

Reflection Origin of the Commemoration

The remote origins of the procession with palms can be found in Jerusalem in the 4th-century practice of processing with song and carrying palms down the Mount of Olives to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the afternoon of Palm Sunday. This particular day was chosen on the basis of John's gospel: "Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany" (John 12:1,12). The procession with palms did not enter the papal form of the Roman rite until the 12th century and then to the rest of the world.



Pope Francis on Palm Sunday

Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the "forsaken" Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation. *Sunday, 2 April 2023*

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times: 23rd & 24th March 2024 (Palm Sunday)

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass

Sunday : 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 25th —29th March

Monday: Goetz and Petrini Wedding

Tuesday: 11am Chrism Mass (Bendigo)

Thursday: 11am Stations of the Cross (Church)

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday: 10:30am Ecumenical Stations (Uniting Church)

3pm Passion of the Lord

Weekend Mass Times: 30th & 31st March 2024 (Easter Sunday)

Saturday: 6:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday : 9:30am Easter Sunday Mass

Reconciliation: Approach Fr Novie before Mass

Baptism: Every Second Sunday of the Month

Weddings: By Appointment with the Parish Priest

Ladies' Group: Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)

Men's Group: Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)

Playgroup: Every Friday 9am (Parish Centre)

During school terms

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. This land is sacred, this land is gift, this land is thousands of years old. We acknowledge the immense beauty of this land and the dreams of the Yorta-Yorta People. We pay our respects to elders past and present and acknowledge the lessons the Yorta-Yorta people teach us about care, respect and justice for mother earth. We remember their story as we journey together in a spirit of hope, justice and peace.

If you wish to assist in "further supporting the Parish" we offer different ways of giving... direct debit, credit card or planned giving envelopes. Please ring the office for more details.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS are as follows:

St Mary's Echuca: BSB Number: 083-543

Account Number: 45-782-9206

Child Safety: Through our policies and practices, we protect the right of children to feel safe and to be safe. We promote the well-being and inclusion of all children. For more information, contact the parish office and look for the Child Safety Officer Mel Slattery.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH CALENDAR (March/ April)

25th March - Goetz and Petrini Wedding
26th March - Chrism Mass Bendigo Cathedral 11am
27th March - Ladies' Night 5:30pm
28th March - Parish Stations of the Cross 11am, Mass of The Lord's Supper 7pm
29th March - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross 10:30am (Start at the Uniting Church), Passion of the Lord 3pm
30th March - Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm
31st March - Easter Sunday Mass 9:30am
1st - 5th April - Fr. Novie is away



THANKYOU!



Caritas Ks

KILOMETRES FOR COMPASSION

A HUGE thankyou is extended to the St Mary's community for your tremendous support of Caritas Ks.

Once again we had a great community spirit, even in the rain!

Congratulations to Paddy for the most junior laps, and to Kajini for taking it out again for senior students!

Fr Des nailed his 6kms and in doing so raised about \$7000 of the \$7600 or so we have accounted for so far! What a brilliant effort by Des and our community to support the work of Caritas.

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, skills, food and funds to contribute to a great community day.



Hangabout Playgroup

9am - 10:15am Friday mornings during the school terms.

St Mary's Parish 224 Anstruther St Echuca
(enter via side gate).

Enjoy fun activities - craft, singing, story time, outdoor play with the kids and meet others.

Mums, Dads & Carers are all very welcome

Contact Mel Slattery 0417 822 589 if you require further details.

Invitation to Chrism Mass

Join us for a special celebration at the Bendigo Cathedral on the 26th of March at 11am! Let's come together for the Chrism Mass and kickstart festivities marking the 150th Anniversary of our diocese. Your presence will add to the warmth of this momentous occasion. If interested please contact Fr. Novie.

Fr Novie Lim has been appointed by Bishop Shane to act as Administrator of the Cohuna, Kerang and Pyramid Hill parishes, while Fr. Dean will take his sabbatical leave in the Philippines from 1 April to 10 August.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

Palm Sunday

6:00 pm - 23rd March, Saturday
9:30 am - 24th March, Sunday

Holy Thursday

28th March 2024

11:00 am - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

29th March 2024

3:00 pm - The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

30th March 2024

7:30 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

31st March 2024

9:30 am - Easter Mass



Can and Bottle Collection Point!

Thank you to all parishioners who have donated to the can collection point beside the kiosk. We can accept - aluminium cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, paper cartons and steel bottles/cans. We CANNOT accept wine bottles (small or large). Thank you for your continued support.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK

23rd & 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Christine Sebire
Chris Lee, Carol Purdon
9.30am: Barb Green
Rod Chisholm, Kerry McLoughlan

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm: Rose Quinn
9.30am: Rob Morris, Cecilia Merrigan

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 23rd Cecilia Merrigan,
Barb Green, Kerry McLoughlan

Setting up the Church: 23rd Mary Atkins

Setting up the Church: 24th Rod Chisholm

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 26th Eileen Pineo & Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: 25th Kym Bridges

Gardening: Bernie Oliver, Tom Oliver & David Baker

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

30th & 31st March 2024 Easter Sunday

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: All people have been contacted
9.30am: for these ministries.

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9.30am: for these ministries.

Prayers of the Faithful:

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 30th Kay Westblade,
Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton

Setting up the Church: 30th Mary Atkins

Setting up the Church: 31st Rod Chisholm

Baptism Preparation: Mary Byrne

Counters: 2nd Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy,
Peter Davey

Hospital Visiting: 1st Noela Boyer

Gardening: Bernie Oliver, Tom Oliver & David Baker

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: Julio and Nati Acebron, David Baker, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, John & Chloris Dignan, Anne Dodd, Caroline Farley, Bernadette McClelland, Fred Molluso, John Monigatti, Margaret Oman, Murray Perrett, Beatrice Phillips, Peter Phillips, Meredith (Maddick) Ryan, Patricia Vogele, Jodie Walton, Jayden Williams, Judy Wallace, Colleen Bosse, Bruce Haines

Anniversaries: Jennifer Kiely, Dot Collins, Asuncion Frias, Roly Hall, Lance Ryan, Sheree Higgins, Tom Wilkinson.

Recently Deceased:

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.
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.**

Next week: Easter Sunday**30th & 31st March Year B****1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43****Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23****2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4****Gospel: Alt. Gospel Mark 16:1-7****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.
Thanks be to God.

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!

Gospel

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**The Gospel of the Lord.****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**