

## Information desk

### The Covid-19 plan:

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping keep our communities safe.

Places of worship must be supervised by a COVID Marshal who must have a copy of their training certificate available when conducting COVID Marshal duties and be clearly identified as a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

**Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:**

#### Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please write your name & phone number in the Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. Sit only in the designated numbered pews in the Church.
4. Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 2 meters apart.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Ensure that there is the 1.5m distance between you and the person in front when processing for Holy Communion.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Keep the social distancing requirement when leaving the Church after Mass.
9. Please don't go back to the entrance door. Entry and Exit rule must be followed for your safety.
10. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
11. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

## THANK YOU THANK YOU

What a way to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day 2021 and to finally join together for a cuppa after Mass. Our wonderful Parishioners who provided tea, coffee and cookies. What an amazing outcome on a job well done. To the takeaway cups and the cookies in sealed bags, you can see much thought went into providing Morning Tea under COVID restrictions. We are very blessed at St. Joseph's Church Tranmere.

Ken and Cathy

Fr. Roy and the team would also like to say a special thanks to everyone who worked hard to make Sunday's gathering a success. To Sandy & Frank as organisers, to all those who baked and donated food for everyone's enjoyment and everyone else who assisted in making the morning run smoothly. Thanks a lot. A great job by all.



### Hi Pro-Lifers Euthanasia: "Voluntary Assisted Dying 2020"

Sadly, no sooner did our politicians vote for "Abortion to Birth" but Euthanasia has reared its ugly head again, with a Bill tabled by Labor's Kyam Maher in the Legislative Council expected to be voted upon by 31 March 2021. The abortion debate highlighted the strong anti-life sentiment of a majority of Legislative Councillors. Sadly, a majority of MP's in both chambers totally ignored public opinion and all the efforts we put into informing them. We need to **PRAY EVERY DAY** and also be very active in contacting the Council members to stop this Bill. The abortion debate has highlighted how we need to get many more pro-lifers into Parliament. It may take 20 years to substantially change the makeup of Parliament but back room moves have started already - let's pray they are successful.

### SINGING DURING MASS

Now that COVID Guidelines are being relaxed, feel free to sing if you wish. We look forward to the Choir resuming soon.

### HOLY PLACES APPEAL - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2, 2021

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday April 2. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in the area such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you



Sixth Sunday of Lent - 28th March 2021



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises - making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### LENTEN RETREAT

The perfect opportunity to start, reboot or dial in your prayer & relationship with God, all while talking with a spiritual guide and looking ahead to Easter. Our time spent under the guidance of Rev. Fr, James Valladares, was a lovely way to continue our Lenten journey & begin our journey through Easter. Thank you to Fr. James for being with us & Fr. Roy for organising the evening.



### BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all who have celebrated a Birthday this month.



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## Palm Sunday, Year B

27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

#### Entrance Antiphon Matthew 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

#### Blessing of the Palms Gospel John 12:12-16

#### Entrance Antiphon John 12:1, 12-13; Psalms 23:9-10

Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

#### First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

#### Responsorial Psalm Psalms 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 R. v. 2

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

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.'

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

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!

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 St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

#### Gospel Acclamation Philipians 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 you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

#### Communion Antiphon Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done



Daylight finishes 2AM  
Easter Sunday morning. Please remember to turn your clocks BACK 1 hour or you will be extra early for Mass on Sunday.

Sunday Collection	21/03/21
First Collection	\$ 566.60
Online Giving/Cash	
TOTAL 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 566.60
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 698.35
Electronic Giving	\$3,339.50
Open Plate	\$ 446.10
Donation	
TOTAL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$4,483.95
Special Collection	



## PLENARY COUNCIL - CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Assembly 1 of the Plenary Council originally planned for Adelaide in October 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will now be held in multi-modal form online from October 2 - 10, 2021. As we journey towards Assembly 1, the Thematic Discernment Papers have been released in "Easy English" versions. These versions have been simplified and provide explanations throughout of the meaning of commonly used terms. These new releases are available on the Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/tools/>



## CHRISTIAN THEMED EASTER EGG HUNT

The Youth are organising an Easter Egg Hunt for the

children after 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. The children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and remember to bring a basket or something to collect your eggs in. Please gather outside the Parish Office after Mass. We look forward to seeing the children participating in the Easter Hunt.



