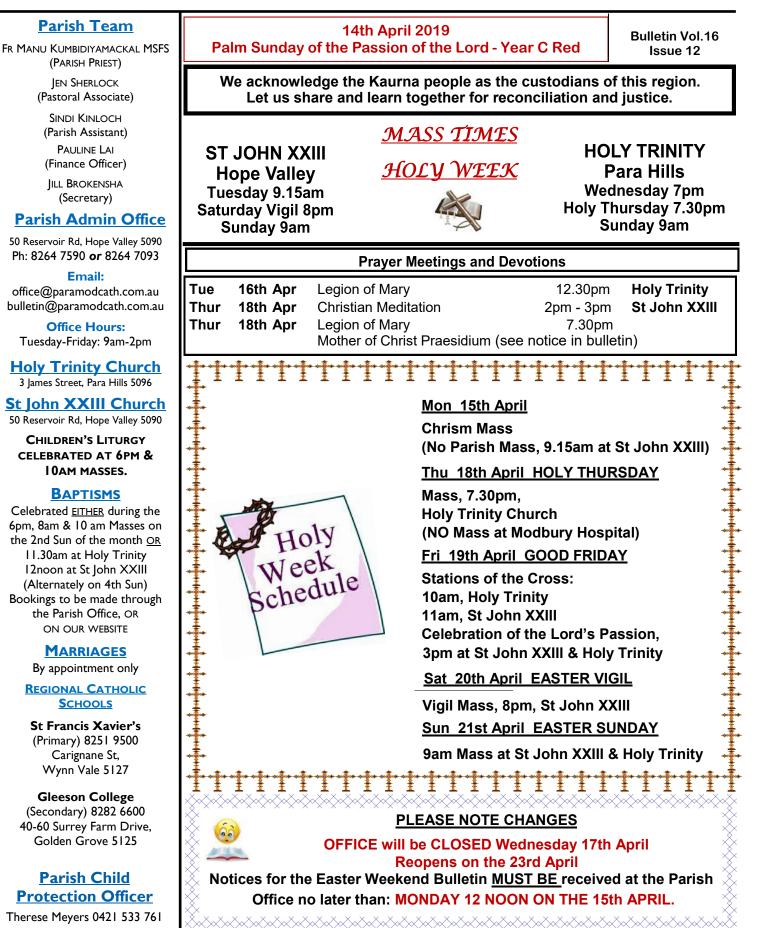


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Palm Sunday: The Beginning of the Holy Week

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. We must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. Two-and-a-half million people were normally present to celebrate the Jewish feast of the Passover. Jesus permitted such a royal procession for two reasons: First of all, to reveal to the general public that he was the promised Messiah, and secondly, to fulfil the prophecies of Zechariah (9:9): "Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion see now your King comes to you; he is victorious, triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey ... "), and Zephaniah (3:16-19): "Fear nor, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior ... He will ... renew you in His love ... I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts ... I will bring about their restoration." (The traditional "Palm Sunday Procession" at Jerusalem began in the fourth century AD when the Bishop of Jerusalem led the procession from the Mount of Olives to the Church of the Ascension). In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus. As we begin the celebration of the Holy Week with this Palm

Sunday celebrations, let us ask ourselves, are we ready to surrender our lives to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of our lives as Lord and Saviour, singing "Hosanna"? Let the palms that we receive and place in our homes remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life. Let us prioritise and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives.

Readings for 21st April 2019 1st Reading Acts 10:34. 37 - 43 2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel John 20:1 - 9

Our Community's Prayer Petitions <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS <u>ONLY</u> UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

Please Remember in your Prayers THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:

Sylvia Gisi, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Antoinette Pascale, Marg Dolman, Charlotte Fussell, Selena (Rose) Quinn, Phyllis Anthony, Pam Ridley, Reta Lockyer, Michael Pritchard, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce Mc Andie, Rosa Maria Santos, Sean Molloy, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Imelda Schulz, Maddison Calleja, Janice Forrester, Ray Zielonka, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Audrey Athayde, Marie Boulton, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy, Rita Robinson, Eileen Ryan, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Darcy Ridley, Marie Bakaj, Regan Barry, Dudley Dolman, Fr. Michael Walsh, Pat Feutrill, Paul Holmes, Michael Lochhead.

Recently Deceased

John Cherry, Monsignor Denis Edwards

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

19th Friday of the Passion of the Lord Day of Fast and Abstinence21st The Resurrection of the Lord

CHILDRENS PRAYER

Here I am beneath the sky and all alone in prayer; but I know God is listening, for God is everywhere. Amen



The Good Friday Collection Holy Places Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing

welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and

medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74

churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus, visited by millions of Catholics every year.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am - 1.00pm or www.vinnies.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Modbury Conference

Lord your timeless lesson sings out in the voice of constant waves, in the wind through the trees and in the harmonies of life. Wash clean our ears to hear you, make us listen now, for we need your great wisdom to assist us in our life. Amen.

Only one home visit requested last week; it's hard to put a finger on what each week will bring.

This week we would appreciate any donations of: margarine, canned fruit, canned corn and coffee.

In the meantime, St Francis Xavier School is conducting a clothing drive for the Vinnies warehouse/ shops.

It will greatly help if any or all of these items could be placed in the Vinnies' collection basket.

REACH OUT GROUP

Reader: Offertory: Altar Server: Leo N.

Tuesday 16th April, 2019 9.15am Mass at St John XXIII Barbara S. Margaret E. & Pat H. Communion: Jos H.& Pam R. **All Welcome**



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

Congratulations Collette Truman No. 93 Drawn by John McGee

Contact: Marg Dolman 8264 1317 to be included in the draw.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL BABIES

18th Michael Bock



Monday April 15, 6pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Blessing of the Oils is an annual event held in the week leading up to Easter. The Holy Oils are used in the celebration of sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and Anointing of the Sick, during the year. All welcome. NB there will be no onsite parking available for

this event.



HAPPV 80TH BIRTHDAV DENNIS WHITEHEAD





Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nouvet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia.

Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an

important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

or phoning 1800 024 413. The Caritas Australia Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for Lent are available for collection at the back of the Church.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

Mon 15th Apr Bowls 1pm St John XXIII Tue 16th Apr Reach Out 9.45am St John XXIII Wed 17th Apr Seniors Social Club 1pm Holy Trinity

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

A big thank you to the person who organised a load of garden mulch for our gardens, also to the volunteers who are spreading the mulch around the gardens.

Thank you to all the Parishioners who continue to bring their empty can and bottles for the Yellow Wheelie Bin. We hope to connect our second Water Tank to the Sheds before Winter arrives.

FATHER PETER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 28th April



A sign up sheet is available at the back of both churches for you to place your name to contribute with food and also to volunteer to clean up after the lunch. The Barbeque is from 11.30am until 2pm.

Please come and join in the Celebration.

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!

Easter Triduum

Our celebration of the events of Holy Week are a celebration of our commitment to the central event of our faith. On Holy Thursday, we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Christ's giving of himself at the Last Supper and in his death. Jesus' giving of himself is completed in the events of Good Friday, when he surrenders to the will of the Father. The events of Holy Week are connected with each other and come to fulfilment in the great feast of Easter, that all hope of Christians is illumined in the fact that Jesus is risen. We strongly encourage all members of our parish community to celebrate all three parts of the Triduum, beginning with Holy Thursday at Holy Trinity.

Regards Therese Meyers [on behalf of the Liturgy Committee]

Quiz Night for East Timor – May 4th Holy Trinity Church Hall

Our annual parish Quiz Night fundraiser for Maliana Diocese, Timor Leste, will be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall on May 4th at 7.30 p.m. \$10 pp, BYO supper and drinks. Tea & coffee available for a gold coin donation.

Donations of new items for the raffle and auction would be appreciated. They can be left at the parish office.

Posters and booking sheets are at both Mass centres. Tables of 8-10. Come along and enjoy a great night out while supporting urgent projects in the Maliana Diocese.

> Parish East Timor Committee. Enquiries: Lea Crosby 8263 8377





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OZ Rosary 2019

The Oz Rosary around Australia event will be held over the weekend May 24 to 26, which is the weekend of the feast day of Australia's patron, Our Lady Help of Christians. This year we are praying in particular for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of the Church. To register your parish, rosary and prayer group contact Jane P: 0476 535 595 or E: ozrosary53@gmail.com. For more details https:// ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-

SECURITY

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLE ITEMS VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR WHILE ATTENDING MASS AT EITHER CENTRE.

Entertainment Books

Books are now for sale at Holy Trinity and St John XXIII Mass Centres and from the parish office. The 25th anniversary book has many more additions and still only \$70.

Thank you in advance for your support.

East Timor Committee



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The April (Easter) edition of the Southern Cross is FREE. PLEASE TAKE ONE.

2020 OLSH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications close 29 April, 2019 at 5pm Financial Assistance, Academic, Performing Arts and Parishioner scholarships available Visit: www.olsh.catholic.edu.au/node/50 OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE 496 Regency Road, Enfield Phone: 8269 8800 Web: olsh.catholic.edu.au

Legion of Mary Mother of Christ Praesidium

Please note the Mother of Christ Praesidium is on Thursday nights 7.30pm at 23 Carruthers Drive Modbury North Please contact Anne Craig on: 0452 216 382 for further details



STAMPS AND DRINK CAN RING PULLS

We are only collecting Stamps and Ring Pulls from drink cans.

NO BREAD TAGS PLEASE

Thank you Anne-Michelle & Olive.