

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C

12th / 13th April, 2025



Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God has given the Servant the tongue of a teacher. There is an ongoing communication between God and the Servant. God conveys wisdom and the Servant listens. Without having listened to God the weary Servant would have nothing to say to his weary people. But God has given the power to sustain them and to bring them hope.

Next week: Philippians 2:6-11

Sunday of the Resurrection Year C Paul tells the people that Jesus is not a passive victim, but enters fully and willingly into his mission. Jesus humbles himself and takes the form of a slave to show us who God is and how God acts.

Luke 22:14-23:56

Acts 10:34,37-43 Jesus prepares his followers and Luke's readers by speaking knowingly and confidently of what is to befall him. Submission, warning and reassurance are the dominant themes.
Col 3:1-4
Luke 24:1-12

Universal Prayers, Year C

Palm Sunday

- 1 For those who are searching for a love that requires nothing of them, that they will open themselves up to the risk of sharing genuine love. We pray to the Lord.
- 2 For those who are tired of building themselves up by tearing others down, that they will find more constructive ways of feeling important. We pray to the Lord.
- 3 For those who are suffering from a sense of boredom, that they will discover the joyful fulfillment that comes from helping those who are in need. We pray to the Lord.
- 4 For those who are struggling with self-doubt, that they face the truth about themselves without the evasions of drugs or alcohol. We pray to the Lord.
- 5 For those who are bitter and unhappy in their relationships, that they will find the willingness to fall in love with each other all over again. We pray to the Lord.
- 6 For those who face death from old age or disease, that they might be freed from the fear and bitterness that often go with it. We pray to the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th
Bill Hundt

Sunday 13th
Richard Newman
Lyn Stephens

Tuesday 15th
Maria Therese Wilson

Wednesday 16th
Paul James Wilson

Holy Week in the Parish

Palm Sunday Mass	Saturday 12 th	5:00pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Sunday 13 th	8:00am
		9:30am
		5:00pm
Chrim Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong	Tuesday 15 th	7:00pm
Confessions	Wednesday 16 th	10:00am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday 16 th	11:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday 17 th	7:00pm
Stations of the Cross	Friday 18 th	10:00am
Celebration of the Passion	Friday 18 th	3:00pm
Solemn Easter Vigil	Saturday 19 th	6:00pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday 20 th	8:00am, 9:30am, 5:00pm

The Easter Triduum

The term Easter Triduum might not sound familiar to you; however, you are very familiar with it. The Triduum is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us.

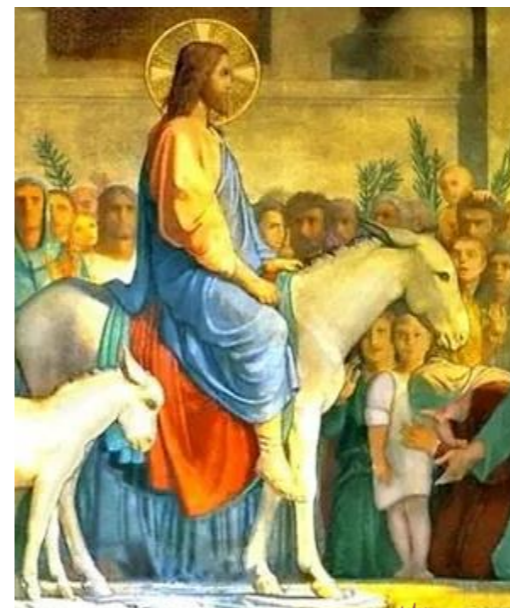
Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these three great days. What is remembered during these three days is so spectacular and miraculous that it takes the Church 50 days to celebrate it. From the close of Easter Sunday until Pentecost we celebrate with great joy that which Jesus has done for us.

What the Triduum commemorates, that which makes it the "culmination of the entire liturgical year", is the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The term Triduum means "three days". The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter Triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one) dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two) and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days "tells" a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper. Jesus gives us the Eucharist and tells us to "do this in memory of me". He then washes the feet of the apostles. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus, and we celebrate the resurrection of Christ at either the Easter Vigil on Saturday night or on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Triduum is one celebration which continues for three days. We come to the Church at various times during those days, and when we are not in the Church, we try to live a quieter, simpler life focusing more of our attention on Christ and less on the secular world.

There are practices we experience during the Triduum that we see at no other time during the year: the washing of the feet, the singing of the Exultet, the baptism of the elect, the reception of candidates into full membership of the Catholic Church.

Called by your baptism as a child of God, you are invited to experience the Easter Triduum with all Catholics throughout the world. To experience the fullness of the Triduum is to be present for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and either the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening or Mass on Easter Sunday.



CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE CHAT

Monday 28 April.
11am in the parish hall

CatholicCare will be visiting St Thomas Aquinas parish to provide information on Aged Care, covering topics such as, How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide to you to assist you with staying in your home for longer. Feel free to come along after the CWL meeting on Monday 28 April at 11am. We look forward to sharing this information with you and your loved ones.

Hospitality for April

Crafternoon

Wednesday 23rd,
4pm to 6pm
in the Parish Hall

All welcome!

* children under 16
need to be
accompanied by an
adult

Diary Dates

Women Faith Circle (Coffee & Gospel)	Wednesday 16 th April	9.30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary and reading)	Thursday 17 th April	6:00pm	Chapel
Solemn Vespers & Benediction	Sunday 27 th April	4.00pm	STA
Conversations – Auth. Jeff Steel	Thursday 1 st May	10:30am	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 13 th May	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 14 th May	7.00pm	Parish Hall