



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Holy Week Masses: Monday-Wednesday 6.45AM, Thursday 7.30PM, Good Friday- Passion Service 3.00PM ,
Saturday 7.00PM, Sunday 8AM & 10AM

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 7.00PM

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—YEAR B 28 MARCH 2021

Don't Park Your Religion, Enter the Kingdom of God

When the downtrodden and the persecuted soar, their stories bring about great hope and joy. Through the passion narratives of the Gospel, we can see that Jesus whom they tried to kill in a very shameful way is in fact the true life giver.

Jesus who entered Jerusalem, riding on a donkey through the eastern gate of the city showed the folly of the common belief of the time. Many thought the Messiah would be coming from the east as warrior king to the city of Jerusalem, the centre of religion for the Jews. But Jesus mounted on a donkey, the symbol of peace, and made a royal entry fitting for a ruler to the shouts of joy.

During the trial, Jesus revealed his divinity to the people around him who looked at him as a criminal. The more they tried to put down the life of Jesus, the greater was the fulfilment of the scriptures and prophecies. Thus when the worldly people thought things were going their way, ironically God's plan was being realised.

At the end of the passion narrative, we hear the centurion, a gentile, professing that Jesus is "indeed the Son of God". Thus the Gospel reveals that the Kingdom of God is now open to the gentile world. It is no more a monopoly of the Israelites. Another irony is that the Israelites as a rule has lost the Kingdom and the People of Faith from outside the confines of Israel has won the Kingdom big time.

In Jesus we see how God works in our lives. By showing God in the human person of Jesus we are invited to see the divine in the human life we all share. Persecution, rejection, and condemnation may seem to diminish the meaning of life and sense of hope, but looking through the prism of the passion of Jesus, you see how God turns your miseries into means living your life fuller. Therefore don't be downcast when others condemn you and try to make your life miserable. Keep up your passion for the Word of God and walk the way of the cross. Don't ever think of parking your life or religion. If you do, you don't get anywhere. But move on, looking at our Saviour who turned the shame of cross into a sign of glory. Live your life to a fuller measure and enter the Kingdom of God.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Ann Bechium, Grazyna Lukasiewicz, Edna Rahmat, John Rodrigues, Joseph Anthony Gabrielle, Zekia Al-Asady, Raymond Kassis, Josephine Attard, Jacinta Moses, Nehme Tannous, Anna Lam, Madalena Yen, Tita Melicor, Angelia Dela Cruz

Recently Deceased: Lee Swee Ai, S A Lee, Corazon Johnson

Deceased: Tony Draybi, Pierre Draybi, Lilia Monzon, Modesto Monzon, Nida Canete

Anniversary: Alexander Jarczewski, Elena Latorre, Vivina Olarte, Ulpiano Sarmiento, Sarah Sarmiento

Thanksgiving: Yen Family, Yip Family

Deceased Members and Friends of: O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Eamiguel Family, Mari Family, Yburan Family, Gonzales Family, Pamposa, Emeterio, Saturnina, Cresenciano, Jose, Norberta Families, Fausta, Jesus, Marian, Aracelli, Modesto, Melicor Family, Lam Family

Other Intentions: For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. The intention of the Holy Father.

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For those who do not have a smartphone, you can still sign in using the paper form. But that will be an exception, rather than norm.

DONATE

Scan the QR Code to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!



First Reading

Is 50:4-7

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

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

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

Gospel

Mk 14:1-15:47

The Passion.

VIGIL MASS

GATHERING ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David,
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSION HYMN

Refrain:

All glory, praise and honour to you
redeemer, king!
To whom the lips of children made
sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel and
David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's name
coming, our king and blessed
one.

Refrain

2. The company of Angels are
praising you on high;
As we and all creation exultant
make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and
anthems before you we
present.

Refrain

4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of
praise;
To you now high exalted, our
melody we raise.

Refrain

5. Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and
goodness, our saviour and our
king.

Refrain

SUNDAY MASS 8AM

GATHERING ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David,
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSION HYMN

All glory, praise and honour
to Thee, redeemer king!
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the king of Israel,
our David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
the king and blessed one.

The company of angels
are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things,
create and make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayers and
anthems
before Thee we present.

To Thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To Thee now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Our Jesus accept the praises
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who with all good delight us,
Thou good and gracious King.

SUNDAY MASS 10AM

GATHERING ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David,
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSION HYMN

Refrain:

*Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on
the King! Hosannah! Hosannah!
Song of God we sing! Hosannah!
Hosannah! Blessings on the King!
We praise you, we bless you, our
gifts to you we bring!*

Your people are gathered on this holy
day,
To lay down before you,
Branches on your way.
We sing of your glory as you enter in.
Come now, Lord Jesus, wash away
our sin.

