



SEASONS

Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion

17th April, 2011

PCC=Parish Community Centre U=Undercroft
C=Church
MPR=School Multipurpose Room
SSR=School Staff Room

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
9.30am, U
No Choir Practice



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Mass Times	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday, (followed by Holy Hour)	9.15am
Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00pm
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Easter Sunday	8.00am 10.00am

Please note:
There is **No Reconciliation on
Holy Saturday**

Baptisms
are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
of each month at 11:30 am **or** at
any of the Parish Masses on the
2nd, 4th or 5th Sundays. A **com-
pulsory** preparation night for par-
ents takes place on the first Tues-
day of each month in the **Parish
Community Centre** at 7:30 pm.

We Still Like A Good Parade

Reflecting on the Gospel

We still like a good parade al-
though there are probably fewer of
them than in the past. Nevertheless
thousands still line the streets for
the annual Moomba Parade and we
are moved by the Anzac Day
March. There is something about a
parade that catches us up in the
moment and carries us beyond our-
selves into something bigger,
something shared by many.

This is something of the atmos-
phere surrounding the entry of Je-
sus into Jerusalem. Never mind
that the crowd still misunderstood
the identity and mission of the
Messiah. Never mind that they
were still looking to participate in
the restoration of the Davidic king-
dom which would surely be a sign
of God's favour and redemption.
Never mind that they joyfully gave
themselves over to something
(earthly kingdom) that was actu-
ally much less than was being of-
fered (God's kingdom). Despite all

their misunderstanding they were
still drawn in by the event of Je-
sus' entry into Jerusalem

A few days after this joyful occa-
sion – one seemingly unmarked by
obstacles or opponents – the mood
would be very different. Probably
some of the same people who
shouted “Hosanna” on Sunday
were the same ones who shouted
“Crucify him!” on Friday. This
“king” was mocked and crowned
with pain. His own words of truth
were twisted to condemn him. His
closest disciples abandoned him.
Only the women stood helplessly
by as he hung on the cross. And
one more – a centurion, a nonbe-
liever – stood there and proclaimed
the truth that has resounded for
two millennia: “Truly this man
was the Son of God.”

Living the Paschal Mystery

The incredible contrast in moods
between the two Gospels pro-
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EASTER TIMETABLE 2011

Saturday, 16th April, 6.00pm	Vigil Mass with Blessing of the Palms
Sunday, 17th April, 8.00am & 10.00am	Mass with Blessing of the Palms
Holy Thursday, 21st April, 8.00pm.....	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 22nd April, 3.00pm.....	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, 23rd April, 8.00pm.....	Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection
Easter Sunday, 24th April, 8.00am & 10.00am...	Easter Mass of the Resurrection
Sacrament of Reconciliation.....	No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday



Liturgy - Palm Sunday Of The Lords Passion

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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: Matthew 26:11-54

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Next week's readings: Acts 10:34. 37-43, Corinthians 5:6-8, John 20:1-19

We Pray For...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Frank Bracken, Ken Carter, Vittorio Forlin, Frank Carter, Terence Phillips, Patricia Bourke, Dr. Harry Hodgson, Harold Hoare, Robbie Sinclair

and the Sick

Lewis Lewis, Bill Oakes (Maree Shelton's father) Ron Child, Adrian Gobel and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

Parish Group Activities

Bus trip to Pt. Nepean National Park, with tour and BBQ lunch. Cost \$15. Departing Thursday, 11th May, 9am @ STM carpark. Max 22 seats available. Bookings at the next Club Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd May.

Contemplative Prayer Group

"Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day".

Silent prayer in the Church each Tuesday (**except the 1st Tuesday of the month**) from 8.45am-9.15am followed by Mass.

Holy Hour

All parishioners are invited to the Holy Hour every Wednesday, directly after Mass.

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Every Thursday at 7.15pm, with a Mass celebrated by a visiting priest on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Message From Maria

Rehearsal for those involved in ministries for Holy Thursday and Good Friday is on Wednesday 20th April in the church at 7pm. For the Easter Vigil rehearsal will follow the Good Friday service (approx 4.15pm).

Morning Tea

Your hosts this week are Margaret Gallagher and Val Finnigan.

You are all warmly invited to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of your parish community better.

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claimed in this Sunday's liturgy capture well the broad dynamic of the Paschal Mystery. The triumph with which we begin this Sunday is the triumph we celebrate next Sunday: the glory of the Lord shining forth for all to see and share. Sandwiched in between is the scandal and ignominy of the cross. What seemed to end in utter failure is resurrected in complete glory.

We all want the parade. But we don't want the rain. We want a glorious share in Christ's triumphant victory over sin and death. But we don't want the cross. We want resurrection. But not the dying.

It can't be. Christ showed us by his own way of

living and by his ministry that the only way to share in his glory is to die to self by becoming servants and disciples following him to the cross. The only way to enjoy the passionate glory of risen life is to suffer the risk of dying. All of this is something that takes place more than just this once a year. It is the everyday of our ordinary human living, when we choose to respond to another instead of ignoring him or her, having patience rather than snapping, talking things through rather than staying angry. The Paschal Mystery unfolds in the little things in life that we turn into big ways to say *yes* to the Christ in others.

Jesus says, 'I have come that you may have life - to the full.'