



St Mark's Parish

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~ HOLY THURSDAY ~ MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The significance of Holy Thursday

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers.

Around the world, Bishops and priests come together at their local Cathedrals on Holy Thursday morning to celebrate the institution of the priesthood. During the Mass, the bishop blesses the Oil of Chrism that will be used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick or dying.

At this Mass, the bishop washes the feet of twelve priests to symbolize Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests.

Later that night, after sundown – because Passover began at sundown- the Holy Thursday Liturgy takes place, marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," or three, of Holy Week. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church.

This Mass stresses the importance Jesus puts on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism. Also emphasized are the critical importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ's Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the faithful are invited to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night, just as the disciples were invited to stay up with the Lord during His agony in the garden before His betrayal by Judas.

After Holy Thursday, no Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil celebrates and proclaims the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SERVANT OF ALL:

When Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, at one level he is simply observing one of the rules of hospitality. It was an obligation on a host to provide water for guests to wash the dust and dirt from their feet. Jesus goes one step further and actually washes their feet himself - in effect, he assumes the role of a household servant. Small acts of kindness and service for another person honour that person and demonstrate our respect for them. When we perform such acts we are being Christ-like ourselves but we are also acknowledging Christ's presence in the other.



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

St. Mark's Parish.

*United in Baptism,
Nourished by the Eucharist,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
We Form a Vibrant and Caring Community,
Living and Proclaiming the Gospel,
Reaching Out to Those in Need,
Journeying Together,
Growing in Faith.*

Mass of the Lord's Supper

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-8. 11-14

The Lord instructs Moses for the first Passover.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16

(R.) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

(tells how the Jewish Passover was to be celebrated)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul recounts the Last Supper.

(reminds us the meaning of the Eucharist.)

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 13:1-15

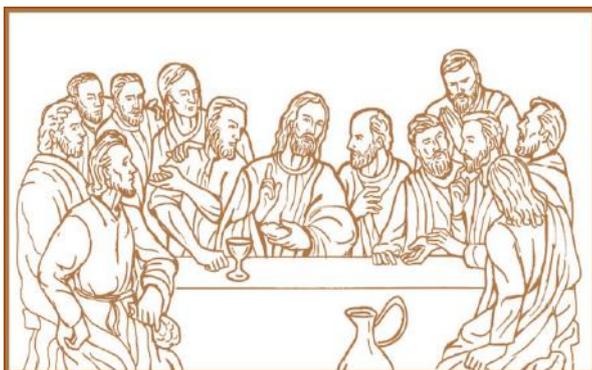
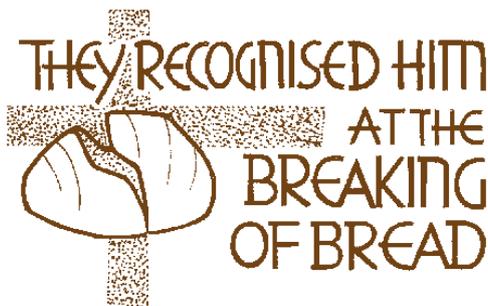
Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

(tell us of Christ's love when he washed his disciples' feet.)

Offertory Antiphon:

Ps 75:9. 10

The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment alleluia.



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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have

mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



Reflection at the Altar of Repose:

Down in adoration falling
lo, the sacred host we hail;
lo, o'er ancient forms departing
newer rites of grace prevail,
faith, for all defects supplying
where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father
and the Son who reigns on high,
with the Holy Ghost proceeding
forth from each eternally
be salvation, honour, blessing,
might and endless majesty.

Please Depart
In Silence

Please depart in silence to gather again in
silence for 3:00pm
Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

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Twelve Reasons from the Teachings of the Church for Wanting To Spend One Hour with Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament

1. You are greatly needed!

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Ceneae*)

2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Ceneae*)

3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life.

"Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

4. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth.

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Ceneae*)

5. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him!

"Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

6. Jesus wants you to do more than to go to mass on Sunday.

"Our communal worship at mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

7. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!

"Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

8. The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!

"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

9. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.

"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

10. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we many come to him in humility. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

11. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his.

"He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

12. If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament. "The divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)



Reflection: Fr Michael suggests at this time it is recommended to read the bible meditatively
- **Lectio Divina is the ancient method of prayerfully reading the Bible**
for Holy Thursday Evening. John 13 - 17

Beginning today, every day for several weeks, except on feast days, the Gospel of each day is taken from the long conversation of Jesus with the disciples during the Last Supper (Jn 13 - 17). In these five chapters which describe the farewell of Jesus, the presence of those three threads which we had spoken before is seen. Those threads knit and compose the Gospel of John: the word of Jesus, the word of the community and the word of the Evangelist who writes the last redaction of the Fourth Gospel. In these chapters, the three threads are intertwined in such a way that the whole is presented as a unique fabric or cloth with a rare beauty and inspiration, where it is difficult to distinguish what is from one and what is from the other, but where everything is the Word of God for us.

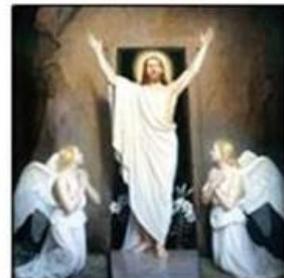
Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer followed by Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayers and blessing of the food baskets

Easter Masses

7.00pm Easter Vigil
7.00am Easter Mass & 9.00am Easter Mass
10.30am Easter Mass & 6.00pm Easter Mass

Attendance at all services requires pre-booking

<https://www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au/book-a-mass-holy-week-easter/>

Eastertide for the sick and housebound

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion or have their home blessed, please let us know.

Holy Saturday Blessing of the Food:

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods and eggs are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday after Morning Prayer.

The tradition of food blessing at Easter, which has early-medieval roots in Christian society, possibly originated from a pagan ritual. The tradition is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form, the more modern form containing bread and eggs (symbols of resurrection and Christ) are said to date from the 12th century.



Bring your basket to Holy Saturday Morning Prayer 9:30am at St Mark's

Genuflecting on Good Friday.

Should I genuflect to the tabernacle on Good Friday when I enter or leave the church?

From Good Friday after the 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord we genuflect to the Cross.



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Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng

School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke

- † You are required to Register to attend ALL MASSES on the parish website - numbers restrictions apply.
- † You are required to register when attending any event in the Parish Centre.
- † You will need to use the Services NSW QR Code to register when you enter the Church. A different QR code is used when you enter the Parish Centre.
- † You will need to have the Services NSW App on your phone.
- † Please help us by registering with your Smart Phone with the QR Code when you come to Mass or enter the Parish Centre.
- † We realise that some people do not have a Smart phone, contact the Parish Centre to register for Mass.
- † It is IMPORTANT that EVERYONE who enters the Church registers, QR Code and sanitisers.
- † Masks are no longer Mandatory however are highly recommended.
- † Please do not become complacent and make sure you continue to be vigilant.
- † Following ALL MASSES we ask for assistance in cleaning our pews and Church.