## HOMILY ON PALM SUNDAY YEAR B 28/03/2021

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 11:1-10 (Procession) Mk 14:1-15:47

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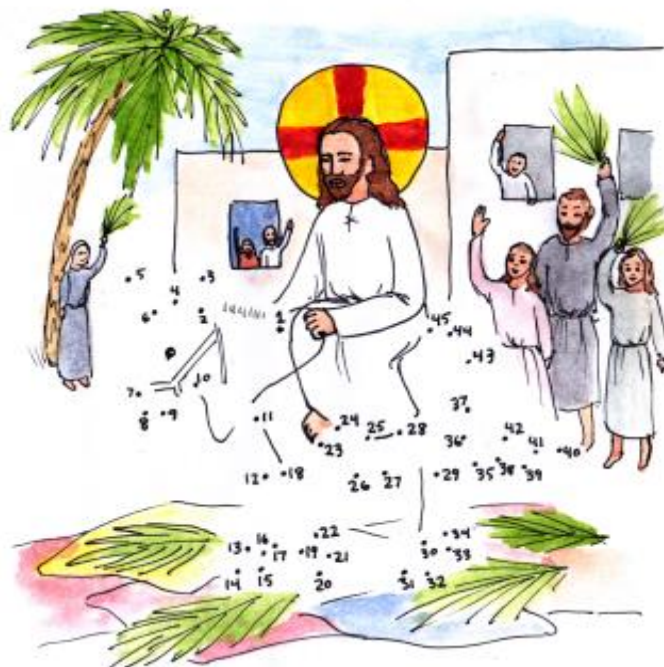
**Introduction:** The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year, we stop to remember and relive the events, which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial for the Christ.

**Scripture:** Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

**Message for life: We need to answer 5 questions today:** 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or worse, do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness? 3) Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit that I have become by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words and deeds; nor does Jesus praise my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my Heavenly Father. 4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Saviour? Let us remember that we are all sinners who have crucified Jesus by our sins, but we are still able to turn to Jesus again to ask for pardon and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus we receive forgiveness: "through his wounds we are healed." (Is 53:5). 5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives?

## The Kids' Bulletin

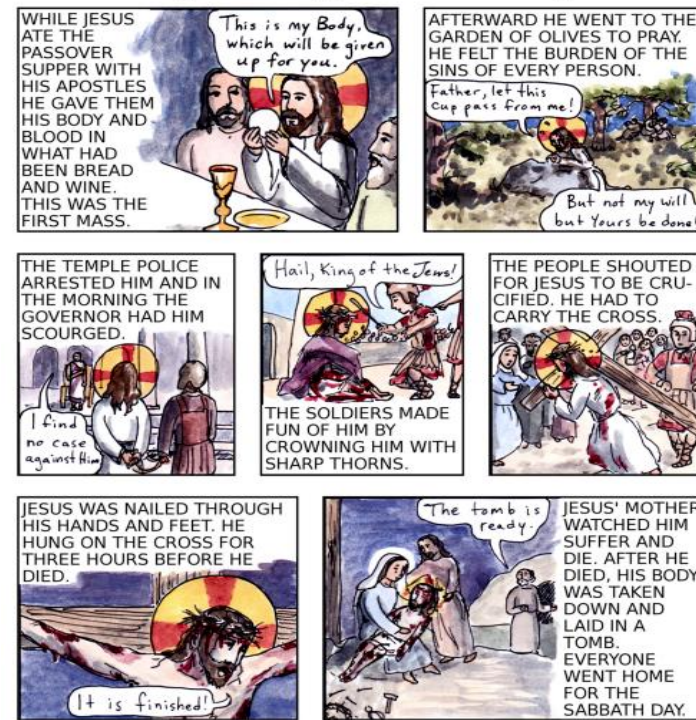
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
March 28th, 2021



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!

## The Passion of Jesus

Holy Thursday and Good Friday



THIS IS THE STORY OF THE FIRST HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. JESUS ALWAYS KNEW THAT THIS WAS WHAT HE CAME TO DO: TO SUFFER AND DIE TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. BECAUSE HE DID THIS WE ARE ALL ABLE TO GO TO HEAVEN. NOW WE JUST NEED TO FOLLOW HIM!

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## Rosters for Easter

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

We still need some volunteers for Reading in the Easter services. If you would like to participate during Easter, please place your name on the sheets provided at the rear of the Church.

**Children's Liturgy:** NO Children's Liturgy over Easter. Today will be the last for Term 1. See you all back for Term 2 – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Count Team No: 5** Peggy Buckler, Gareth West, Doreen Ryan, Wendy Rahaley

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass

## Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 29 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Limited spaces will be available to attend Mass.

Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/BJYNO>. NO onsite car parking will be available for this Mass. For more information on this event, please call 8210 8287.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



**Anniversary:** Frances & Thomas Redden

**Departed souls:** Phil Crooks

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

## PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind on your way out once Mass has concluded.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter 11<sup>th</sup> April, we celebrate The Divine Mercy Sunday, after having experienced the Risen Lord in our Parish we will have special prayers and devotion to Divine Mercy.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Weekday Masses for the week before Easter will be 9.15am Tuesday & Wednesday ONLY

**NO morning Mass on Thursday or Friday**

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| 1. Thursday – Mass of the Lord's supper: 7:00pm  | 3. Holy Saturday (Vigil Mass): 6.30pm  |
| 2. Friday of the Passion of the Lord: 11: 00am -Stations of the Cross<br>3: 00pm - Good Friday service | 4. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 8.30am & 10.30am<br>Bookings required for Easter Sunday.<br>Please use the links below to book your seats |

8.30AM – <https://www.trybooking.com/BPQHN>

10.30AM – <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRCZ>