



Welcome to

# Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Mt Pritchard



Together as one in Faith

Under the Pastoral Care of the Scalabrinian Fathers

Year B

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 24th March, 2024

### Parish Priest

Fr Anthony Fregolent, CS

### Assistant Priests

Fr John Mello, CS; Fr Delmar Silva, CS;

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### Mass Times

#### Weekday:

Monday to Friday 9.15am

in English

Saturday 8am

#### Weekend:

Saturday: Vigil 5pm; 7pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am (Italian),

10.30am, 12pm (Spanish)

4pm (Vietnamese), 5.30pm

### Daily Devotions

8.45am Mon, Tues & Thursday: Rosary

8.45am Wednesday: Novena

8.45am Friday: Divine Mercy Chaplet

8.30am Saturday: Devotional prayer

7.30am 1st Sat. of month: Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm-5pm in the Church

### Baptism:

Celebrated on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

of the month at 2pm and every Saturday

at 11am. Attendance at a Baptism

Preparation Evening is compulsory.

### Marriage:

Wedding arrangements must be made at

least six months in advance. Attendance

at a Pre-Marriage Course is encouraged.

### Anointing of the Sick:

We are pleased to administer Sacrament of the Sick to those in need.

The Eucharist will also be brought to

those who are ill or housebound.

OLMC Parish School: 9610 2371

Principal: Michelle McKinnon



In fulfilment of prophecy, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowds lined the street shouting “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

They placed palm branches and robes in front of Jesus.

This was particularly disturbing to the religious leaders

who were jealous of Jesus. They demanded that Jesus

silence the crowd, but he responded that even if the crowd were silent, the

stones would cry out.

### The events of the next week would forever change the world.

Jesus entered Jerusalem and the crowd welcomed him as a king. By the end of

the week they were demanding his death. His followers abandoned him in fear.

None of his close followers had really understood the events of Palm Sunday and

Holy Week until after Jesus returned. They had all expected Jesus to be an

earthly king, but God had given them something so much better – an open door

into a Kingdom that would never end.

### Thanksgiving Prayer:

Jesus Christ, we come before You with thanksgiving as we celebrate Palm

Sunday. It's the day we commemorate Your entry into Jerusalem on a mission

to pay for our sins and to give us eternal life. You knew the anguish awaiting

You, and yet You proceeded so that Your Father's will would be fulfilled. Your

love and obedience saved us, and now we are the children of God. Amen

### Good Friday Collection



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 29th March.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas

such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of

Jesus.

Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling.

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges

financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as

generous as possible, with their financial support as well as their spiritual support.

Parishioners are asked to remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good

Friday.

Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of

Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

## Thank You



A very special 'thank you' to Mr Paul Le of Guildford Hot Bread

Shop who has once again so generously donated his freshly

made, delicious hot cross buns to the Parish.

We are truly grateful for the support and kindness shown by Mr Le to our Parish.

*Please do not replace this bulletin—take it home with you.*

## Thursday of the Lord's Supper



There are a variety of events that are clustered on this last day before Jesus was arrested. These include the last meal together, which was a Passover meal, the institution of the Eucharist, the washing of the disciples feet by Jesus, the betrayal by Judas and Jesus praying in Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep.

During the last few days, Jesus and His disciples had steadily journeyed from Galilee toward Jerusalem. On the sunlit hillsides of Galilee, Jesus was popular, the crowds were friendly and the future was bright. Even his entry into Jerusalem had been marked by a joyous welcome. But in Jerusalem there was a growing darkness as the crowds began to draw back from the man who spoke of commitment and servanthood. There was an ominous tone in the murmuring of the Sadducees and Pharisees who were threatened by the new future Jesus proclaimed.

Even as Jesus and his disciples came together to share their pass over meal, they already stood in the shadow of the cross. It was later that night, after the meal, as Jesus and His disciples were praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, that Jesus was arrested and taken to the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest. On Friday He would die.



**Friday of the Passion of the Lord commemorates not just a historical event but the sacrificial death of Jesus.**

The Jewish high priests and elders of the Sanhedrin accused Jesus of blasphemy, arriving at the decision to put him to death. As was common, Jesus was publicly scourged before his crucifixion. He was mocked, spat on and a prickly crown of thorns was placed on his head. Too weak to carry his cross, Simon of Cyrene carried it for him. He was led to Golgotha where he would be crucified. Stake-like nails were driven through his wrists and ankles, fastening him to the cross where he was crucified between two convicted criminals.

It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, the sun stopped shining. Darkness came over the whole land till 6 o'clock. Jesus called out with a loud voice. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." After saying this, he died. A Roman guard, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was the Son of God." Some people believed, some went away angry but many were fearful, including Jesus' followers.

Jesus was wrapped in a long cloth and placed in a tomb. Some of the religious leaders who didn't like Jesus remembered that Jesus had said that He would rise from the dead. They were afraid that it would come true so they persuaded the governor to seal the tomb and station guards outside. They wanted to ensure that Jesus' body was not removed from the tomb, even though a big stone had already been rolled in front of the entrance.

## MINISTERS' ROSTERS 31st March

### ACOLYTES

7.00pm P. Harrop  
7.30am J. Pratt  
10.30am P. Duong  
5.30pm J. Vu

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

7.00pm Easter volunteers  
7.30am " "  
10.30am " "  
5.30pm " "

### LECTORS

7.00pm Easter volunteers  
7.30am N. Sacca, A. Chetcuti, T. Pham  
10.30am M. Isaako  
5.30pm A. Farrell, M. Vu

### MUSICIANS

7.00pm Parish Choir  
7.30am John Betsey  
10.30am Moore Family  
5.30pm Samoan family

### ALTAR LINEN

E. Simonetti

### CHURCH CLEANING

Group 1: R. Lo Bianco

### PIETY STAND

7.00pm A. Clemente  
7.30am F. Muir  
10.30am Unrostered  
5.30pm Unrostered

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him among themselves in the same way.

'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

### All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

## Lord, We Pray Welcome Home Those Who Have Died

**Monday 25th** Giuseppe Care, Caterina Foti  
**Tuesday 26th** Vincenzo Care, Rocco Care  
**Wednesday 27th** Laurie Higgins, **Pray for:** all sick parishioners  
**Thursday 28th** Vincenzo and Vincenza Colagiuri  
**Friday 29th** Domonic John Toomey  
**Saturday 30th** **Pray for:** a fruitful preparation to Easter

**Recently deceased:** Angela Jaworski, Rosina Vartuli, Emidio Alfonsi, Christina Zulic, Saverio Tramontana, Nino Tagliavento,

**Anniversary:** Giuseppe Care, Domonic John Toomey, Caterina Foti

**Deceased:** Laurie Higgins, Vincenzo Care, Rocco Care, Vincenzo and Vincenza Colagiuri,

**IN YOUR LOVE AND CONCERN PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Pray for:** all sick parishioners, a fruitful preparation to Easter

In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or next of kin. Specify on Mass Envelope your intentions to include person's name in Bulletin or call the Parish Office on 9610 1025.

## Sunday Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will re-start at the 10.30am Sunday Mass in the second school term.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Gospel** *Mark 11:1-10*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

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.

**The Word of the Lord**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24*

**(R) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend. (R)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R)

**Second Reading** *Philippians 2:6-11*  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

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.

**The Word of the Lord**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**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 (shorter form)** *Mark 15:1-39*  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to

Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked

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# Youth Group News

## Stations of the Cross Re-enactment

Parishioners are invited to attend a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross by the Youth Group on Friday 29th March at 10am.

## Easter Sunday—Youth Mass

The 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday will be a Youth Mass. All young people of the parish are encouraged to come to this Mass. Following Mass, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the younger children.

## Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets for Easter Egg Raffle organised by school and parish will be on sale this weekend and 30/31st March after all Masses. Raffle drawn on Tuesday 2nd April. Tickets are \$1 each.

Proceeds will be divided between

- \* Remote Motor Ministry of the Sisters of Charity and
- \* Bursary Fund of the Scalabrini Fathers.



## Hartford College Scholarships

Hartford College is an independent Catholic school for boys which is offering academic scholarships for students going into years 5 to 9 in 2025.

The scholarships provide assistance to families of boys seeking a Catholic liberal arts education tailored to develop the whole person and attainment of academic excellence. Applications close by 30th June. To express interest call **9184 8840** or visit [hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au](http://hartfordcollege.nsw.edu.au).

## Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation

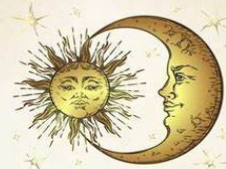
The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Parish for Easter will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm.

## Safeguarding requirements

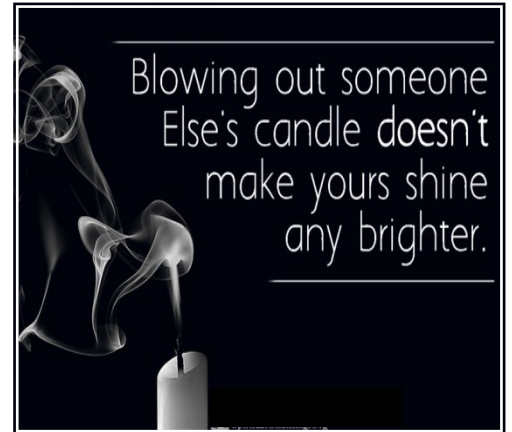
Church and civil legislation require volunteers engaged in activities that may have substantial contact with children and young people to be safeguarding compliant. This entails:

- acquiring a Working With Children (WWC) number for verification by the Parish. Renewed every 5 years.
- completing an approved safeguarding training course, with re-freshers every three years.
- signing a Code of Conduct Form.
- completing a Volunteer Registration Form.

SSSO's can provide assistance in any or all of these requirements.



Don't compare your life to others. There's no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it's their time.



Blowing out someone Else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter.

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