Refrain

O Lord, you are King now, King of all
the earth.
The stars in the heavens shine on
your rebirth.
Your death and your rising
Gives to us new life.
No longer darkness
Now we have your light.

Refrain

You are our brother, brother and
friend, sent by the Father, all our
hearts to mend.
We pray now Lord Jesus, as you
come today.
Please guide us now with you
As you go your way.

Refrain

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE



**Palm Sunday
28 March 2021**

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

For over half a century, generations of Australians
have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities
before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of
the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering
vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their
communities out of poverty.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call 1800 024 413.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 14:1-15:47

Gospel Focus – This man was a son of God

By the time we have stood and listened to this lengthy Passion narrative, the listener may have started to wilt by the time we get to the death of Jesus. Yet the gospel writer keeps one of the most important messages for this moment. As Jesus dies, a centurion standing by utters the inspired words, 'In truth, this man was a son of God.' Famously played by John Wayne in the movie, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, the centurion is the voice of the gentile – the non-Jew – representing all those throughout the world who will recognise the truth of Jesus' life and purpose.

Have you thought? Passion of the Passion

The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story – finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologising.

Living the Gospel – Before the cock crows

Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for us today sometimes?

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Saint Andrew of Crete

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will towards his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, *above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named*, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: *He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets*. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens towards his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel*.

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:

Telephone NoEmail

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. ☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (*An authority form will be sent*)

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome New Christians



Andrew Tham (Catechist) with the Elects

Four of our brothers and sisters will be initiated into the Church at Easter Vigil. Christina Kailahi, Priscilla Mafi, Christopher Hayes and Edwin Kong will be baptised, Confirmed and offered Holy Communion on 3rd April, the Easter Vigil. At the conclusion of the vigil service, all parishioners will be invited to gather in the Jubilee Hall for a light supper in honour of the newly initiated Christians as well as Rosalind Evans who was received into the Church recently. You are welcome to bring slices or finger food to share at the supper.

BARM—Berala Association of Rosary Makers



A number of parishioners have expressed a desire to make CORDED ROSARY BEADS as pictured) for various missions. All are invited to join this group which will meet one Thursday a month in St Peter Chanel Church foyer or hall from 10AM to 11.30AM.

No experience is necessary - only a desire to encourage the praying of the Rosary in missions and schools. All supplies will be provided as well as a 'cuppa'. This will be a wonderful spiritual and social ministry.

If you would like to be involved, please call Jenny Michael on 0413 679 931 and leave your name and contact details or email jenny@psmichael.com.au. This could really grow into something amazing to honour our Blessed Mother.

Are you struggling financially?

If you or you know anyone needing financial assistance during this time may contact Fr Thomas. He may be able to help you. Send a confidential email to pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday 29 March

6.45am Mass

Tuesday 30 March

6.45am Mass
7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 31 March

6.45am Mass
7.00pm First Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 1 April

10.30am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral



7.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Washing of feet, Adoration

Good Friday 2 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion Service and veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 3 April

8.00am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food
7.00pm Easter Vigil, blessing of Fire, Water & RCIA

Easter Sunday 4 April

8.00am Mass
10.00am Mass

Year of St Joseph

Now we have plans to celebrate the Year of St Joseph in a solemn way. It was the main agenda of the last meeting of the Pastoral Council. On the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, Saturday, 1 May, all parishioners are invited to gather at St Joseph the Worker School premises. A new (life size) statue of St Joseph the Worker will be installed in front of the school by then. At 4PM the statue will be unveiled and blessed. After the prayers in front of the newly installed image of Joseph, a procession will commence to our parish Church of St Peter Chanel. Another statue of St Joseph the Worker, the one we used to take out on the parish days, will be set up on a vehicle to be brought solemnly to the Church. All parishioners, including children and parents, who are able to walk the half an hour distance to the Church are invited to accompany the statue with banners and ceremonial umbrellas. We shall also have some drummers to accompany the walkers. Those who are not able to walk the distance can drive to St Peter Chanel. The statue in procession will be transferred from the vehicle to be carried on shoulders from Jenkin Street junction of Kingsland Road. Upon the arrival of the procession to the Church, the solemn Mass will commence at 5PM. There will be a Dedication of the Parish to St Joseph during the Mass. After the Mass, everyone will be invited to a social gathering with food in the Parish Jubilee Hall.



