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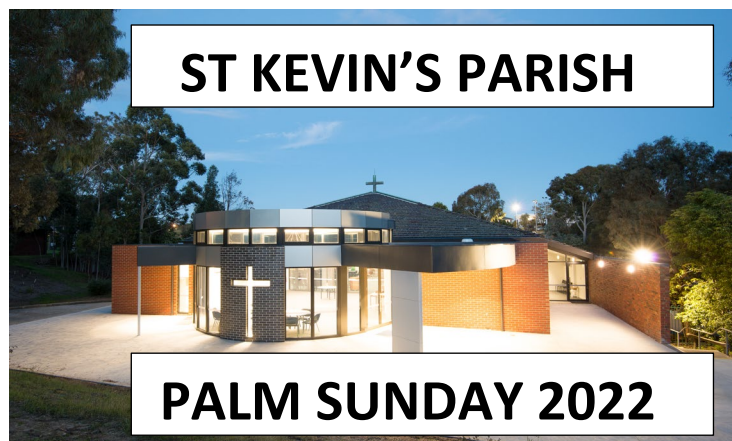
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Holy Week is upon us as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

During this week we are asked to walk through the events of Jesus' last days. We are asked to relive those days in something like real time but every element linked to the tomb—until Saturday night. We start the with Jesus' "Triumphal" entry into Jerusalem but we link that immediately to the rest of the week by ending our Passion Sunday 'in the tomb'. We celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist on Thursday but we end that glory with our main tabernacle empty, waiting. We journey through the Passion of the Lord on Friday and again end in the tomb. We do nothing on Saturday: we are in the tomb.

Then ... the resurrection in all its glory and simplicity and complexity.

All our other celebrations are one-day events.: Christmas, Pentecost, major solemnities: one day each. The passion, death and resurrection gets a week. Because it is central to understanding God's love for us. There are two important reasons for this week long celebration. One is because the events happened over a week (approximately).

The other is because this week is central to who we are. In this week we delve into what it truly means to be Christian, to be followers of Christ, to be disciples of Christ.

All through his ministry Jesus keeps telling people not to tell others who he is: he does this because until we experience this Holy Week, the week of Passion and Death we won't really understand the true nature of the Messiah, of God with us, and so we won't understand what it means to be his disciples.

This week, please, enter into the journey. Spend time each day reflecting on how the Passion and Death of Jesus enters into your life.

- How can I celebrate the Kingship of Jesus—how can I journey alongside him into Jerusalem and seek to understand the power and glory that is Jesus', remembering the Transfiguration.
- How can I reflect on and enter into the two wonderful elements of the Last Supper: the institution of the Eucharist and the challenge to be completely at the service of the will of the Father, as Jesus is at service to the Father and to us.
- How can I/we enter into the Passion of Jesus—not to punish ourselves but to see again how responsible I/we are for imposing suffering
- How can I enter the tomb—how can I just 'be quiet' and allow time for God's love and God's Word, and God's will for me and for us to become evident.

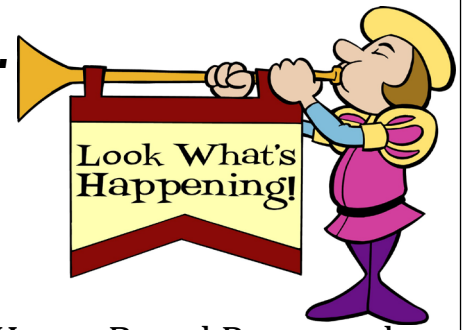
This last element is the one I find most difficult because it is about allowing space for ... nothing. To allow for the 'space that isn't space' the 'time that isn't time' that comes between physical death and resurrection. Allowing for God to work in us.

As a people of God we are coming out of Covid-19 and entering into a different world. Not just a world of post-pandemic but also a world that is suffering from the growing effects of the extremes resulting from changes in climate and the seeming increase violence in the home and in the international sphere.

How do we respond? We need this time of Holy Week, each of us, to once again enter into the truth that God loves us completely, so completely that he sent us his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to show us how to respond to the demands of the world around us. Please journey with me this Holy Week. *Fr Charles*

What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Christian Meditation in Parish House Board Room and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Mass with the Washing of Feet
Friday	3.00pm	Good Friday Passion of our Lord
Saturday	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Easter Masses



Holy Thursday this year is Thursday, 14th April. Our hard-working Liturgy Team is seeking volunteers to have their feet washed/wash feet at this Mass. Interested? Then please contact Izabella Fantin via email: mifantin@bigpond.net.au At the heart of service is mutuality: we learn from those we teach and are healed by those we tend.



The next batch of Thanksgiving Envelopes are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please make sure you collect yours before leaving today. A special 'thank you' to Peter Norman who diligently organises these envelopes.

If you would prefer to contribute electronically, please see the link in our website entitled "St Kevin's Secure CDF Pay" and simply follow the prompts.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2022

- 14th April: **Holy Thursday** Mass at 7.30pm (with Fr Chris Monaghan) followed by prayer at the "Altar of Repose" in the Chapel until 10.00pm. "Come and watch with me" – is this Jesus to you?
- 15th April: **Good Friday** – Stations of the Cross @ 10am – St Gregory the Great – Passion of our Lord @ 3pm – St Greg's and St Kevin's
- 16th April: **Easter Vigil** Masses @ 6.30pm – St Greg's 8.30pm – St Kevin's
- 17th April: **Easter Sunday** Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



Some Palm Sunday Reflections...

1. To me Palm Sunday is
 - a. The last Sunday before Easter
 - b. Palm branches that will be in my house all year
 - c. The beginning of Holy Week
 - d. Full of childhood memories
 - e. A mixture of triumph and defeat
 - f. Just another Sunday.
2. I find the first reading
 - a. Describes me when I'm in a tough spot
 - b. Is too passive to describe me
 - c. Describes what I would like to be
 - d. Is hard for me to understand.
3. The idea from the second reading which most impresses me is
 - a. Jesus putting aside his position as God
 - b. The willingness of Jesus to accept death
 - c. Jesus being raised up after his death.

LITURGY ROSTER

Palm Sunday – 9/10th April 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 50: 4-7 2nd Read: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Luke 23: 1-49

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	TBA
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Kirsten Collins	TBA
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Mishika Perera	TBA

Thank you to our wonderful team of Volunteers who constantly give of their time and talent, especially during our Easter Ceremonies.
You have been contacted with your allotted task. Thank you once again.

We pray for Better Health: Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Mike Westbrook, Jill Hodson, Fiona Watson, Jan Dalton, Ella Dunn and Richard Ryan.

Anniversaries: Rita Skubal, Rita Farrella, Wilma Barrow, Diane Hubbard, Mary Collins, Greg Ireland, Ennio Raiola and Denise Rogers
Recently Deceased: Tyson Maffei



Holy Week

The most important week in the Church's year!

Reflecting on the Triduum

Holy Thursday commemorates the sign of service that Jesus gave us on that night of the Last Supper. He who came not to be served but to serve is our master who set an example for us. If the master served, we too must serve. Service is a constitutive element of following the one who served to the point of giving his life.

On **Good Friday** we witness the cross; there is no eucharistic prayer, but only a significant Liturgy of the Word followed by Communion. As Christians have done for centuries, we pray for the world and for many other things. The prayers of intercession are accompanied by dramatic action and even movement. This day is unlike any other, and we leave the service in silence, alone with our thoughts.

After sunset on **Saturday** it's as though we cannot contain the Easter joy we know will be ours and we celebrate the resurrection.

The **Triduum** is too much for one liturgy or even one day. We are given three days to enter into this profound ancient mystery. Let's give ourselves the gift of not only preparing others for this experience, but undergoing it ourselves too.

For information on our Parish
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St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

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

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!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

PALM SUNDAY

First Reading

Is 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

Second Reading

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

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

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Volunteers and ChildSafe Requirements All of us who participate in parish life, helping with any ministry, must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and must sign a Code of Conduct statement. Please check your WWCC card to see it is current and also whether you have signed the Code of Conduct. Please also with your WWCC go into your MyCheck account and ensure you have listed all your volunteer organisations including this parish. Please check with the parish office to ensure your records are up-to-date and that all documentation has been submitted. We are needing to care for our children in today's world and must follow Archdiocesan directives.