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PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

There will be no public Masses or services of any kind due to the current Corona Virus situation. Individual confessions will be available. Please call Fr James on 67221103 or on his mobile on 0428128703

If you know the email address of parishioners who don't currently receive a bulletin this way, could you contact the office on 67221103 and we will add them to our list.

We will be printing a number of bulletins for pickup from the presbytery verandah.

If you wish, you can leave your planned giving envelopes at the presbytery in office hours. We have decided the box is not secure enough. Office hours : Monday 8am—1pm; Thursday 8am-12noon; Friday 8am—1pm.

Fr James will be offering private Mass in the Church every day at 9am for all parishioners and you are encouraged to pray privately at this time. Mass offerings will be accepted at the presbytery.

Blessed palms will be available from 9am Sunday on the Presbytery Verandah.

After Easter, sick calls as usual. Please call 67221103 OR 0428128703

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:
We as a PARISH, try to live out our
VISION: *To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.*
MISSION: *To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and*



Holy Souls in Purgatory

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
*All those with the Corona Virus, Fr Bernie Melville, Paul Saint, Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) John Harmon (brother of the Harmon family) Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Lloyd Fleming, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbiggin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Linda Redondo, Marie Ward, Margaret Wales, Dorothy Ball, Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan **the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.***

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries
*Pat Stewart, Athol & Marjorie Reeves, Pat Clancy, Sr Anne O'Brien rsm (aunt of Shayne O'Brien) Eileen O'Brien, Sr M. Bernard Morton, Phil Harris, John Moore, Alan Matthews, Thomas Hanley, Paul Witherdin, Mary Robbins, Peter Hoynes, Susan Hoynes, Kath Denovan, Yvonne Hawkins, Lindsay Dale (father of Tony) John Lennon, Veronica Hutchins, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.***

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
 O Mary you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and feasting after this time of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
 Under your protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

APRIL 4/5— PALM SUNDAY / YEAR A

Update from the Chancery
SUNDAY PRAYER IN HOMES
 In the absence of attending Sunday Mass, families and individuals are encouraged to undertake suitable prayer and reflection to keep the Lord's day holy. Options include:
 Reading and reflecting/discussing the Sunday readings and Gospel. (If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please contact the office and your name will be added to our current List. The bulletin is also available on the parish website)
 Praying the Rosary
 Follow a Mass online (<https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>)
 Making a Spiritual Communion
 Praying other family prayers
 Creating and decorating a prayer space with a candle, crucifix, bible and holy images
Mass in private homes is not allowed.
Mass in the Armidale Cathedral will be livestreamed on Sundays at 10am and can be accessed via the Cathedral Parish Facebook page and on the Diocesan website. The Diocese now has a Youtube channel. If you search Diocese of Armidale on Youtube you should easily find it.
Nuptial Masses (5 people) & Funeral Masses (10 people) will be allowed. The restriction is on social gathering, not the Mass. It is suggested that families organise a Memorial Mass after restrictions are lifted.
 The Catholic Viewpoint has been suspended for the time being. Parishioners can keep up to date via the Diocesan Website.

EASTER—2020
 Easter Duty: The annual obligation to receive Holy Communion and Confession has been extended from Pentecost Sunday to Christmas Day 2020
 The usual Chrism Mass in the Cathedral will not take place.
 There will be no public Easter ceremonies. Fr James will conduct each ceremony privately.
 Palm Sunday 8am; (Blessed Palms will be available from 9am)
 Holy Thursday 6pm; Good Friday 3pm;
 Easter Vigil 6pm on Saturday.
 Please pray privately at these times.

Prayer to Patroness of Diocese
 Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia
 Our Lady of the Rosary, Patroness of the Diocese of Armidale Mother of God and Queen of the Angels
 We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.
 Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our Diocese, for our nation and for the world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your Son Jesus and of all his holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
 For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
 May your Son deliver from all evil.
 Amen.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH
 Those who contribute by envelope and would like to convert to direct debit are invited to come during office hours to fill in their forms (social distancing will be observed). If you would like to continue with your envelopes, please leave at the presbytery. If possible leave in office hours. Alternatively you may like to make the transfers yourself: Please make sure you put your name in the reference section
First Collection: Presbytery for priest upkeep BSB 082105 A/C 001023550
Second Collection: Church for running costs BSB 082105 A/C 001001010
 We are sure that you will understand that normal running expenses will have to be met and ask for your usual generous support. Thank you.



THE SAVING WORD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / A

05 APRIL 2020

FIRST READING Isa 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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 Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9

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 Mt 27:11-54

P. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said:

his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. The man is calling on Elijah,

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

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C. Barabbas.
N. Pilate said to them:
O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry