

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 14th Apr 2019

Entrance Ant: 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! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First reading : from the Prophet Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm : My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading : from Letter to the Philippians 2: 6 - 11

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 : according to John 8: 1 - 11.

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, Your will be done.

Sydney Archdiocese News

2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass. 24th Apr 5.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral

Complete your family picture with adoption

Family Spirit is a new agency that unifies the expertise and compassion of CatholicCare and Marist 180. We are the only Catholic adoption agency in NSW. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out how reforms enable more adoptions in NSW.

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 & 5 May. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
love and commitment*

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In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.



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Parish News

Project Compassion (Caritas)

Could parishioners who have generously taken home project compassion boxes please return them ASAP. They can be left on the collection plates.

Parish council fund raising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. We have a continued request for: homeware goods, children's toys, CD's, DVD's and books. All contributions would be greatly appreciated. We also have a request for gardeners to start preparing for the plant stall so that plants are ready to sell on the day. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church.

At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Easter Timetable

Is included in the Bulletin and on flyers at the back of the Church. Please note the change to Easter Vigil Mass on 20th April from 5:30pm to 6:00pm.

Novena to our Lady of perpetual Help

The Novena will resume at St Christopher's on Wednesday, 1st of May, 2019 at 7pm. Please forward all your Petitions and Prayers of Thanksgiving to Faustino Parcasio on fparcasio@hotmail.com

Repairs to the crying room

Some work is required for the crying room at the rear of the Church to remove the carpet and steps.. The plan is to replace the steps with a church pew and replace the carpet with laminated timber. The timber is already available. The flooring in the Confessional will also need to be replaced with the laminated timber. Enquiries are being made in regards to the large glass window to either be replaced or a safety tinting cover to be put on the glass.

If you are able to assist please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Holy Places Appeal

This appeal is taken up on Good Friday each year and promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Because the monies get sent to the Holy Land, there is no tax deductibility on these donations. The Appeal is organised and coordinated by the Franciscan Friars who administer the Holy Land Commissariat. Envelopes will be provide on Good Friday.

Pope Francis awards

St Christophers Primary school is once again participating in the Pope Francis Award program. This program is offered to Year 6 students and is aimed to encourage prayer and reflection through their involvement in service to the community and parish. If you notice our students assisting at Mass handing out bulletins, reading, or taking up the offertory, please make them feel welcome.

Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Thurs 7:00pm (except before first Friday of month)

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment.

Easter Timetable



Morning Mass	Tues 16th , Wed 17th Apr - 7:00am
Weekday Reconciliation	15th,16th, 17th Apr, 6pm - 8pm
Holy Thursday (Last supper)	18th Apr 7:00pm only (no 7:00am)
Holy Thursday Adoration	18th Apr 8:00pm - 12:00pm
Good Friday 19th Apr	Stations 10am, Passion 3pm
Easter Saturday	20th Apr Vigil 6:00pm
Easter Sunday	21st Apr 8:00am, 9:30am

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven About, Sofia Abener, Johny Price, Jeffery Crouche

Recently Deceased

Rene Rovillos

Anniversaries

Shayne Kolster 13/4, Sydney Requin 16/4
Peter Wang, Rosa Wang, Agnes Chang,
Vincent Chang, Rex Hartin 13/4, Margaret Reynolds



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*