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### PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A - 29 MARCH 2026



“The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love. The greatest and most overwhelming work of God’s love.” - St Paul of the Cross

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

**Gospel** Matthew 21:1-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

*Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**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.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

**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.’
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.
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!
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.’

**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.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Philippians 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** Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

This weekend for the Gospel reading, we will be using the **red Holy Week Missals** provided at the Church entrances. The Gospel reading is from **Year A on page 76**.

If you have your own **Sunday Missal**, the Gospel reading is the option for **Year A on page 231**.

Parishioners are invited to participate in the reading of the Gospel by speaking the parts marked **C**.

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without My drinking it, Your will be done.

**Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible**

**Passion Sunday Prayer**

Lord, give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week, from death to resurrection, from darkness to fullness of light. We need You, O Christ our Saviour. Hosanna! Amen!

**Prayer in Honour of the Holy Eucharist**

Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guided in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen.



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 30 March - 8am to 1pm, Friday - Closed

Tues, 31 March - 8am to 12pm

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**We pray for:** Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

**the Recently Deceased:** Robert McCabe (brother of Fr Paul)

**the sick:** Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 30th: No Mass — Church open 8am to 1pm

Tues 31st: 11am Chrism Mass in Armidale  
3.30pm HTS Easter Staff Reflection and Confession

Wed 1st: 6.30am Holy Mass

Thurs 2nd: 9.15am Holy Week Liturgy at HTS, 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm-8pm Adoration

Fri 3rd: 10.00am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Holy Cross

Sat 4th: 7pm Holy Mass Easter Vigil - Inverell

Sun 5th: Inverell: 8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass  
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## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

### **1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)**

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

### **2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses**

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Men's Breakfast:** Wed 8 April 2026, 8.30am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)

**Liturgy Committee:** Sat TBA 2026, 9.00am

**Finance Committee:** Wed TBA 2026, 4.00pm

**Altar Society Roster For April:** Margaret Robinson & volunteer

**Reflection:** This Sunday's reflection may be read on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

### Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes

These can be brought to the Church at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Maundy Thursday.

**The April Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Blessing will be done on Divine Mercy Sunday, not Easter Sunday.**

## Fresh Flowers and Greenery for Easter Masses

We are in need of fresh flowers and greenery for our Easter Masses. If you can donate some from your garden, please deliver them to the Church at 10am on Friday 3 April and at 10am on Saturday 4 April.

## Choir Practice for Holy Week and Easter

The LAST practice before Holy Thursday and the Paschal Triduum will be at 5.30pm on **Wed 1 April** in the Church.

## Church Cleaning for Easter

Join us on Saturday 4 April at 9am to help prepare our church for Easter. Please bring your own cleaning supplies (e.g. rags, wipes, duster). Let's make our parish shine for the Resurrection!

## The Sacred Paschal Triduum

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 the 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.

## Why is Good Friday called "Good"?

Good Friday is good because on that day Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Triune God, showed His great love for mankind, and purchased for us every blessing through the shedding of His precious blood on the Cross. We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You, for by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

## Fasting & Abstinence on Good Friday

Fasting is required on Good Friday by Catholics aged 18-59 years (the sick and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding are excused). Fasting is one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

Abstinence is required on Good Friday by all Catholics over the age of 14 years. Abstaining from eating meat is to be particularly observed. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

## Holy Land Collection

Envelopes will be provided on Good Friday for donations to support the upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem. If you wish to donate via electronic transfer, this may be done directly to the Church Parish Account.

**BSB No: 082105**

**Account No: 001013072**

**Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell**

**Reference: Your name. Holy Lands**

## Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

\* Proper of Mass, Pg 220 (Year A readings)

\* Preface of Passion (Palm) Sunday Pg 35

\* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

## Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

**Holy Week commences on Pg 272**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS NEXT SUNDAY 5 APRIL AT 3AM!!!!**