

# ALL SAINTS PARISH ALBANY CREEK



Centred on Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, All Saints is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community of missionary disciples, embracing shared leadership, to serve God and others



## PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD, 24 MARCH 2024: YEAR B

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### MASS Times

**Saturday: 5.00pm**

**Sunday: 7.00am & 9.00am**

**Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.00am**

**Reconciliation Sat 4.30-4.50pm**

**Healing Mass/Anointing Mass -**

**1st Wed of each month 9am**

### HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Dear friends and Parishioners,

We enter into full mysteries of redemption through the Holy Week ceremonies. The story, which begins on Palm Sunday is our own story. I do remember the Palm Sunday in my childhood days, holding and waving the palms and moving around in procession through the town, a great feeling.... As Jesus enters into his final week, he takes humanity with him and continues his victory. We are not just remembering a historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We celebrate and take part in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us, and for us.

His entry into the city begins with a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, "Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Yet, how quickly the crowd changed from Hosanna to crucify him and turned on Jesus. Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

The real danger that I can see is that we are so close to the celebration yet lost in the whole of Holy week. If we are not careful, we can lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. Let us celebrate this great week with dignity and reverence. We also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to me as a disciple.

Where am I in the unfolding drama on Palm Sunday and that plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in anyway? Do I deny Jesus like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who help Jesus in his time of need? Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people spitting out insults as I shout "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of disciples of Christ we are, and are going to be in this modern era.

During this busy week give some time and use this opportunity for you to let the seed of this Lenten prayer, fasting, and alms giving be fruitful through liturgies and ceremonies. Let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in.

As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant companion on our journey, May we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

Every blessings,  
Joson Antony, MCBS



### Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 3pm Passion

Easter Vigil Saturday 6pm

Easter Sunday 7am and 9am



Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by this weekend so they can be brought to the altar on the Holy Thursday. Please place them in the collection box at the front of the altar.



## **COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS**

<b>ALL SAINTS SOCIAL:</b>	March 23, 2.30-4.30pm
<b>YOUTH GROUP:</b>	March 23, 5.00pm Mass
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>	March 24, 9am Mass
<b>STATIONS' REHEARSALS:</b>	March 24, 29
<b>INTERCESSORY PRAYER:</b>	March 25, 9.30am
<b>3G &amp; 1R BUDDY MASS:</b>	March 27, 9.00am
<b>MEN CONNECT:</b>	March 27, 7.30pm
<b>MEDITATION:</b>	March 28, 9.30am
<b>HOLY THURSDAY:</b>	March 28, 7pm
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS:</b>	March 29, 10am
<b>THE LORD'S PASSION:</b>	March 29, 3pm
<b>GROUNDS WORKING BEE:</b>	March 30, 7.45am
<b>EASTER VIGIL:</b>	March 30, 6pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY:</b>	March 31, 7am & 9am
<b>CHURCH WORKING BEE:</b>	April 1, 10am
<b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:</b>	April 8, 1.30pm
<b>PLAYGROUP:</b>	April, 12-11.30am
<b>FAMILY MASS/RITE OF WELCOME:</b>	April 14, 9am

### Please note:

- ♦ **NO 9am Mass on Holy Thursday, 28 March.**
- ♦ **Parish Office will be closed on 29 March (Good Friday), 1 April (Easter Monday) and 2 April (Easter Tuesday)**
- ♦ **There will be NO Daily Mass/Communion Service from 1 April to 5 April.**
- ♦ **Church carpet replaced 2 –10 April.**
- ♦ **Next healing Mass: Wednesday, 10 April, 9am**



**Can you help at 10am on Easter Monday, 1 April to clear out the church for the carpet installation?**

Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

### **What is the Triduum?**

The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal. Again people depart in silence, with a sense of 'unfinished business.' We gather in silence around the fire at the Easter Vigil before entering the church to celebrate the story of our salvation, welcoming new disciples, and celebrating eucharist before the joyful dismal: "Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia." We are Easter people; people of hope and joy and our life of discipleship begins anew. Alleluia!

### **Holy Thursday, 28 March, 7pm**

Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or three days. It celebrates the institution of the Eucharist, and the sacrament of the priesthood. After Holy Thursday, no Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil. Adoration, where we remain in the presence of the eucharistic Christ, follows Mass.

### **Stations of the Cross-Good Friday, 29 March, 10am**

Whilst not strictly part of the Triduum, this is a popular devotion on Good Friday morning. We gather to pray and experience each step on Jesus' journey to Golgotha, and take our place in his rejection and death. At All Saints, our young people dramatise each station, adding a powerful visual to our prayer.

