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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

This Sunday, Gracie the Donkey will be at the Pestana area from 9:15am until 12pm. Everyone is welcome to take photos before and after Mass. Also BBQ and drinks is for sale.

We thankJoe Agostino, Andrew, Michael & Pepe for mowing the church lawn and the Disciples of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for donating to the church.

Palm Sunday/B PASSION OF THE LORD 24TH MARCH 2024

Gospel Reading. Mark 14:1-15:47

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the Procession with Palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the *Triduum* later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' Passion and Death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his Death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his Death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' Passion and Death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' Passion and Death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the Passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' Death. In Mark's telling of the Passion narrative, Jesus understood his Death to have been preordained, and he accepted this Death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the Cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his Death on the Cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' Passion and Death. As we meditate on the Cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

Confession for Lent is on the 26th March from 6pm until 7pm in the church.

**Fr Danai
Pastor**

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Check Group Allocation and Collection of workbooks & bibles will be on the 6th/7th April. Please collect the activities completion card in the Parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

We are now at the final stage of the Elect's (Tran and Peter) journey to the Rite of Initiation. Please continue to pray for them and their families at this stage of their Christian faith. We invite you to join us at the **EASTER VIGIL MASS on Saturday, 30th March at 7:00 pm** to celebrate their Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist. Also congratulations to Dylan & Bianca Craus & Rebecca Selth who will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on Easter Sunday at 10am.

After the Vigil Mass, there will be light refreshments and cake in the covered area, to welcome our newly Baptised and Confirmed Catholics. If you are able, please bring a plate to share. We also request volunteers to help in any way they can during the fellowship. Looking forward to see you there...The RCIA Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Cely Aragon, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Suzy Maissin, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Depraturo, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Pasqualino Verduci, Peter Leonello, Michelle Lavorato, Guido Pontello, Joyce Alphonso, Bruno Maneca, Joseph & Vincenza Debono **Other deceased including:** MariaTeresa Badolato, Anita Wilson, Maria & Giuseppina, Angelina Piredda, Maria Rosaria Saliba, Giuseppe Gasparre, Vincenzo & Giovannina Vaccaro, Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Joseph & Joanna Nontanovan, Thosas & Theresa Dithhavong, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Goran Bakic, John Sergi, Leticia Dedase, Nestor Belen, Guido Soligo, Fr Denis Foley, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busuttill, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Andelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Margaret Bastic, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Other Intentions : Maria Bugge , Vivian & family, Mario, Charles family
Thanksgiving : Boun Om & Mary Dithhavong family

Funeral Mass at 10:30am of Bonifacia Portes on 5 April with viewing at 10am

LEGION OF MARY

"Our Lady of Lourdes" Cabramatta Curia cordially invites you to celebrate our

Annual Acies Ceremony on Saturday, 6 April 2024
(Rosary 9:00 am; Mass 9:30 am)

Rev Fr Danai Penollar, Pastor, Mass celebrant

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Bossley Park



Parish Diary



Monday 25th March	9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian) 6:00pm Rehearsal-Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 26th March	9:10am Mass 3:15pm Altar Server's Training 4:30pm Legion of Mary 6:00pm Confession for Lent 7:00pm Lenten Reflection-Deacon 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
Wednesday 27th March	9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 3:15pm Junior Legion of Mary 7:00pm Choir
Thursday 28th March	Holy Thursday 10:30am Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 7:00pm Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm & Church will be open all night
Friday 29th March	Good Friday 10:00am Morning Prayer 10:30am Stations of the Cross 1:00pm Filipino Liturgy 4:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 30th March	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 10:00am Morning Prayer followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. 7:00pm Vigil Mass— Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & Procession into the Church
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord) 8:00am Mass with baptism 10:00am Mass with Confirmation 12:00pm Mass—Laos Community Note : No 6pm Mass



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Elizabeth Juan, Silvio Mascitti and Antonin Mascitti who will be baptised this weekend.

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From the Liturgy Office...

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR THE TRIDUUM

Our final rehearsal for **Good Friday Stations of the Cross** will be on **Monday, 25 March 2024**, commencing at **6:00 pm in the Church**. It is very important that everyone attends. Thank you. For any questions please contact Rita in the Liturgy Office on 96096087.

Themes for Palm (Passion) Sunday

The scripture readings for Palm Sunday Year B primarily focus upon the sacrifice which Jesus Christ made for us. Particularly in his Passion, we hear how Jesus first celebrated the Passover, and then became the sacrificial lamb for us. However, all the readings cleverly weave together a rich tapestry of themes that resonate deeply with the Christian experience, reflecting on the final days and ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. These themes include:

Kingship and Humility, Obedience and Suffering, Salvation and Redemption, Divine Exaltation, Prophetic Fulfilment, and Faith and Perseverance.

These themes collectively invite reflection on the paradox of Jesus' kingship, the mystery of His suffering for our salvation, and the call to live out these truths in our own lives with faith and humility. *Sourced from Young Catholics*
God bless,

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

APRIL: For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Thought of the Week

“True reverence for the Lord’s passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity.”

— **Pope St. Leo the Great**

Altar Server's Training

Next altar server's training on **Tuesday, 26th March** at **3:15pm until 5pm**. Children must be at least 8 years old and above and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Hartford College is a new independent Catholic school for boys which is offering academic scholarships for students going in to years 5 to 9 in 2025. The scholarships provide assistance to families of boys seeking a Catholic liberal arts education tailored to develop the whole person and the attainment of academic excellence. Applications close by 30 June 2024. To express interest visit hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au or call 9184 8840.



Easter Sunday 30/31 March 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	J Haddad	A Amores	B Ventura	No Mass
Minister of the Word	B Borbe		P Redoblado	
EMHC	F Di Marco J Habelreth	N Lozina A Maiuolo G Kruk	E Ventura A&M Abogado	
Data Proj/ Musician	S Poullath Choir	T Pham M Vargas	Volunteer Jesus the Healer	
Altar Servers	C&C Youhana		Volunteers	
Welcomers	L Amanoel		G Mignemi	
Piety Stall	M La Rosa	S Wilkins	F Varrica	
Counter: Group 5 B&M Cruz A Grima T Abaquita	Altar Linen : M La Rosa	Flowers : Mai Vu	Cleaners : M Sakaa S Sakaa S Gorgees	

Palm Sunday (Passion of the Lord)

1st Reading	Mark 11:1-10
2nd Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Gospel	Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1, Mark 15:47
Thursday of the Lord's Supper	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
Friday of the Passion of the Lord	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
Next Weekend: Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Celebrating Community



Belated Happy Birthday Gayla !

May God continue to bless & guide you !



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You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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