A number of volunteers are required for the celebration. We are looking for drummers, volunteers to carry the statue, people to decorate the processional vehicle, and assist with the social gathering in the Hall. The food will be organised through caterers. Please contact the parish office to indicate your willingness to volunteer. Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Novena Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Church Shop

Kids Bibles have just now become available at our Church Shop! An ideal gift for any child celebrating the Sacrament this year. Drop by our Church Shop and grab a gift for that special someone. The Church Shop is open on weekends before and after the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am masses. If you have any product enquiry, please contact the Parish Office.



Project Compassion

Please bring your Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes on Thursday night, 1 April at the Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30PM.

There will be a formal offering of your donations at the mass.



Morning Tea

Our usual Morning Tea after the weekend Masses has been suspended during the pandemic. Now we can resume it. Let us recommence our fellowship around a 'cuppa' after Mass. After Easter is a good time to do it.

Therefore, all those who are ready to help with Morning Tea including those who used to help contact the parish office so that we can prepare a roster.



Zoom Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark Today Bible Study will be held from 20 April to 31 August 2021 (20 weeks). Zoom Lectures will be on Tuesdays at 7PM to 8PM.

Register through the Parish Website or office.

Playgroup

St Peter Chanel Playgroup will be starting in Term 2!

It will be held every Friday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Donovan Room of the Parish Hall.



Please email Barbara Mucha, Family Educator at barbara.mucha@svd.catholic.edu.au for further details and to register your child.



Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 2 April**. This collection 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. It is also used to maintain 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thanks!





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To the people of the Church in Australia, for the Holy Land Collection 2021

For 800 years, Franciscan friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the often conflict torn countries of the Middle East, the most recent example being the civil war in Syria which began in 2011 and still remains unresolved. But as well as Syria, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land includes Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars offer pastoral care in parishes, provide vital educational and charitable works, and in addition, maintain the constant upkeep of the Holy Places of Christianity.

But 2020 has proved to be a year like no other. As in so many parts of the world, the COVID-19 Pandemic has created enormous challenges for the people of the Holy Land particularly in terms of health and a catastrophic loss of income due to travel restrictions preventing pilgrims, and the closure of all shrines. Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are a vital resource. The offerings that Pilgrims leave allow the Franciscan Friars and local Church to carry out their mission: from the care of the Holy Places that give work to the local community, to the running of several parishes, schools and the many social works that care for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and more.

Brothers and sisters, as the Holy Land Collection Statement of Income for 2020 shows, the disruption caused by the pandemic led to a collection last year of only one-third of a normal year in Australia. This loss has been repeated around the world, often much worse, and as things appear, it will again be the case in many countries in 2021. All this makes this year's Good Friday Collection extremely important. The hope is that as our life in Australia returns more to normal and our churches are open, Australian Catholics will be able to be as generous as they have been in past years. Please remember brothers and sisters that the Collection is a vital contribution and act of solidarity that the whole Church can make to support, through the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, the Christian peoples of the Holy Land. These Christians trace their faith right back to Pentecost (Acts 2:10), and they still walk in the footsteps of Jesus, often in a seemingly endless Way of the Cross.

The solidarity that we Australian Catholics can make is not only with the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, but also with the Latin Diocese of Jerusalem and with the six ancient Oriental Communities in the Middle East. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, writes: "I am glad to transmit to all who work for the success of the Good Friday Collection, the deepest gratitude of the Holy Father together with my own gratitude and that of the Congregation for Oriental Churches."

Our Australian parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops have always been most generous to the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus often in the face of great odds, made all the more difficult now due to the terrible pandemic afflicting our world. On their behalf, may I humbly thank you all wholeheartedly.

Mario Debattista ofm
Friar Mario Debattista ofm
Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)
www.holylandfranciscansaustralia.org





Creative Parishioners Make Beautiful Crosses for Palm Sunday

Berala Parish has over 500 crosses for Palm Sunday thanks to a dedicated team of parishioners.

Josie Pangilinan organised the project for our Parish and was supported by Taoto Langi, Rosanna Pattison and Andrew. She said they had so much fun making crosses throughout the week.

Father Thomas commends the team for making such a great effort for Palm Sunday.



Planning Lenten Craft for Public School Students

Catechists Josie Pangilinan and Brenda Wendt-Hussein met recently to organise gifts for public school students for Holy Week.

Following their discussion, Josie prepared 55 crosses for students at our three local public schools using cardboard and palms from her garden. She made the Easter gifts for Berala Public School, Regents Park Public and Auburn West.

The beautiful crosses will remind students of the link between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and give them an opportunity to take Easter into their homes.

Parishioners Enjoy Making Hundreds of Crosses



Craft team prepare crosses for Palm Sunday at St Peter Chanel, Berala

OTHER NOTICES

Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday

You are invited to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, 1 April at 10:30am at St Mary's Cathedral.