### **The Solemn Ceremonies of the Lord's Passion— Good Friday, 29 March, 3pm**

The focus is the passion, crucifixion and death of Jesus. However, this is not an historical re-enactment. We are drawn into the paschal mystery in the present through the proclamation of John's gospel, the general intercessions, veneration of the cross and holy communion, so that it becomes part of our daily lives. This is not a Mass, so Eucharist which was placed in the tabernacle on Holy Thursday is distributed.

**The annual collection for the Holy Land** takes place as we leave the church. This money supports missionary, education, health, social welfare and the Holy Sites. Our help is needed more than ever in the land where Jesus lived.

### **Easter Vigil—Saturday, 30 March, 6pm Easter Sunday, 31 March, 7am & 9am**

This is our night of night! We come together on this night to 'remember, celebrate and believe' the dying and rising of Jesus – the paschal mystery in which we share by baptism and eucharist. Rich in symbol, story and sacrament this Mass leads us from darkness into the light of the risen Christ. Yes, it's longer than a normal Mass, but O, the beauty and the blessings are boundless! The celebration continues on Easter Day as we begin the seven week long Easter Season, ending with Pentecost.



All Saints school students have organised an Easter Raffle and will be selling tickets after Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each and all money is being donated to Project Compassion. They would love our support.

Since I am completing 10 years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Archdiocese has offered me sabbatical leave. On sabbatical, I will be re-joining my congregation in India to reconnect and to visit my communities and institutions. I will also be attaching my holidays to my sabbatical. I will be away from June through to September and during this time, Fr. Wrex Woolnough (Archdiocesan priest) will be supporting All Saints with ministries. Fr Joson

### **Discipleship in Action**

Thanks to Tony C for harvesting the olive branches to be used on Palm Sunday. Thanks also to all who brought palm branches for waving and decorating. We are SO grateful!

### **DISCIPLE SHEET PONDERINGS:**

In Lent we promise to try to pray, give and fast more. Tell how you have done this and what it was like.

- \* This Lent I have given up fighting with my brother. I felt that doing that was hard.
- \* I gave up technology and I feel good!
- \* Being extra kind and doing extra jobs to help others. I've prayed everyday.



### **All Saints Four Pillars of Missionary Discipleship**

The Church teaches that there are 4 ways we live and grow as disciples:

1. **WORD**-Listening to God's Word & Church teachings
2. **WORSHIP**-Worshipping by coming to Mass
3. **WELCOME** -Being with other people in our parish community
4. **WITNESS**- Witnessing through service with the community

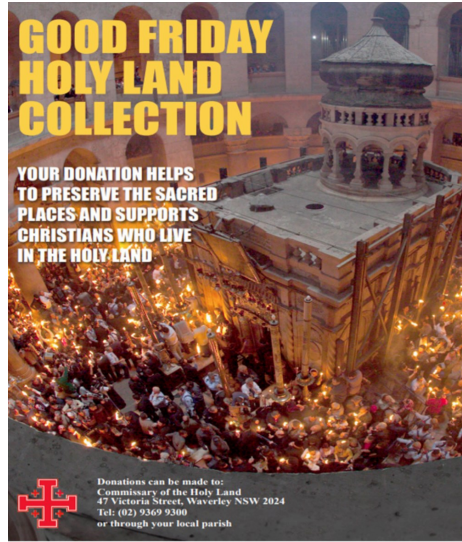
All of these take place at Mass and regular Mass attendance is at the heart of being a missionary disciple.

*We are so glad to be on this journey with you!*

**HOLY LAND APPEAL— GOOD FRIDAY.**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 29 March**. This provides assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Father's Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked. **Please give generously.**



**All Saints Social— Saturday, 23 March- 2:30- 4:30pm**



**Looking for something to do this Saturday?**

We look forward to seeing you! Join us for games, a cuppa or a chat!  
RSVP: [cm\\_reynolds@bigpond.com](mailto:cm_reynolds@bigpond.com)

*All Saints wishes to congratulate Karen & Michael who were married here at All Saints last weekend. May God bless you both. Congratulations!*



**Piety Stall:** Come and have a look. Cards, gifts & more! If there is something you are chasing please ask and we will do our best to source it for you.

**Caritas Australia** Sixth Sunday of Lent— **PALM SUNDAY** 23 - 24 March

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.



**Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for **all future generations.**



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

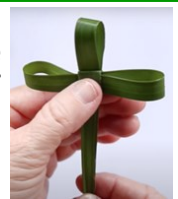


**HOLY WATER**

You are welcome to bring a small bottle and take home some Holy Water which was blessed at the Easter Vigil.

**Palm Crosses**

The kids at The Well, and other parishioners, made palm crosses as a gift for this weekend. God bless you all!



**Playgroup Update**

Please note there will be no Playgroup for the next 2 weeks, due to school holidays. Playgroup will resume Friday, 12 April at 10am.

