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## **Palm Sunday (12th/13th April 2025)**

Brothers and sisters,

Today, we join the universal Church to celebrate both Palm and Passion Sunday. We are invited to stop and reflect on the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate 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 discipleship as Christians. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of Jesus (His triumph and tragedy), one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of the Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ rode gallantly and triumphantly into Jerusalem not to occupy an enviable position among the great and noble people of the time, but to suffer and even die on a cross. This simply means that he triumphantly launched into his suffering and death. A biblical event that can be likened to this could be the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan.3) marching joyfully into the burning furnace to suffer and die, though God rescued them. The readings foreshadow 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. In the second reading (Phil 2:6-11), 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 the two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem. A part of today's Gospel, in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Luke, invites us 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.

We pause for a moment to ask ourselves, does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as He wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of this Palm Sunday procession? God expects us to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I produce any? Or worse, do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit (which we have become). Have we been making efforts to keep our body, His temple, clean? 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.

As we step into the Holy Week, may we take some meaningful time to reflect on the events that led to the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the point of entrance into Jerusalem people shouted: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" However, at Gabbatha the shout changed into: "Crucify him!" May we never be carried away by praises, always focus on our goals. Remember, no form of suffering stays forever. We are not stuck in it; we rather pass through.

Peace be with you.

God is Good, All the Time!

Rev. Fr. Kevin Njoku



**Readings for this week**

*Palm Sunday (13th April)*

**First Reading:**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

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

**Responsorial Psalm:**

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

**Second Reading:**

**Philippians 3:8-14**

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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 Reading:**

**Luke 23:1-49**

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**Readings for Mass next week**

*Easter Sunday (20th April)*

**First Reading:**

**Acts 10:34, 37-43**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:**

**1 Corinthians 5:6-**

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 24:1-12**

*Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?*

*Thursday 17th April—Thursday of the Lord's Supper*

*Friday 18th April—Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

*Saturday 19th April—Paschal Vigil in the Holy Night*

***Meetings***

***Events***

**Morning tea** will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass  
at St Mary's (excluding the 5th Sunday of the month)

**Morning tea** will be served on the first Sunday of each month  
after the 7:30am Mass at St John the Baptist.

**Parish Jubilee Celebration**—Sunday 27th July

**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Margaret Fechner, Tony Torre, Maria Malcotti, Terry Geraghty, Margaret Ford, D Wilde, Baby Jaime, Janet Young, Rosie, Paul Cameron, Margaret Salisbury, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, and Julie Fraser

***We remember and pray for those who have recently died***

**Carmelita Aldiss**

**Eileen Patricia "Pat" Cahill** (7/11/1931 - 7/4/2025)

Private burial was held on Friday 11th as per the family's wishes

**Edward "Ted" Dobbs** (8/6/1940 - 8/4/2025)

Order of Service to be held at St Mary's, Wednesday 16th April at 11:00am

**Margaret Brennan** (19/7/1938 - 7/4/2025)

Requiem Mass to be held at St Mary's, Wednesday 23rd April at 12pm

***and those whose anniversaries occur at this time***

Betty Plunkett (6th April)

Oliver Plunkett (11th April)

Peggy Seidenspinner (15th April)

Yvonne Hourigan (17th April)

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Multicultural Day Cancelled for 2025**

Due to the extent of Jubilee celebrations being planned in the Parish, the Multicultural Day for 2025 will be cancelled. This will allow us to focus on the year of Jubilee and upcoming celebrations for jubilee events.

**Jubilee of Teenagers—St Mary's Youth**

After Youth Mass on Sunday April 27th, we will be celebrating the Jubilee of teenagers! The night will begin at 6:30pm after Mass and continue until 9:00pm. Teenagers from grades 6-12 are invited to Mercy Hall for pizza, games, and to watch the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis livestreamed from Rome. This will be a welcoming and fun environment for any teenager who wants to come along.

Please email the parish office if your teenager has any dietary requirements that we need to be aware of or for more information. We look forward to the night!

**Stations of the Cross Good Friday**  
**(18th April)**

**St Joseph's Church, Rathdowney**  
9:00am

**Jubilee Park, Beaudesert**  
10:30am

*All welcome!*



**Easter Liturgy Volunteers Roster**

The roster for the Easter Triduum will be at the back of St Mary's Church for anyone to volunteer. Please write your name and contact number on the ministry you wish to help with this year.  
*Thank you in advance.*

**Money Counting**

14th April—Colleen  
28th April—Peter

22nd April—Trish  
6th May—Colleen

### **Bible Reflection—13th April 2025**

*(Palm Sunday)*

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"- Luke 19:38-40*

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so.

Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place. Reflection taken from AOB Clergy & Parish Bulletin Vol23#6 on 10th April, 2025

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8. You're all done! Thank you!

### **Holy Land Collection— Good Friday**

All donations collected during Good Friday Masses will go towards the Holy Land Collection, as it does every year.

The proceeds from this collection provide support for the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. *Your donation is appreciated.*

### **St Mary's Parish, Easter Mass Times 2025**

#### **Palm Sunday (13th April)**

Tamborine Mountain; 7:30am

Beaudesert; 9:30am

#### **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

Tamborine Mountain; 6pm Monday 14th April

Beaudesert; 6:30pm Tuesday 15th April

#### **Holy Thursday (17th April)**

Tamborine Mountain; 7pm

Beaudesert; 7pm

#### **Good Friday (18th April)**

Stations of the Cross; Jubilee Park 10:30am

Tamborine Mountain; 3pm

Beaudesert; 3pm

#### **Easter Saturday (19th April)**

Beaudesert (Vigil); 7pm

Tamborine Mountain (Vigil); 7pm

#### **Easter Sunday (20th April)**

Tamborine Mountain; 7:30am

Canungra; 9am

Beaudesert; 9:30am

O'Reilly's; 10:30am

### **Pope Francis— Message for Lent 2025** *(edited for space— full version can be requested from Parish Office)*

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience. This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.

Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical Spe Salvi, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom 8:38-39)". Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (1 Tim 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (The Exclamations of the Soul to God, 15:3).

*May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.*



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### Mass Times: 14th—20th April

**Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm - 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm**

| <u>Monday</u>   | <u>Tuesday</u>  | <u>Wednesday</u>       | <u>Thursday</u><br>(Holy Thursday) | <u>Friday</u><br>(Good Friday) | <u>Saturday</u><br>(Easter Saturday) | <u>Sunday</u><br>(Easter Sunday) |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beaudesert<br>7.00am                                      | Beaudesert<br>(Second Rite of Reconciliation)<br>6.30pm | Tamborine Mt<br>9.00am | Beaudesert<br>7.00pm               | Beaudesert<br>3.00pm           | Beaudesert<br>7.00pm                 | Tamborine Mtn<br>7.30am          |
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|   |   |                        |                                    |                                |                                      | Beaudesert<br>9.30am             |
|   |   |                        |                                    |                                |                                      | O'Reilly's<br>10.30am            |

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*'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.'*

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