



# Westmead Catholic Community PARISH HEARTBEATS

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**'The sacred heart of Jesus is an open heart...' St Teresa of Kolkata**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**12 - 13 April 2025**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** JN 12:1, 12-13, PS 23:9-10

*Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:*

*\* Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

*O gates, lift high your heads;*

*grow higher, ancient doors.*

*Let him enter, the king of glory!*

*Who is this king of glory?*

*He, the Lord of hosts,*

*he is the king of glory.*

*\* Hosanna in the highest!*

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**FIRST READING**

Is 50:4-7

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

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

1. 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.'
2. 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.
3. 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!
4. 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.'

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**SECOND READING**

PHIL 2:6-11

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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

PHIL 2:8-9

*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**

LK 23:1-49

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!'

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30am - 4pm

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### MASS TIMES - Parish Church

Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am & 9:30am

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9:00am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00pm to 5:30pm

### BAPTISMS

1st Sundays or by arrangement

### MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By arrangement with the Parish Priest  
(min 6 months notice for weddings)

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

By arrangement with the Parish Priest

*The Westmead Catholic Community acknowledges the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation, traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, recognising elders past & present. We aim to be an inclusive faith community, welcoming people of all ages, races, creeds, genders, orientations, marital status & cultures.*

## PARISH DIARY DATES

12 / 13 April *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
 19 / 20 April *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity with octave*  
 19 April *Easter Midnight Tamil Mass 11.30pm*  
 15/16 Mar - 26/27 Apr *First Eucharist Enrolment forms available at weekend masses*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM

<b>Holy Mon-Wed</b>	<b>14— 16 April</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9am</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>17 April</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> <i>Solemn Reservation until 10pm</i>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>18 April</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>3pm</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>19 April</b>	<b>Easter Vigil (including Lucernarium)</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>20 April</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>8am, 9.30am</b>

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**MT 26:42**

*Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*



### Easter Vigil

**Battery Operated Candles are available for use in the Easter Vigil for a \$2 donation.**



Alternatively, Wax Candles with plastic holders are for parishioner use also to participate in the liturgy. We ask that you please return your plastic holder to the box provided, so we may clean and recycle for use again next year. When returning these holders, we ask that you please remove your used candle first and discard this candle into a waste bin. *If you would like to take the plastic holder home, please make a donation towards purchase costs.*

**Volunteers are sought to assist in the distribution and collection of wax and battery candles. Please contact the parish office if you can assist.**

### Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 18 April

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection will be held on Friday 18 April around Australia. The collection continues to support the works of Holy Land Custody through the generosity of the Australian Church.

The Church instructs that the **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday** must commence after sunset and not at the same time as normal weekend Mass Vigils.

**THEREFORE THE EASTER VIGIL WILL COMMENCE AT 7PM ON 19 APRIL**



### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. During Palm Sunday Mass, palm fronds are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and as such, they may not be discarded and instead are appropriately gathered at the parish and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the following year's Ash Wednesday observance. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognised symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, as it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. The principal feature of the liturgy following the procession is the recitation of the account of the Passion of Christ.



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 20 APRIL

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

2ND READING: COL 3:1-4

GOSPEL: JN 20:1-9

