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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

28th March 2021

As we enter the Holy Week, we come in contact with the central events of the life of Christ: the Last Supper, His trial and crucifixion, His time in the tomb, and His Resurrection from the dead. The Latin word *triduum* refers to the last three days prior to the great feast of Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil.

Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass on Holy Thursday. It is traditionally called “Maundy Thursday” from the Latin phrase *Mandatum novum* (a new mandate) which comes from Christ in the day’s Gospel reading. The evening mass is a commemoration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Priesthood. The priest, who is *persona Christi*, will wash the feet of several parishioners.

Good Friday is the first full day of the Easter Triduum, a day commemorating the Passion, Cross, and death of Jesus Christ, and therefore a day of strict fasting. The liturgy of the Lord’s Passion consists of three parts: the liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Communion. Although Communion is given, this liturgy is not a Mass. So the Body of Christ will be consecrated in the prior evening at the Mass of the

Lord’s Supper and, in most cases, was adored until midnight or another late hour.

The ancient Church celebrated Holy Saturday with strict fasting in preparation of the celebration of Easter. After sundown the Christians would hold an all-night vigil, which concluded with baptism and Eucharist at the break of dawn. The same idea (if not the identical timeline) is found in the Easter Vigil today, which is the high point of the Easter Triduum and is filled with an abundance of readings, symbols, ceremony, and sacraments.

The Easter Vigil, the Church states, ranks “the mother of all vigils” (General Norms, 21). Being a vigil — a time of anticipation and preparation — it takes place at night, starting after nightfall and finishing before daybreak on Easter. It consists of four general parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, Christian Initiation, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

So hopefully with this catechism, you may be guided along the way as you journey deeper into the mysteries of our faith. All I ask of you is to spend this week prayerfully. May God fill you with the grace to grasp God’s plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ.

By Carl Olsen, “The Easter Triduum: Entering into the Paschal Mystery.”

Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday Morning Mass

Weekday Masses

Liturgy of the word with Communion

Adoration

Reconciliation

5:30 pm

9:15 am

9 am Tuesday to Thursday

12:10 pm Friday

9 am Monday

11:10 am Friday

Friday after Mass

PARISH NOTICES

THE SOCIAL GROUP invites everyone to join them every Tuesday from 1:30pm at the Parish Centre (back of the church)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - we are in need of some more writers for the Prayers of the Faithful for the weekend Masses. Guidelines will be provided. If you are able to contribute please contact Bridget after Mass or on 021482178 or bybrid-get@xtra.co.nz.

FOLLOWING FRANCIS – the next Lenten prayers lasting about 20-30 mins, and using the Caritas resources, will be on Wednesday 7th April at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm in the chapel.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY — More leaders needed! Please contact Teresa Mason
Phone:- 022 139 7623 or email:
grandmateresa321@gmail.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meeting in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm on Thursday, 1st April. If helping struggling families appeals to you, you would be welcome to come along.

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT— if you have or know somebody who has a house for rent, please contact Atina Telea at 0211423758. They are in desperate search for a new abode.

NO MEDITATION this Thursday of Holy Week.

MEALS ON WHEELS' roster for 5th-9th April has now been filled. Thanks to those who have offered their assistance.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

SLAVERY FREE EASTER EGGS

Children as young as 12yrs are picking cocoa in West Africa for our chocolate. They earn almost nothing, work long hours and in dangerous conditions. Most have never tasted chocolate and never will.

MAKE THIS EASTER A SLAVERY FREE ONE!!!

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CORNER

St Joseph's School need a **part-time gardener** for approx. 2 hours per fortnight (paid position).

Please see Nicki at the School Office for more information.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER — production has been stopped. For information about the school and its activities, please refer to their:

Website: <https://www.stjoeslevin.school.nz/>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjoeslevin.school.nz>

CHURCH CLEANING - Please collect your new rosters from the foyer

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Our **FOOD & FUNDS COLLECTION** will be held after Mass on Easter Saturday and Sunday, 3 & 4 April. If you wish to contribute items such as self-raising flour, sugar, tea, coffee & Milo, tinned fruit & vegetables, children's snacks or toilet paper, toothpaste & soap they are always in demand. The bucket collection will be available if you wish to give money or you may prefer to use our Internet Banking number: St Vincent de Paul Society 11 6932 0308328 11. Thank you for your continued generous support.

St Vincent de Paul **ANNUAL TAX RECEIPTS** - will be available in the foyer over Easter weekend. Any questions please call Leonie Strawbridge 021 143 8043.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING on Thursday 1 April at 1.30pm in the parish centre.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem”

(Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

“‘Social love’ makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone” ([Fratelli Tutti](#), 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. *1 Kings* 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. *Mk* 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring

for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you” (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

“Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Pope Francis

BRAIN TEASER: 28 March 2021: ‘For nothing will be impossible with God’. Who said this?

Answer: *The Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, when telling Mary that her elderly cousin Elizabeth will bear a child.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE: For those who have not filled the Parish Enrolment Form, please do so. The forms are available in the foyer. Automatic payment forms are also available in the foyer

*Rest in
Peace*

May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

John Shaughnessy

Mariz Rodriguez

Denis Hanratty



WHY DO WE... observe Holy Week?

Holy Week is celebrated in the last week of Lent, starting with Passion (Palm) Sunday and ending with Holy Saturday. This week is the focus of the Church's liturgical cycle, during which God's redeeming act of the Passion and resurrection of Jesus is commemorated in a special way.

From Holy Thursday till the Vigil Mass on Saturday, there is an atmosphere of sorrow which comes through all the liturgies. When we focus on what Jesus suffered for us, we cannot help but feel as though we are sitting by the bedside of a loved one who is on the point of leaving this world. Then there is the emptiness after the death. However, the Vigil erupts into a resounding explosion of joy at the Resurrection in the knowledge that the Risen One can no longer suffer or die. No wonder we celebrate!

In recent liturgical revisions, the original simplicity of this week has been restored, while irrelevant practices in the rites were removed. Every effort has been made to involve the faithful more actively in the celebration.

S C H E D U L E O F T H E H O L Y W E E K

March 29th	9am	Holy Monday (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
March 30th	9am	Holy Tuesday (Mass)
	7pm	Chrism Mass at St. Theresa Karori
March 31st	9am	Holy Wednesday (Mass)

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 1st	(7pm)	Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reception of the Oil</i> • <i>Mass of the Last Supper</i> • <i>Washing of the Feet</i> • <i>Reposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
April 2nd		Good Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am • <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 3pm • <i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>
April 3rd	8pm	Mass of the Resurrection (Easter Vigil)
April 4th	9:15am	Easter Sunday

Readings at Sunday Mass

(28/03/2021) **1st Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7; **2nd reading:** Phil 2:6-11; **Gospel:** Mark 14:1-15:47

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

(04/04/2021) **1st Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43; **2nd Reading:** Col 3:1-4; **Gospel:** John 20:1-9



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