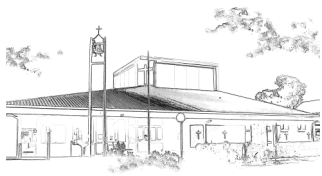


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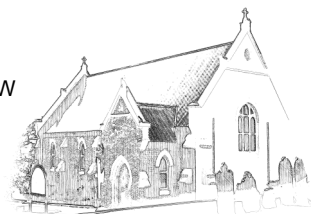
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year C 12/13 April 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. John 12:1, 12-13

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is the king of glory? He, the lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

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: Philippians 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!

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 26:42

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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have give us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit it, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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The Holy Week

Today, we are moving into the Holy Week: the most solemn and sacred week in the liturgical year of the Church. Today, we have two contrasting realities to meditate on: the Messianic-kingly procession of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the certainty of suffering and death in the days to follow. It is an abrupt passage from suffering to victory and glory. Those who followed Jesus with political ambitions probably thought, "Finally, he is moving towards becoming a king." Only his mother and Jesus himself knew that finally 'the hour' had come; the hour for Him to die and rise again to new life like the wheat grain.

In God's plan, every victorious soul still bears the marks of the struggles that one endured through the battle. These marks are not stains or blemishes that resurrection cannot erase; they are reminders that our road to victory is also marked with pain, suffering and death. We would have preferred a way that would not take us through suffering, pain and doubt, because we are often struck and crushed by waves of depression, illnesses, or the departure of those whom we love. But this is the path Jesus modelled for us. Like the Holy Week, our path of discipleship is paved with many moments of suffering and confusion. As difficult as that model is, the minute we accept it, there is good news; there is hope.

Today, the Church is inviting us to walk with Jesus, starting at Bethphage, to accompany Him into the city, and to follow Him all the way with the hope of arriving at His glorious resurrection. Let us experience the life of Christ deeper by our sincere participation in the sacred liturgies of the Holy Week.

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Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday 7pm. Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Altar of Repose until 10:30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: Richmond 10am followed by Reconciliation

Kurrajong 10am followed by Reconciliation

Richmond 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (no Reconciliation after)

Holy Saturday 7pm Easter Vigil

No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday Richmond 7:30am, 9:30am and 5:30pm

Kurrajong 8am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caritas Project Compassion: Please return your boxes & envelopes by Holy Thursday. Thank you.

Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday:

A collection for the upkeep of the holy sites in Jerusalem will be collected as you leave the Church following the Stations, 10am both Mass centres and the celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm St Monica's. Thank you for your contribution.

Please note there is no Mass at Kurrajong on Holy Saturday.

You are invited to share light refreshments following the Easter Vigil. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

Reconciliation will be available this Wednesday, during the Adoration following 9am Mass. Please note there will be no reconciliation on Holy Saturday, nor on Good Friday following the Passion of the Lord.

RCIA group will spend a short time in prayer on Holy Saturday morning at 10am to prepare for the Easter Vigil, if you would like to join us all are welcome.

Mark the date: 22nd-24th May Pre-loved Book Sale. Donations of books will be received from Monday 5th May in the Old Church..

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Friday 18 April Good Friday.**
- **Sunday 20 April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.**

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

You are invited to Morning tea on Sunday 27th April following 9.30am Mass at Richmond. If you are able please bring something to share, it would be most appreciated. This will be an opportunity to thank Fr Shinto and wish him well in his new role as Parish Priest.

Catholic Outlook magazine is in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today.

ANZAC Day Mass 9am at Richmond. This year Anzac Day falls within the Octave of Easter. The Readings will be those of the Friday within the Octave of Easter. A commemoration will be held at the end of Mass. The local R.S.L. Club members will be attending Mass on Easter Monday 21st April as part of their remembrance. As is the custom, we would like to offer our visitors morning tea following the Mass and ask for assistance by bringing a plate. Thank you.

Sacraments News.

Confirmation Enrolment for 2025 is now CLOSED.

Please note Preparation classes begin from the 27th April.

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am,
9.30am, 5.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.00am

St Gregory's
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am
St John of God
No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
St Monica's:
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm.
St Gregory's:
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Mass
Second Friday of the month, 9am
at St Monica's or by arrangement
with the priests

Baptism

By appointment only.
St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays
at 11am.
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am
Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum
of 6 months notice is required. All
enquiries please email:
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 14/05/2025

PFC - TBA

Time at 7pm.

**Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church foyers
& parish website**

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:

If interested in having a loved one remembered in the Parish Memorial Garden please print on an envelope, the name of the person/s, also the name & phone number of the person placing the order.

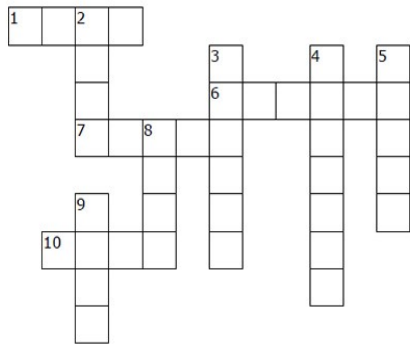
To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**



A "Rock Concert"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:40 (NIV)

Based on Luke 19:28-40



ACROSS

- 1. A male ruler of a country
- 6. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
- 7. To go into a place
- 10. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

DOWN

- 2. What a person is called
- 3. To stretch out over a large area
- 4. A small town
- 5. The Son of God
- 8. Secured with a piece of rope
- 9. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year

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... and those we remember at this time:

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 12th May in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

Topic: Trusting & surrendering to God.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Friday 25th April

Venue: The Emmaus Room at 7pm.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

Rosary

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday excluding school holidays during 9.30am Mass at St Monica's

Parish Morning Tea

After 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday of the month at St Monica's & every second Sunday of the month at St Gregory's after 8am Mass

Body of Christ Prayer Group

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome.
1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

Table Tennis fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

Benediction & Mass

St Monica's: Every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
St Gregory's: Every 1st Saturday after 9am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's: Wed after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.

Monthly Special Blessings.

Marriage Anniversaries - Every 2nd Sundays of the month.
Birthdays - Every 4th Sundays of the month.



St Monica's



Please refer to the special Easter Rosters already circulated to find out the Holy Week Roaster both at St Monica's and at St Gregory's.

WEEKDAY ROASTER (April 14-16)

Monday 14 April 2025

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 16 April 2025

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

19/20 April 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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