

# **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with us**

## **PALM SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March – 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 9.00 am**

## **THURSDAY 1st APRIL**

**7.30 pm – Mass of the Last Supper**

## **FRIDAY 2nd APRIL**

**10.00 am – Stations of the Cross**

**3.00 pm – Solemn Celebration  
of the Lord's Passion**

## **SATURDAY 3rd APRIL**

**7.30 pm – Easter Vigil**

**(including lighting of the Easter fire)**

## **SUNDAY 4th APRIL**

**9.00 am – Easter Mass**



**Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BPMDU](http://www.trybooking.com/BPMDU)**

### **HOLY WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT**

Thankfully, we will be able to celebrate our Holy Week liturgies at Holy Spirit this year, although they will be a bit different to those of the past.

As we are still under strict Covid guidelines and our numbers are restricted, we have reintroduced the TryBooking system for Holy Week & Easter. Go to: [www.trybooking.com/BPMDU](http://www.trybooking.com/BPMDU) and select the services you would like to attend. Please remember to confirm your booking by clicking "Purchase". NB: there is no charge, but you still have to click on Purchase before continuing the booking process. Bookings are now open. If you need assistance with booking, please contact the Parish Office on 9876 3077 or 9876 3717.

Should there be "walk ups" at any of the services and no seats are available inside the church, there will be the option of sitting/standing outside on the asphalt (at 1.5 meter distancing!)

For the celebration of Holy Week, the Archdiocese has suggested that media coverage of the celebrations presided over by the Bishop be facilitated, encouraging the faithful who are unable to attend their own church to follow the diocesan celebrations as a sign of unity. The following Masses will be televised on C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed live from St Patrick's Cathedral: [www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)  
Palm Sunday (28 March), 11am; Holy Thursday (1 April), 7.30pm; Good Friday (2 April), 3pm;  
Easter Vigil (3 April), 7.30pm; Easter Sunday (4 April), 11am



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**There will be a Combined Parishes Forgiveness Service  
on Wednesday 31st March**

**at St Anne's, Park Orchards at 7:30pm.**

**Fr Arsenio will be available to hear Individual Confessions  
in the Holy Spirit Chapel on  
Saturday 27th March from 10am - 11am.**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

We will need assistance with each of the Holy Week & Easter services, so if you are available, please add your name to the sign up sheet and a member of the Liturgy team will be in touch.

We need you to bring your own olive branches/ cypress/ palms for Palm Sunday.

If you would like to assist with the set up on Saturday 27th March, the Liturgy Team will be there from 8:30am. The setup should take an hour or so.

As we change the environment for each of the liturgies, we will also need help on Good Friday at 8am and Easter Saturday at 8:30am. Any assistance will be very much appreciated!

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Trusting in God's faithful and reassuring love for us, let us bring our prayers before Him confident that they will be heard.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are pushed to the edges of society and whose value and potential are not recognised; that their silenced voices may be raised in hope.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For the whole Christian community; that our faith in the power of Christ's life, death and resurrection may fill us with new and lasting hope as we face the daily reality of our own human frailty. **LORD HEAR US.**

For all medical personnel, police, emergency workers and counsellors, whose daily work brings them face to face with the sadness and grief of death; that the loving hand of God will strengthen them in their respectful service of all those they assist. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers throughout the world who are denied their basic human rights. May we stand in solidarity as a global community, working courageously to promote justice and uphold the dignity of all people. **LORD HEAR US.**

Dear Lord. We ask you to send the Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds of all those taking part in the Alpha online programme that is being run on Sunday nights. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently, Sr Mary Kelly and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Anthony Doensen, Rosemary Jolly, Caleb D'Alberto, Betty Howgate, Joe Fonteio, Margaret Purchase, Roy McWade, Ross O'Donald, Neil Hogan, Alicia Estevez and Griffen Barlett. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. **LORD HEAR US.**

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**



## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31.31-34

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and remember their sin no more.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

**31** The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**32** It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to bring them out of the land of Egypt—  
a covenant that they broke,  
though I was their husband,  
says the Lord.

**33** But this is the covenant  
that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,  
says the Lord:  
I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**34** No longer shall they teach one another,  
or say to each other, "Know the Lord,"  
for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;  
for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more.  
Let him go up."

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51.1-2, 10-11, 12-13 (R.10)

**R.** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

**10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**11** Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **R.**

**12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Hebrews 5.7-9

*Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

7 In the days of his flesh,  
Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,  
with loud cries and tears,  
to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverent submission.  
8 Although he was a Son,  
he learned obedience through what he suffered;  
9 and having been made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

John 12:20

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

## G O S P E L

John 12.20-33

*If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.  
21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,  
“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”  
22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.  
23 Jesus answered them,  
“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
24 Very truly, I tell you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.  
25 Those who love their life lose it,  
and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.  
26 “Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.  
27 “Now my soul is troubled.  
And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’?  
No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.  
28 Father, glorify your name.”  
Then a voice came from heaven,  
“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”  
29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.  
Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”  
30 Jesus answered,  
“This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.  
31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.  
32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”  
33 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



The gospel of the Lord.