

# CATHOLIC PARISH AUBURN



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**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**PALM SUNDAY**



## Easter Schedule

**28/3 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm – Washing of the feet, Altar of Repose in the Hall until Midnight**

**29/3 Good Friday**

- Stations of the Cross at 10.00am - in the Church.
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm - Veneration of the Holy Cross, Solemn Intercessions.

**30/3 Easter Vigil (Saturday) at 7pm – Blessing of the Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Promises.**

**31/3 Easter Sunday at 8am and 10am**

**Reconciliation: Tues & Wed Holy Week at 8am - 9am**

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10am

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday – No Mass, Office Closed  
Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am

**HOLY ROSARY:** Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am  
Sunday 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 9:40am and 4.15pm And by appointment

**BAPTISMS:** Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 4pm  
& Each Thursday 5pm – 6pm

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Please see our home page on our website for details

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Thursday & Friday 9am to 3pm  
(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

**This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired.**

## LET US PRAY FOR

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Rikki Doumit, Donald Harris, Bol Deng, Fr Xavier Orappan, Priscilla San Pedro Burges, Edward Catania, Beth Tudehope, Robert Antonio M. Aquino

**In Loving Memory of:** Fr Raymond Farrell, Betty Bukirwa, Rhoda Fernandez, Cyril Sattrukalsinghe, Susan Tiru, Louis Naudi, James Doumit, Tony Shomar, Dominic Wang, Maria Huang, Joseph Wang, Maria Yu, Maria Zhang, Maria Wang, Lourdes Wang, Fr Raphael D'Cruz, Norman Chestney, Joseph Xue, Mary Weng and Taniela Funaki

*“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”*

**Prayers for the sick:** Andrew Ros, Latifi Joseph Bishara, Susan Abood, Eileen Smith, Olivia Sheilds, Jessica Tungul, Antony Lisica, Navjot Singh, Roger Shi, Mary Zheng.

*“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”*

### Roster for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Saturday 5pm	Natalie Russell Juliana Chestney	Tony Allan
Sunday 8am	Mary Kleist	Ruben Baluyot
Sunday 10am	Leo Vakauta Marissa Gutierrez	Nicole Daniel

**PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL –** As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**. You can still donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413

### RETURNING PROJECT COMPASSION

You can return the Boxes and Envelops to the Church as you come to worship especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. You can leave these in the Tub next to the Baptismal font at the Sanctuary.

### WASHING OF THE FEET

If you wish to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, register your name on the sheet provided in the Church Foyer. We shall need 3 Men, 3 Women, 3 Boys & 3 Girls. Only one member from each family.

### Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage

Parishioners are invited to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 with prayer. One way of entering into prayer during Holy Week is to visit an altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition in keeping with this liturgical practice. Families are invited to tailor their pilgrimage with a resource that will list Churches that will be open across the Archdiocese and provide reflections to meditate. St John of God will be open until Midnight.

### GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

We shall have the annual appeal for the Church in the Holy Land as usual on Good Friday. Given the recent war and its consequences to the Holy places, our help is greatly needed. Let us contribute generously to this cause.

### LED BATTERY CANDLES FOR EASTER VIGIL

You are encouraged to bring your own **“Battery-operated candle”** for the Easter Vigil Liturgy. Please note that only Battery operated are acceptable for safety and because of wax problems in the Church. Small LED Tea-lights will be available for free for anyone who may not have.

**EASTER WATER –** Bottles of holy water will be available for you to take home after the Easter Vigil Mass and on Easter Sunday. These will be accompanied with a prayer card to be used in blessing yourselves and your homes.

## SUNDAY READINGS

*This gospel is read at the procession with palms before Mass.*

**Gospel Mark 11:1-10 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.**

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed**

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.

**Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Christ humbled himself but God raised him 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.

**Gospel Acclamation** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ 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 names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mk 14:1-15:47 )**

\*\*\*The Passion Narrative shall be projected and you are invited to join in reading together the responses for the CROWD.



## **REFLECTION**

Our Lord told Saint Faustina; "If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things: one is the receiving of Holy Communion, and the other is suffering." Suffering is something we all hate, yet, there is something good about it. This is one of the great lessons of the Holy Week. In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the Redemption. Thus each person, in his/her suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ.

Worldly glory is fleeting. Christ enters into Jerusalem to the tune of crowds chanting, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Only five days later, the same crowd cries, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" How their fickleness contrasts with the constancy of Jesus, for he remains faithful, humble, "obedient to death, even death on a cross." Despite beatings, insults, and spitting, Jesus knows full well that he will "not be put to shame." United to him, neither will we.

The Passion story shows how Jesus responded to what was done to him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. In his Passion, we find forgiveness of our sins and the strength to rise above persecution, injustice, and suffering. As we journey through this Holy week, place yourself in the scene of the events that will be happening. Have the courage to Journey with Jesus to the cross keeping in mind that Jesus the victim will be the Victor.

### **Faith Matters: Purple Cloth Coverings**

It is a common practice to see crosses and statues draped in purple towards the end of Lent. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. **Why?**

- First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. These final days of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter) and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.
- Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.
- And thirdly, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

#### **A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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