**Ground Maintenance & Working Bees**

**Next Working Bee: Saturday, 30 March, 7.45am**  
Any enquires & updates please contact:  
Paul Hayes 0401 333 549

**A vocation view: Palm Sunday of the PASSION of the LORD**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord. Scan the QR code to find out more, or call

1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)



**COMPASS** Join us to examine the Biblical principles applying to money and possessions. Over 2500 Catholic Ministries verses and half of the parables deal with these

topics. The lessons change worldly attitudes about money and will provide a direct link between daily life and your faith. God cares for all areas of your life, even how you handle your money. The Faith and Money Matters Study runs for 8 weeks and start on Wednesday mornings, 10th April at 8am to 10am. Please contact Oriano Giammichele for more details. 0414562148.

**All Saints Parish Finance Council**  
Our deepest gratitude to so many parishioners who are contributing financially to support our parish mission.



There are many ways to contribute:

- ◆ **Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver** – the weekend Mass collection plate
- ◆ **Our \$10 Tap N Go** box in the Church
- ◆ **The Parish Giving App** is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one-off giving. To download the App on to your mobile phone or device, <http://www.allsaintsparish.com.au/parishgiving.htm>
- ◆ **Direct Debit:** You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account:  
**PLEASE NOTE NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER IF YOU COULD PLEASE USE BSB 064786; Acc No. 100012687** - Ref your name.

The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically)

**Once again a huge thank you for your continued support.**  
**All Saints Parish Finance Council**



**Dear Jesus, we pray for the sick members of our parish family:** Fr Ron, Carmelina V, Paula G, Jo-Ellen S, Jen H, Elizabeth L, Eva K, Jordan M, Carissa, Wendy R, Susan B, Margaret H, Elsie M, Annie S. **We pray for the recently deceased:** Michael Hart, Jan Russell, Lynette Smith **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gaetano La Rosa, Patrick Scott, Bryan Draper, Harry Miller, Julia Fox, Reginald Treston, Pat Strickland, Robert Lewis, Agnes Breen, Matthew Shinnars, Isobel & Sam Milfull. **May they rest in peace.**

Prayer requests will be published for two weeks only as we have many requests. If you are submitting a Holy Mass Offering envelope, please indicate whether you would like your intention published in the newsletter.

**Readings for Sunday**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

*The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

**Second Reading:** 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:** Mark 15:1-39

**WEEKEND ROSTERS**

	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.00am	Sunday 9.00am
<b>23-24 MARCH 2024</b>			
<b>CM</b>	Grace P-P Geraldine B-C Jill G-C	Rita D-P Anna W-C Cheryl G-C <b>C= Cup</b> <b>P= Plate</b>	Jess M-P Marie-Ann V-P Gina V-C Lyn M-C Amrita M-C
<b>R</b>	Naomi D Georgia M	Kaye F Donna J	Mike W Trish T
<b>W/M</b>	Cindy C Chris H	Michelle M	Arthur D Shirley D

**Church Cleaning:** Gabrielle C, Zerlene F, Claire

**30-31 MARCH 2024**

<b>CM</b>	Geraldine B-C Paul H-C Trish T-C Shirley S-P TBA	Rita D-P Anna W-C TBA-C <b>C= Cup</b> <b>P= Plate</b>	Judy M-P Tony D-C TBA TBA TBA
<b>R</b>	TBA TBA	Cheryl O'R Donna J	Anne G Paula G
<b>W/M</b>	Margaret R	Kaye F	TBA TBA

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**BIBLE JOTTINGS**

Today is Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of the Lenten Season and the beginning of Holy Week. The liturgy is the most meaningful and stirring of Lent. The reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ from one of the four Gospels is a beautiful ceremony. The celebration of Palm Sunday with a procession around holy places probably originated in the Churches of Jerusalem, sometime before the third or fourth century C.E. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds hailed him as the Messiah, waving palm leaves which they spread out in his path. The event is commemorated and told in all four gospels (Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12). The significance of Jesus riding a donkey and having his way paved with palm branches is in fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9). In biblical times, the custom called for kings and nobles arriving in procession, to ride on the back of a donkey. The donkey was a symbol of peace; those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions. The laying of palm branches indicated that the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph. The crowds that went ahead of Jesus, and those that followed, shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt.21:9) When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matthew 21:1-3, 6-11) The people rushed to meet Him because of His miracles and fame. Palm Sunday is the great reminder of the events surrounding Jesus' death, but also heralds his glorification when we rejoice at his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We warmly welcome you and your family. A Special Welcome to Families with Children. If you have recently moved into this area and would like to join with the parish, we would like to meet you. Please contact the parish office/email us/ speak to one of us. **Thank You!**

**Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility**

- Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.
- Respond promptly & effectively to abuse concerns & complaints.
- Safeguard all involved in our activities, ministries & services.
- Prioritise the safety & well-being of children & adults-at-risk.

**Safeguarding Commitment**

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