Position Vacant - CatholicCare

CatholicCare's Home Care services needs your help to find people of Italian and Greek speaking backgrounds to join our team as Domestic Support Workers to help older people to live in their homes independently. For more information contact CatholicCare Home Care Liverpool reception: 8778 4222 (8:30am – 5pm)

Position Vacant – Part-time Sacramental Co-Coordinator

(12 hours per week) at St Brigid's Parish, Coogee. The role of the Sacramental Co-ordinator is to work as an active member of the Parish Pastoral team. This requires the Sacramental Co-Ordinator to work closely with the Parish Priest and the Parish team to prepare, implement and manage the parish programs for Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA. For further information, contact the parish office on stbparish_coogee@yahoo.com.au or 9315 7562 (Fr Phillip Hicks msc, Parish Priest).

6 Day Retreat 23-29 April 2021 - "Become Like Water" Fr John Armstrong

This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us, inviting us to enter the river

of life. Cost for 6 day Retreat: \$870 (Prayer Weekend 23-25 April: \$290) St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Download the Form from our Website: <http://towersretreat.org.au> or RSVP Ph:4630-0233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au

Disciples School of Mission | 7th - 11th April

Are you aged between 16 - 40 and searching for an adventure in 2021? If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission. This five day live-in training course calls young people from across Australia to be equipped in youth ministry and evangelisation. You then have the opportunity to put into practice what you have learnt and dive into an optional three-week mission experience. For more information, contact: therese.mgl@gmail.com or discipleschoolofmission.com.au

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees



Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages.

To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 31st March at 6.30 – 7.30pm and Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm.

To book call Family Spirit 13 1819 | connect@familyspirit.org | 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

Camino of St Joseph

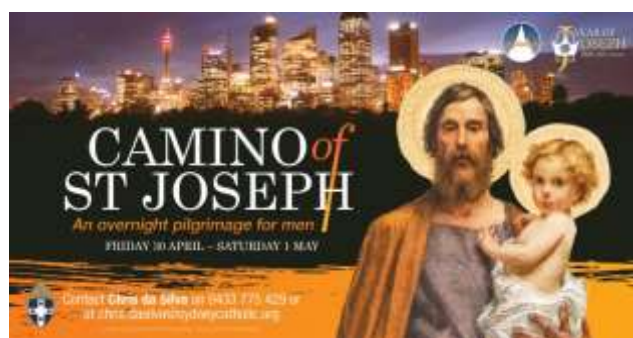
Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Worker in the Year of St Joseph!

The Camino will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at 8 pm on Friday the 30th of April at Holy Family, Menai.

During our walk we will stop at several churches: St Patrick, Sutherland; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda; St Finbar, Sans Souci; and St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands.

Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We will conclude with a sunrise Mass and breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands, finishing up at 7 am on the 1st of May. To register, visit www.sydneycatholic.org/camino



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come and join us on April 16-18, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or call Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 | nswbookings@wwme.org.au

1 APRIL 2021 HOLY THURSDAY		3 APRIL 2021 EASTER VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD		
ACOLYTES	ALL ACOLYTES			
COMMENTATOR	Christine KENSEY	ACOLYTES	ALL ACOLYTES	
LECTOR 1	Joy SKERRITT	MUSIC & SINGING	Parish Choir	
LECTOR 2	Lawrence LOPEZ	LECTOR 1	Joy SKERRITT	
2 APRIL 2021 GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10AM		LECTOR 2	Phirum DUCH	
		LECTOR 3	Lawrence LOPEZ	
LECTOR 1	Rosalind EVANS	LECTOR 4	Christine KENSEY	
LECTOR 2	William ANDREWS	LECTOR –NT	Mai NGUYEN	
		CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	
2 APRIL 2021 GOOD FRIDAY PASSION SERVICE - 3PM		4 APRIL 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD		
ACOLYTES	Charlie SCULLY	Mass	8AM	10AM
LECTOR 1	Joy SKERRITT	ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	DOM PANGILINAN
LECTOR 2	Mai NGUYEN	MUSIC & SINGING		TONGAN CHOIR
PASSION NARRATIVE		LECTOR 1	Amanda GAHAN	Sharon IACONO
NARRATOR	Noeline DONNELLAN	LECTOR 2	Daniel BOLAND	Roshan SEBASTIAN
GOSPEL CROWD	Renee SALAR	CHURCH SHOP	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY
GOSPEL OTHER	Lawrence LOPEZ			

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- 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.' **(R.)**
- 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. **(R.)**
- 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! **(R.)**
- 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.' **(R.)**

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!

Communion Antiphon Mt 26:42

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

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Acts 10:34. 37-43**

2nd Reading: **Col 3:1-4**

Gospel: **Jn 20:1-9**

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, phone (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

