

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - YEAR B

5th April 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 14: 1-15: 47

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 9th April	-	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 10th April	-	Good Friday
Saturday 11th April	-	Holy Saturday

HOLY WEEK

Today, Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week, the most solemn week of the year. Every day is important but the Easter Triduum is special. Holy Thursday calls to mind the institution by Christ of the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood; Good Friday calls to mind the suffering and death of our Redeemer, the price of our redemption; the Easter Vigil bids us rejoice in Christ's triumph over sin and death.

What makes Holy Week holy? Jesus and he alone, and yet we all are called to make it so in our lives, not only by recalling or re-enacting what happened long ago but by responding to what Jesus offers us now as a consequence of what he did then.

We can do this best by attendance at services because the Church's liturgy has this as its aim, but it must be an active, devout, prayerful participation. Mind and heart must be engaged. This requires a generous sacrifice of time and effort. Our Redeemer deserves it. Our souls need it.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Pat Esler (Wagga Wagga), Paul Moatz, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Mitchell Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Norm McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris,

Gregory Cummins, Patricia Bourke, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Effie Ray, Bob Woods, Sandra Varrasso, and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

John Brooks, Molly Buchanan, Mavis Keating, Stephanie Koprivnjak, Margaret Smith, Katerina Serbinek and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Rose Hayes, Mark West, Phillip & Frank Percy, Jack Hegarty and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also: Brian Twomey, Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Philip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed into God's church the following newly baptised:

LUKE MILLER

ABBAY LUDBEY

FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISM MASS

The Mass of the Holy Oils will be celebrated at St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga at 6.00pm on Monday 6th April. All parishioners are most welcome.

HOLY WEEK

Please take a copy of the Holy Week Timetable from the back of the church.

CHURCH HELPERS

There will be a working bee after the 10.30am Mass on Tuesday 7th April for anyone who can come to help dust and generally clean the church for Easter.

PALM SUNDAY - WYD09

Come and celebrate World Youth Day 2009 in the Wagga Wagga Diocese on Sunday 5th April at Holy Spirit parish Lavington. The day starts with Mass at 10.00am followed by a day of prayer, catechesis and recreational activities. Lunch and afternoon tea provided. There is no cost but donations of \$10.00 are welcome to cover the costs of the day.

Contact Miriam: 0400 419 981, mizmim@gmail.com

LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR 16-35YRS

A Lenten Study Group for 16-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com, John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

ST PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

St Patrick's Prayer Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm. For details please ring Kath Ryan on 6021 2821 or Maree Sobolewski on 6021 5433.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships for Xavier High School are available for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2010. Application details may be obtained by contacting Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xhsww.catholic.edu.au

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual fete on Sunday 3rd May. The fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, on the corner of Mutsch & Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

TRADITIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Start: Thursday 16th April 2009: 7.45am Mass (Extraordinary Form) at St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga, Blessing of Pilgrims by Bishop Gerard Hanna, followed by breakfast.

Concludes: Sunday 19th April 2009 - Feast of Divine Mercy: 2 Masses, 9.00am and 12.30pm. After lunch, Eucharistic Procession to the Cross will take place followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction around 3.00pm. For details see the noticeboard or visit: divinemercurpilgrimage@gmail.com

SNIPPET

Jesus himself traversed the desert of our humanity and, passing beyond death, he rose from the dead and now draws all humanity with himself towards God. (Benedict XVI)