



St Mark's Parish

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~ Good Friday ~ Celebration of the Passion of the Lord ~

The Wood of the Cross:

Strange term, "Good Friday". A tortured body hanging on a cross? The upright beam grounded in the earth. Might something "good" come of that? The horizontal beam stretched east to west. Might something "good" come of that? At the top the plaque. At the bottom the spattering of blood and water. Might something "good" come of that?

Yes, because that cross bore the body of Jesus Nazarene, King of the Jews, but, more than that, the Lord of the Universe, Son of God. Because it held His body, the upright beam grounded in the earth, reaching heavenward, joined heaven and earth, making this Friday Good Friday.

Because His arms were stretched out on the horizontal beam the whole of humankind, the whole of creation was embraced. And that makes this Friday, Good Friday.

Because His water and blood, signs accompanying birth, spattered the foot of the cross, a new family, of whom we are the descendants, was born.

We could pause for a moment, admitting that we may never understand fully, but resolving to fully stand under the Cross, proclaiming that this was indeed the Best Friday.

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Genuflecting on Good Friday.

From Good Friday after the 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord we genuflect to the Cross not the tabernacle.

Easter Celebrations at St Mark's



HOLY SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2022

(NO MORNING PRAYER OR MASS)

6:30pm Easter Vigil and Mass



EASTER SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

9:00am & 6:00pm Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



Good Friday Collection: Collection box in the Church foyer.



The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place of Good Friday. 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 and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain over 70 churches and

shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, the Archdiocese of Sydney Catholics donated \$214,000 to this cause, despite tough economic times, droughts, floods and fires and the increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budget and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

Preparation for the Easter Vigil Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – Holy Saturday

This Holy Saturday 16 April 2022, the catechumens and their sponsors will gather for a spiritual day of preparation for Easter.

Easter Vigil Mass followed by refreshments.

After the Easter Vigil everyone is invited to join Sr Antonia and welcome our newly baptised Ningzi and Zoe, upstairs in the Parish Centre.



1: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Is 52:13 – 53:12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He surrendered himself to death, while bearing the faults of many.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him - so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the sons of man - so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before the Lord like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; each has turned to their own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.



Easter tide for the sick and housebound

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit Please notify the Parish office.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25. R. Lk 23:46

(R.) Father, I put my life in your hands.

1. In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. **(R.)**

2. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances. Those who see me in the street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. **(R.)**

3. But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **(R.)**

4. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

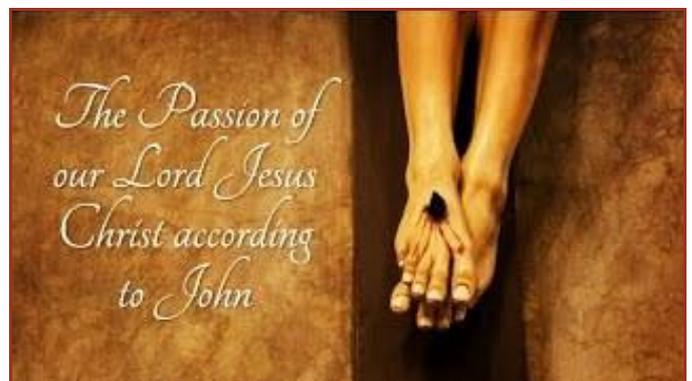
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 18:1 – 19:42

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Today's Gospel we listen to The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Reminder: Bring your own small bottle for your Holy Water to collect following the Easter liturgies.



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2: THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Reader proclaims the intention, followed by the Leader.

1. For Holy Church, Let us pray, dearly beloved for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquillity and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. For the Pope, Let us pray for our most Holy Father Pope Francis that God who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed to guide and govern the holy People of God.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded, look with favour on our prayers and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us, that, under him, the Christian people, governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. For all orders and degrees of the faithful, Let us pray for Archbishop Anthony and his Auxiliary Bishops and for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for your ministers, that by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. For catechumens, Let us pray for catechumens, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, who makes your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of catechumens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. For the unity of Christians, Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. For the Jewish people, Let us pray for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. For those who do not believe in Christ

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth, and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. For those who do not believe in God

Let us pray for those who do not acknowledge God that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you always by desiring you and by finding you, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognise the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. For those in public office

Let us pray for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favour, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. For the afflicted in time of pandemic

Let us pray for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. For those in tribulation

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, grant travellers safety, for pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Prayer in silence.

Leader: Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

3: ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

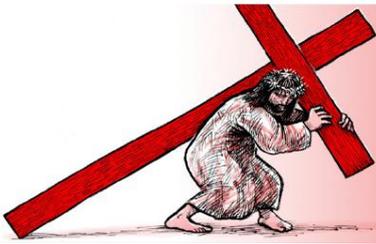
You are invited to come forward and bow before the Cross. Due to COVID you are asked not to touch or kiss the Cross.

4: HOLY COMMUNION

5: FINAL PRAYER - DEPART IN SILENCE

Please Depart
In Silence





Jesus died to save us

The Living Word

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Good Friday – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

15 April 2022

Gospel Reflection: The incredibly rich imagery and symbolic language that flows throughout the gospel of John gives way in some regards to a fairly stark narrative style as the gospel writer retells the central story of Christian faith. By the time this gospel was written, some 60-70 years after the events it describes, the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, torture and execution was well established in the early Christian communities. One can see across the four gospel accounts only relatively small points of difference. This indicates the fact that the account was already so well established in the Christian communities that the gospel writers felt they could not deviate much from the story that had been told and retold probably every single day in the intervening years. In many ways, we can see that this key event was something of a starting point for each of the gospel writers. Each in their own way leads up to this event as the climactic point of the whole gospel. In the gospel of John, much of the imagery used throughout the gospel is referenced to the passion narrative. At various points, John refers to Jesus being 'lifted up' or 'raised up' and in doing so he is making reference to Jesus being lifted up on the cross. The story of 'living water' flowing from Jesus is reflected in the blood and water that flow when he is pierced by a spear. The emphasis this gospel writer has placed on the discipleship of women throughout the gospel is honoured by the presence of the women at the foot of the cross. In many ways, this gospel presents the crucifixion as the 'completion' of Jesus' work – the ultimate 'sign' to which all other signs have been pointing.

Scriptural context – The Suffering Servant: It is appropriate that the first reading in today's liturgy comes from one of Isaiah's Songs of the Suffering Servant. Isaiah includes three short poems or songs about the Suffering Servant and then a much longer fourth song from which today's reading comes. Traditionally, Jewish scholars interpreted Isaiah's poems as referring to the Jewish people as a whole. The followers of Jesus made a specific link between the imagery of Isaiah and the life and death of Jesus. The writings of Isaiah had a significant influence on the gospel writers who borrowed heavily from his imagery throughout their gospels.

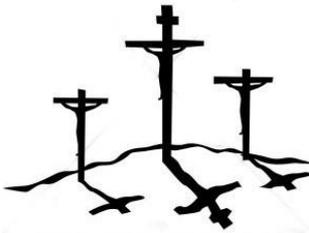
Have you thought? – Veneration of the Cross: A significant element of the Good Friday service is the veneration of the Cross when all are invited to process forward and touch or kiss the Cross that is the central symbol of Good Friday. Veneration of holy objects and places is an ancient practice that draws people into connection with the mystery and history of the thing they venerate. In more recent years, the veneration of the Cross has taken on a new significance as the World Youth Day Cross and Icon travel around the world and around the host country of WYD. The act of veneration invites us into a moment of deep prayer.

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Hot Cross Buns. The familiar hot cross buns are sweet rolls with the sign of the cross cut into it, and they are one of several traditional European breads marked with a cross for Good Friday.

According to tradition, these buns originated at St Alban's Abbey in 1361, where the monks gave them to the poor people who came there. (You may have your own recipe for sweet-rolls to which you can add currants or raisins before shaping and cut a cross in the top before baking; or you can buy them.)

These Good Friday buns were very popular, and were sold by vendors who cried, Hot cross buns, Hot cross buns! One a-penny two a-penny, Hot cross buns! If you have no daughters, give 'em to your sons! One a-penny two a-penny, Hot cross buns!



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St Mark's Church Hearing Loop installed

Parish Bulletin: we ask that you take home your bulletin, do not put it back for others or leave it on the pew for others to pick up.

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Masks are recommended, thank you for social distancing, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

