENERATION OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY:**

Kissing of the Cross will not be permitted as the Covid cases still remain high in NSW. Bowing to the cross is recommended or Touching the Cross is also allowed. Please sanitise hands before and after.

### **THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Are available on the seats. This offering goes towards the support of the active, retired and sick clergy in the Archdiocese. Please place your offering on either of the two collection plates. Thank you.

## **LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) EASTER PILGRIMAGE 2022**

LTTN is held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Visit [www.lttn.org.au](http://www.lttn.org.au) for more information and register today. Contact [rego@ltnn.org.au](mailto:rego@ltnn.org.au) or ring Therese on 0432 228 250.

Christ's way of acting, the Gospel of his words and deeds, is a consistent protest against whatever offends the dignity of women.  
 Pope John Paul II, *Mulieris Dignitatem*, #15



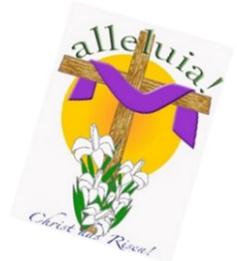
Palm Sunday falls on the Sunday before Easter every year. It is also the sixth Sunday and final day of Lent. This Christian holiday is all about peace and salvation. The day is basically observed to mark the occasion when Jesus rode on a donkey and entered Jerusalem. It is called Palm Sunday because people in Jerusalem threw palm leaves on the floor to greet Jesus.

It is also known as Branch Sunday or Passion Sunday. People head to church to pay their respects to Jesus and reflect on the sacrifices he is said to have made.

God, I believe that you can do new things. Help my unbelief!  
 I believe that you can help us to make a way in the desert. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that you want to create rivers through the wasteland. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that we are not stuck to just repeat the evils of the past. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that I can do things that I was not able to do before. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that I might be able to forgive my enemy. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that peace among nations is possible. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that we can overcome the ways of violence. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that we can eliminate hunger and poverty. Help my unbelief  
 I believe that we can overcome racism. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that we can create homes for everyone. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that we can finally drop the stones of condemnation. Help my unbelief.  
 I believe that we will have a new heaven and a new earth. Help my unbelief.  
 God, I believe that together we can do new things. Help my unbelief! Amen.



**Source: Unknown**



**ST ANNE'S CHURCH**  
**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE**



**Holy Thursday - April 14** (No Morning Mass)  
**7pm** – Mass of the Last Supper  
followed by Adoration until 11pm .

**Good Friday - April 15**

**10.00am** - Stations of the Cross  
**3.00pm** - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



**Easter Vigil - April 16** (No Morning Mass)  
**5:00pm** - Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**Easter Sunday - April 17**  
Masses are at **8:00am, 10.00am**

**Easter Monday – April 18**  
**9:15am** - Mass

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'

For more detailed information:

Download the introductory brochure [here](#)

Download the WMoff prayer [here](#)

Go to the CAS WMoff page [here](#)

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**PROJECT COMPASSION:**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation, and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.



**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:**

During Holy Week Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or Parish office.